

2023 Fidelity Annual W-8 Tax Compliance Mailing

Beginning November 17th, 2023, Fidelity will mail letters to Non-resident Alien (NRA) account owners who need to certify their foreign tax status or have a W-8 expiring on December 31, 2023.

The W-8 solicitation and recertification mailing will occur on November 17, 2023 to Non-resident Alien account owners that meet one of the following criteria:

No Form W-8 on file for non-resident alien (NRA): The IRS requires NRA clients certify their account status as an NRA investor. Uncertified clients will be prompted to certify their foreign tax status by completing the appropriate Form W-8.

Form W-8 expiring at year-end for non-resident alien (NRA): Every three years, NRA clients must recertify their account status as an NRA investor. Clients whose Form W-8 is set to expire on December 31, 2023 will be prompted to recertify their foreign tax status by completing the appropriate Form W-8. **Clients that do not recertify by the expiration date will be subject to maximum NRA and backup withholding.**

Key points/Client Impact:

- Clients should follow the letter's instructions to return a completed Form W-8 by December 31, 2023, to prevent NRA and backup withholding.
- Customers who do not certify or recertify their foreign tax status by December 31, 2023 will be subject to 30% NRA withholding on all income and royalty payments; in addition to 24% backup withholding on proceeds from sales and redemptions.
- While completing Form W-8 will exempt NRA clients from backup withholding, it does not exempt them from taxation on certain dividend and interest income.
- Customers that are setup for eDelivery will receive their W-8 letter electronically. Whenever possible, online methods of account certification are preferred.
- A copy of the letter will be available online approximately one week following the conclusion of the mailing process.

Timeline:

- The mailing will occur on November 17, 2023.
- **W-8's will need to be submitted in good order by December 20th, 2023 to ensure that they are processed before the end of the year. Any W-8 requests submitted after this date, will be on a best-efforts basis.**
- Accounts that properly certify or recertify their account before November 3rd, 2023 will be removed from the mailing.

Reminder of FTIN requirements: To receive tax treaty benefits, accounts that certify with Form W-8 are required to provide an FTIN or explanation of why they have not been issued one. In addition, accounts owners submitting a W-8BEN must include their Date of Birth to be eligible for favorable treaty rates.