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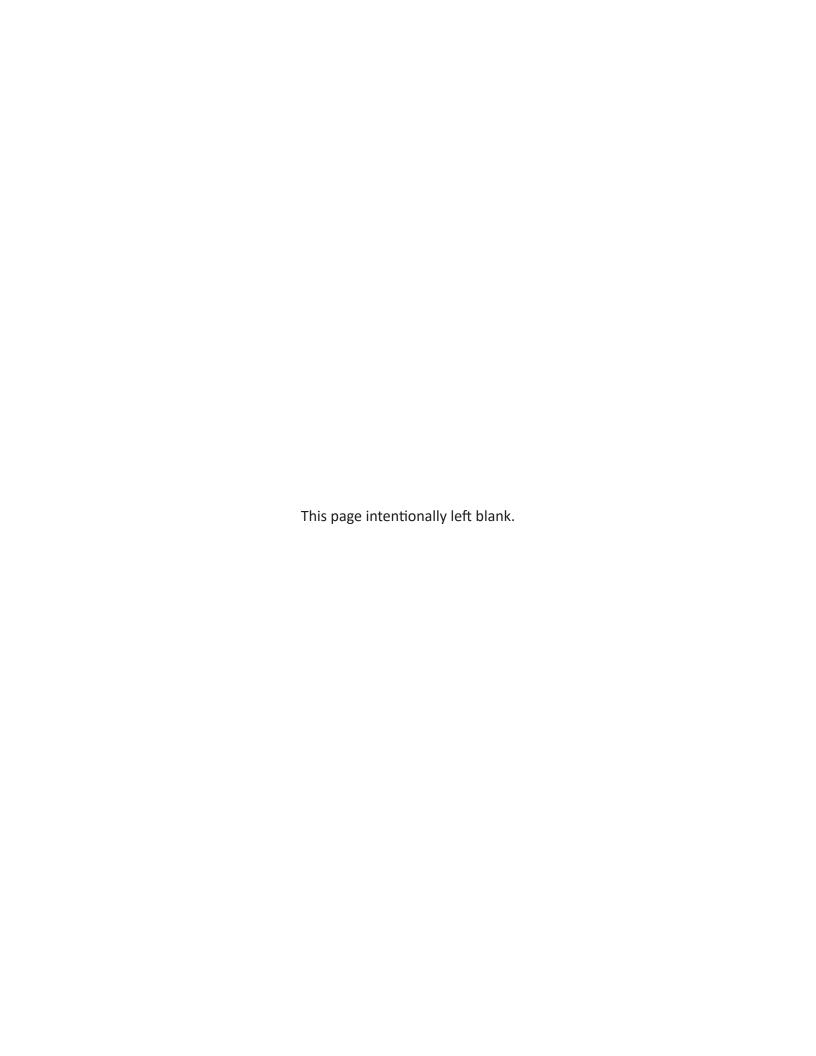


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Pay-Per-Return (PPR)

Unlike Drake Tax's unlimited package, the Pay-Per-Return (PPR) tax program allows you to purchase only as many returns as you need for the tax season. The PPR package comes with 10 individual returns ready to use. Purchase more individual returns, as well as business returns, as needed.

This document has been prepared for PPR users as a supplement to the <u>2022 Drake</u> <u>Tax Manual</u>—it is not meant to replace that manual. For information on installing and using your program, download the <u>2022 Drake Tax Manual</u> from <u>Support.DrakeSoftware.com</u> > **Support** > **Documents**.

New for 2022

There have been ample changes made to the IRS tax code, to individual (1040) returns, and other returns (1120, 1120-S, 1065, 1041, 990, 709, and 706) for tax year 2022, many of which are important and may affect you.

Review Chapter 1 of the <u>2022 Drake Tax Manual</u> for details on changes and enhancements. For additional information regarding specific changes in tax law, refer to the appropriate supplemental manual: The <u>2022 Drake Tax Manual — Individual, Gift Tax, and Estate Returns</u> or the <u>2022 Drake Tax Manual — Business Returns</u>. All manuals can be downloaded and accessed for free from your User Account at <u>Support.DrakeSoftware.com</u> > Support > Documents.

Internet Required

When you purchase returns, those returns are kept on the Drake Tax servers until you "redeem" (use) them, at which point the return is stored on your system; therefore, to purchase and redeem returns, your computer *must* be connected to the Internet. Returns *cannot* be purchased or redeemed without an Internet connection.

Regardless of Internet connectivity, the number of returns purchased and the number of returns redeemed is always available for viewing from **Setup > Pay Per Return**.



- Even if you are not connected to the Internet, you can still work in redeemed returns, but you cannot purchase or redeem more until an Internet connection is reestablished.
- Returns cannot be purchased or redeemed by phone.
- Returns can be redeemed one at a time only.

Conversion to the Unlimited Package

Owners of Drake Tax's PPR package can continue to purchase and file 2022 returns until:

- The total amount spent on PPR returns exceeds \$2,170.
- The current-year tax season is over (when returns with default extensions can no longer be filed (late fall 2023)).

When either of the above conditions are met, the PPR package is automatically converted to the unlimited version of Drake Tax.

Getting Started with PPR

Whether you are installing the Drake Tax PPR package to a single computer or a network, installation and setup is nearly identical to installation for preparers using the full version of Drake Tax. For information on program installation, setup, and security features, see Chapter 2, of the 2022 Drake Tax Manual.

Your PPR Package

Drake Tax is available for download through your User Account (*Support.DrakeSoftware.com* > **Downloads** > **Drake Tax**) and via CD (available at an extra cost). All federal packages (1040, 1120, 1120-S, 1065, 1041, 990, 706, and 709), Drake Documents, practice returns, test returns, and the e-file program for transmitting test returns to Drake Software are included with the initial installation. The *2022 Drake Tax Manual* (in PDF format) is included on the CD and is also available for download at no cost from your User Account (*Support.DrakeSoftware.com* > **Support** > **Documents**).

Programs for state returns, e-file, banking, the Tax Planner, city tax rates, and Forms-Based Data Entry are included in a subsequent shipment in January. Federal and state programs are updated with each program release thereafter.

Practice & Test Returns



Take advantage of practice and test returns!

Do not create ("redeem") unnecessary returns while learning to use the tax program; instead, use the practice and test returns to practice data entry and transmission. Practice and test returns do *not* count towards your redemption total.

Practice returns, test returns, and EF test returns are available from your User Account and on the program CD:

- Test returns allow you to practice e-filing returns (including those with bank products) in Drake Tax. The returns will be either accepted or rejected. Correct the rejected returns and resend them to receive acknowledgments. The SSNs for the test returns run from 500-00-1001 through 500-00-1008; these returns are installed with Drake Tax if the option Install Test Returns is selected during installation. Directions for using EF test returns can be found at Support.DrakeSoftware.com > Training > Practice Returns.
- Practice returns help new Drake Tax clients become more familiar with how data is entered in Drake Tax. Practice preparing returns by completing data entry based on the practice scenarios provided, and compare your tax return with the provided solution. Practice returns and directions for using them can be found at Support. DrakeSoftware.com > Training > Practice Returns. Practice returns are also included on the installation CD. The SSNs for practice returns are as follows:

(individual) 400-00-6001 - 400-00-6010
 (corporation) 00-400-6011
 (partnership) 00-400-6012
 (S corporation) 00-400-6013

For more information on practice returns, webinars, tutorials, and tax courses, visit *Support*. *DrakeSoftware.com* > **Training**.

Initial Log In



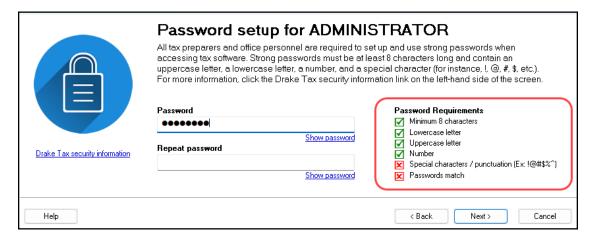
When you open and log in to Drake Tax for the first time, you are asked to enter your account number and serial number again. Then you must set up a password for the primary administrator (admin) (Figure 1 on page 10). This must be a "strong" password, meeting the requirements in the **Password Requirements** section of the window (see red circle). After establishing a

password, you are prompted to set up multi-factor authentication (MFA) before being able to log in to the tax program.

To log in to Drake Tax:

- **1.** Double-click the **Drake Tax** icon from your desktop.
- **2.** When the **Password setup** window is opened, enter a "strong" password in the **Password** field.

Figure 1: Password Setup window



- **3.** Confirm the password by entering it again in the **Repeat password** field. Note that the **Password Requirements** change from a red **X** to a green check mark as you complete the steps.
- **4.** Click **Next** to open the **Security question** window.
- **5.** Select a security question and then type in an **Answer**. (Note that the answer is case sensitive.) Click **Next**.
- 6. The Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) window is opened. From here, the admin may either proceed with MFA by scanning the QR code with his or her phone and following the on-screen directions or opt out of MFA by selecting the corresponding box. (See "Multi-Factor Authentication" on page 12 for more.) Click Finish.



- Each preparer and other personnel in your office requiring access to Drake Tax must also have a strong password to open the tax program.
- For added security, all passwords expire after 180 days, at which time all Drake Tax users must enter a new password.

"Timing Out"

After 10 minutes of inactivity (15 for admin), Drake Tax "times out"—the program locks in place, requiring the user to re-enter his or her password. Before the timeout limit is reached,

the program offers the user a chance to stay logged in; otherwise, the user is logged out (with a possible loss of data) and must type in his or her password before opening the program again.

Administrative Login

To complete all setup screens and functions, log in to the tax program as "admin." The primary administrator can access all tools, functions, and setup routines in Drake Tax, including firm, preparer, and security setup, network setup, the **Administrative Options** tab at **Setup > Options**, and tracking information on the **ADMN** screen in data entry.

The following sections contain set up and user maintenance procedures that either must be—or should be—performed by the primary admin only.

Forgotten Passwords

If a user forgets his or her password for Drake Tax and clicks **Password help** only to discover he or she cannot remember the answers to the security questions, there is relief.

ADMIN

Under the security question text box on the **Drake Tax Security** window, click the **Online password recovery** link. You are directed to the Drake Software's "Software Admin Password Recovery" website. Sign in, answer three security questions, and click **Submit** to receive an email message containing a recovery code. Enter that code in the **Password** field of the tax program's login window.

The recovery code expires after one hour.



This online password recovery link is available only to users logged in as "admin."

Preparer

A preparer's password be reset only by the primary administrator. When logged in as ADMIN, from the **Home** menu of Drake Tax, click **Setup > Preparer(s)**, and select the preparer whose password needs to be reset. Click **Reset Password** and the preparer will be prompted to enter a new password upon his or her next login.

Other Office Personnel

If you are resetting a password for an employee who does not have a PTIN (such as a data entry clerk), click **Reset Password**—a reset code is generated below the "Reset successful" message. Be sure to record this code, as it will be needed when the user attempts to log in. (See <u>Figure 2</u>, below.)

Reset successful. The preparer will be prompted to enter the code below and set up a password the first time they log in to the tax software.

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Account Confirmation for Groot
To confirm your account and set up your password, please verify the following information.

Please provide the reset code given to you by your software administrator.

Drake Tax security information

Help

(Back Next) Cancel

Figure 2: Reset Code for Employees without a PTIN

Multi-Factor Authentication

Multi-factor authentication (MFA) is a security measure that requires users to complete a twostep process before being allowed access to Drake Tax. Beginning with Drake Tax 2021, MFA is active by default for admin and preparer accounts.

When logging in for the first time, if the primary admin does not opt out of MFA, he or she must complete all processes below before being granted access to the tax program.

Using MFA

There are several steps involved in setting up MFA, but once established, the security login process only consists of two easy steps.

Setting Up MFA —

To get started, first visit your MFA's website and set up an authentication account. You (or your office administrator) might also have to set up accounts for each of your employees.

At the end of the setup process, follow the steps to download the needed app onto your phone. For more information, see <u>Knowledge Base article "15895: Multi-Factor Authentication for Drake</u> Tax (Drake18 and Future)."

Logging in to Drake Tax with MFA —

When attempting to access the program, after entering a username and password on the **Login** window, the preparer next sees the **Multi-Factor Authentication** window. Within that window is a QR code—the black-and-white square on the right side of the window. To continue the authentication process (the following steps may vary by MFA provider) the user must:

- **1.** Activate the app on his or her cell phone.
- 2. Using the camera feature of the smartphone, place the QR code within the borders of the viewfinder and wait while the phone completes its scan. The authorization code is generated and displayed on the phone's screen.
- **3.** Enter that code in the **Multi-Factor Authentication** window of Drake Tax and click **OK**.

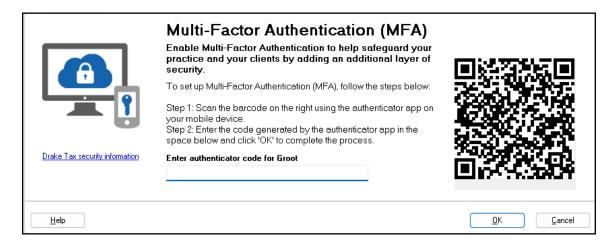


Figure 3: Using MFA in Drake

After scanning the QR code once, a "profile" for Drake Tax is created on the authentication app, displaying a six-digit code. This ever-changing code, which is refreshed every 30 seconds, must be used when logging into the tax program.

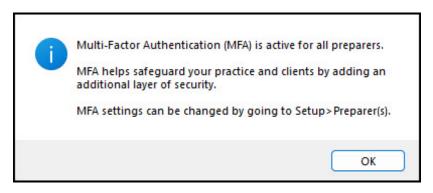
For more information on the regular login procedure for Drake Tax, see <u>"Initial Log In" on page 9</u>.

Disabling MFA

Regardless of whether the primary admin opts out of MFA during initial setup, all other Drake Tax users, whether they be added to Drake Tax 2022 or updated from Drake Tax 2021, have MFA enabled by default. Only the primary admin (that is, the user that logs in to Drake Tax as "ADMIN"—not a user with administrative rights) has the ability to disable MFA for Drake Tax users.

By default, MFA is enabled when a preparer is added to Drake Tax unless the **Disable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)** is marked from the **Preparer Setup** window (accessed from the Drake Tax **Home** window by clicking **Setup > Preparer(s)**). If updating preparers from Drake Tax 2021 using the **Setup Assistant**, a message appears, noting that MFA is enabled for all preparers when the update is complete.

Figure 4: MFA enabled for all preparers



After initial setup, if the primary admin wishes to disable MFA, he or she can do so from **Setup > Preparer(s)**; from there, the admin has the option to disable MFA for *all* preparers or on a perpreparer basis. From the **Home** window of Drake Tax, go to **Setup > Preparer(s)**, and do one of the following:

- (per-preparer disable— recommended) To disable MFA for preparers as needed, select the appropriate preparer from the Preparer Setup window, and below Login Information, mark the check box Disable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA). Be sure to save your changes before returning to the main Preparer Setup window.
- (batch disable not recommended) To disable MFA for all preparers, from the Preparer Setup window, click Security > Disable MFA for ALL preparers.

Managing Your PPR Account

There are two steps main components that make a PPR account different from the unlimited version of Drake Tax:

- Purchasing Returns You must purchase returns as needed. 10 returns are included by default, ready to be redeemed and used. The program keeps a running tally of the number of returns you have purchased, the number "redeemed" (used), and the number of additional returns needed for conversion to the full, unlimited version of Drake Tax.
- Redeeming Returns Returns are available for use when they are purchased. A
 return is "redeemed" when you:
 - Start a new return
 - Update an existing return
 - Change the SSN or EIN on a return

- Change the file type
- Use the Quick Estimator

See "Counting PPRs" on page 17 for instructions on each of these processes.



When you purchase returns, those returns are kept on the Drake Tax servers until you "redeem" (use) them, at which point the return is stored on your system; therefore, to purchase and redeem returns, your computer *must* be connected to the Internet. Returns *cannot* be purchased or redeemed without an Internet connection.

Before a new PPR is redeemed, a Pay Per Return alert appears on your screen, informing you that proceeding will reduce your bank of purchased (but unredeemed) PPRs by one

If you want to open an existing return from the previous year but aren't ready to update that return, you can open it in read-only mode. Read-only mode allows viewing of the return but does not allow calculation or data entry. If you want to enter data or calculate the return, click **Redeem**. This reduces the number of your available unredeemed returns by one. For information on updating returns, see <u>"Updating a Return" on page 19</u>.

Restrictions and Notes

Be aware of these PPR restrictions and notes:

- **SSNs or EINs cannot be edited** Once a return has an SSN or EIN, it counts toward your redeemed returns total and cannot be added back to your PPR bank of unredeemed returns.
- **SSN verification can reduce errors** The required **SSN/EIN Verification** field on the **New Return** window helps reduce errors and avoid accidentally starting a new return.
- Names can be changed or corrected Change or correct names on a return without being charged for another return.
- Proformas and organizers can be printed Print proformas and organizers for gathering information from your clients without being charged for a return. From the menu bar of the Home window, select Last Year Data > Organizers (or Proformas). For more information on proformas and organizers, see Chapter 4, "Preseason Preparation," in the 2022 Drake Tax Manual.
- Redeemed returns can be moved to other computers A redeemed return can
 be copied and moved to another computer without counting against your total. (For
 details on transferring returns, see "Backing up and Restoring Files" in Chapter 11 of
 the <u>2022 Drake Tax Manual</u>.
- Program installed on peer-to-peer networks On networks not using a true server (networks where one computer is designated a "server" and the other computers share files through that computer), returns can be redeemed on any of the computers in the network. *Do not*, however, transmit returns from more than one computer.

 Program installed on a server — On networks using a true server, all returns are redeemed from the server, and all computers on the network have access to all the returns through the server.

Purchasing PPR Returns

Your Drake Tax program comes with 10 PPRs installed. These returns, and any additional returns you purchase, are available immediately for redemption, provided your system is connected to the Internet.

To purchase more returns, from the **Home** window of Drake Tax, go to **Setup > Pay Per Return** to open the **Pay Per Return** window (<u>Figure 5</u>).

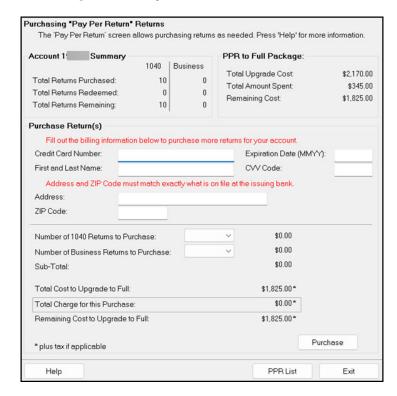


Figure 5: The Pay Per Return Return Window

About the PPR Window

The **Pay Per Return** window (figure above) consists of the following components:

- Account Summary Displays the number of returns purchased, the number of returns redeemed, and the number of purchased (but unredeemed) returns remaining for the account number entered in Setup > Electronic Filing & Account Information (ERO). These numbers are updated as more returns are purchased or redeemed.
- **PPR to Full Package** Displays the number of returns that must be purchased before the PPR package can be converted to the full, unlimited version of Drake Tax; also displayed is how much those returns will cost, including sales tax (based on the EFIN's state). These numbers are updated as more returns are purchased.

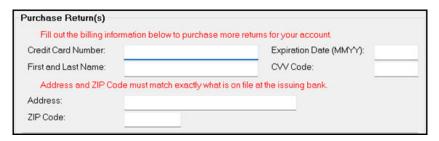
- **Purchase Return(s)** Provides fields for entering credit card information for purchasing more PPR returns.
- **Help** Opens the tax program's Help program.
- PPR List Shows a list (sorted by SSNs or EINs) of the returns redeemed and used for the ERO.
- Exit Closes the Pay Per Return dialog box.

Purchasing Returns

To purchase more returns:

- 1. In the **Purchase Return(s)** section of the **Pay Per Return** window (<u>Figure 6</u>), complete the credit card information (all fields are required).
- **2.** Complete address information related to the credit card you are using. (Note that the city and state must match exactly what is on file with the issuing bank.)

Figure 6: Purchasing Additional PPRs



- **3.** Enter the number of returns you wish to purchase.
- 4. Click Purchase.

You are asked if you are sure you are ready for purchase. Click **OK**. When your transaction is complete, a message reads, "Your purchase is successful!"



Once the total amount spent on PPR returns exceeds \$2,170, your Drake Tax program is automatically converted to the full, unlimited version.

Counting PPRs

As stated earlier, PPRs can be counted against your total number of redeemed returns by:

- Starting a new return
- Updating an existing return

- Changing the SSN/EIN of a return
- Changing the file type (if the SSN has to be changed to an EIN or vice versa)
- Using the Quick Estimator (to start a return)

The following sections provide instructions on each of these procedures.

Starting a New Return

When you start a new return, you are alerted that proceeding will lower your number of available returns by one.

To start a new return:

- **1.** From the **Home** window toolbar, click **Open/Create**.
- **2.** Enter an SSN or EIN in the **Client Selection** field of the **Open/Create a Return** dialog box. Click **OK**.
- 3. In the Open Return window, click Yes.
- **4.** Verify the SSN/EIN.
- **5.** Select a **Return Type**.
- **6.** Enter a name in the **Name Entry** text box. Click **OK**.
- 7. Click **Yes** to verify that you want this return counted against your total remaining PPR.

Temporary ITINs

You can begin returns for taxpayers who have only a temporary ITIN. This feature allows the preparer to work on a return while awaiting the IRS to supply the taxpayer with a permanent ITIN.

Mark the **Create return using temporary ITIN** box at the bottom of the **Open/Create a Return** dialog box to create an individual return with a temporary ITIN. When the box is marked, a notification box is opened, emphasizing that the return cannot be e-filed until the taxpayer has been issued a valid ITIN. Click **OK**. Click **OK** again, and then click **Yes** to create a new return. Type in the taxpayer's first and last name and click **OK**.

When the valid ITIN is received, update the return in the Drake Tax program. To do so, from the **Home** window menu bar, select **Tools > File Maintenance > Change ID Number on Return**. An alert reminds you that changing the SSN counts against your total PPRs. Click **Yes**. Type in the old ITIN number in the **Incorrect ID Number** field and then the new ITIN in the **Correct ID Number** field. Click **Continue**, **Yes**, and **Exit** to update the client's ID.



Be aware that in the PPR package, updating a client's ID number will cost you another redeemed return.

Updating a Return

To update an existing return:

- 1. From the Home window, go to Last Year Data > Update Clients 2021 to 2022.
- In the Update Client Selection dialog box, enter an SSN/EIN or name in the Client Selection field, then click Select Client (or double-click a client from the Client Name list), and click Next.
- **3.** In the **Update Options** menu, select the items to update.
- **4.** Click the **Update 1040** button. (If you are updating business returns, the button will be labeled with the appropriate entity number 1120, 1120S, 1065, etc.)

You will be offered the opportunity to update and count the return against your bank of unredeemed returns, or to open the return in read-only mode. You cannot make any new entries or calculate the return while in read-only mode.



Another way to update a return is by clicking **Open/Create** from the toolbar, entering the SSN/EIN of a previous year's client, making selections from the **Update Options** menu, and then clicking **Update**. Updating via this method still counts against your bank of unredeemed returns.

Changing an SSN/EIN

Once an SSN or EIN is displayed on screen **1**, the return is counted against your supply of returns. You can change the SSN or EIN associated with a return, *but this will cost you another PPR*.

To change the SSN/EIN:

- 1. From the Home window, go to Tools > File Maintenance > Change ID Number on Return. An alert reminds you that changing the SSN counts against your total PPRs. Click Yes.
- **2.** In the **Incorrect ID Number** text box, enter the current SSN/EIN.
- **3.** In the **Correct ID Number** text box, enter the new SSN/EIN you want associated with the return.
- **4.** Click **Continue**, **Yes**, and then **Exit** to update the client's ID.

After changing a return's SSN or EIN, update your client list by running the Repair Index Files tool. From the **Home** window, go to **Tools > Repair Index Files**.

Changing File Type

You can change the file type of a business return once, but if the ID number attached to the return changes, it will cost you another PPR. You cannot change the file type of 1040 returns in PPR mode.

For example, converting an 1120-S return to 1120 will **not** cost an additional PPR so long as the EIN does not change; however, converting the return type and changing the EIN **will** result in an additional PPR charge.

To change the file type:

- 1. From the Home window, go to Tools > File Maintenance > Change File Type to open the Convert Client Data File Type dialog box. An alert reminds you that changing the SSN counts against your total PPRs. Click Yes.
- **2.** Enter the SSN/EIN of the return you wish to change. Click **Continue**.
- **3.** From the **Convert this file to:** section, select the type of return you want the return changed to. Click **Continue**, and then click **OK**.

Quick Estimator

The Quick Estimator (accessible from the menu bar of the **Home** window by clicking **File > Quick Estimator**) is used to quickly calculate results for an individual (1040) return.



- In PPR mode, each use of the Quick Estimator *starts a new return* and counts *against* your remaining unredeemed PPRs.
- In PPR mode, use of the Quick Estimator with *already started returns* does *not* count against your remaining unredeemed PPRs.
- The Quick Estimator produces only one return if **Married Filing Separately** is selected as the filing status. A separate return must be generated (using an additional PPR) for the spouse.



Do *not* file the return generated in the Quick Estimator with the IRS or an amended return will be required.

After Tax Season

When tax season is over (and returns with default extensions can no longer be filed), the program is switched from the PPR version to the unlimited version. See <u>"Conversion to the Unlimited Package" on page 8</u> for details.



If the filing season has passed (or you have redeemed 85 returns) and the program does not change to the unlimited version automatically, attempt to redeem a return. Upon connecting to the servers, Drake Tax is flipped to the full version.

Renewing Your PPR Program

After the 2022 tax season, when you want to renew Drake Tax for the next season, you have two easy methods to choose from:

- Renew online (with a credit card payment)
- Renew by fax or mail (paying by credit card or check)

Renewing Online

To renew your Drake Tax online and pay via credit card:

- Go to Support.DrakeSoftware.com, and below the sign in box, click the Renew Drake
 Online button.
- 2. Under Software Renewal Tax Year 2022, click Renew Online.
- **3.** Enter your Drake username and password, and click **Submit**.
- **4.** Answer the security questions and click **Submit**.
- 5. Under the **Drake Tax Options** section, select **2022 Pay-Per-Return Version** along with any desired supplemental services, and choose whether you would like to receive the software digitally or via CD (additional cost). Click **Continue**.
- **6.** Enter all **Customer Information** and click **Continue**.
- 7. From the **Shopping Cart**, click either **Change Products** to edit your purchase or **Check Out** to proceed.
- **8.** Enter all required **Payment** information, and to confirm your purchase, click **Submit Order**.

After your payment has been processed, a confirmation email is sent to the email address on file; be sure to retain the email for your records.

Renewing by Mail or Fax

To renew your Drake Tax by mail and pay by check or credit card, follow these steps:

- Go to Support.DrakeSoftware.com, and below the sign in box, click the Renew Drake
 Online button.
- **2.** From the **To Renew by Check or Fax** section, click the **Drake Pay-Per-Return Renewal** PDF link.
- **3.** Print and fill out the renewal form. (Be sure to include your credit card information unless you're paying by check.)
- **4.** To submit the form, either:
 - Enter your credit card information and fax the form to Drake Accounting at (828) 524-9549
 - o Mail the form and check to:

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