

Paying and Reporting Form 944 Annual Tax

This guide will walk you through:

- Documenting tax payments in WinStabs NMR
- Making tax payments through EFTPS
- Filing 944 tax return with the IRS

Who must file Form 944?

As an employer, federal law requires you to withhold certain taxes from your employees' pay. Each time you pay wages, you must take out of your employees' pay -- withhold -- certain amounts for federal income, Social Security and Medicare tax.

Employers should only file Form 944 if the IRS has **NOTIFIED** you to file it instead of Form 941.

LOCALS (that have received IRS notification to file) MUST FILE EVEN IF THERE IS \$0.00 IN TAXES TO REPORT.

What taxes are reported on Form 944?

Federal income tax withheld, Social Security FICA and FICA Medicare.

When and where do you deposit Form 944 taxes?

Form 944 taxes are due monthly on the 15th of each month for the prior month's tax liability. The preferred method is to pay through the EFTPS website (<u>www.eftps.gov/eftps/</u>). Avoid paying your taxes with the mail-in voucher. The IRS will charge a 10% penalty if you do.

If you have any questions about how to pay your CT-1 taxes, call the Local Support Help Desk at 216-227-5444, email fshelpdesk@group.smart-union.org, or book a helpdesk session online here: http://bit.ly/smarthelpdeskappt

After hours help desk is available Tue, Wed, Thr, Sun 6-10pm CST by calling 216-227-5280

How do you obtain the 944-annual tax form?*

- Go to the Local Toolbox page of the SMART TD website (<u>www.smart-union.org/td/local-toolbox/</u>)
- Scroll to the Payroll Taxes section and click the plus sign to expand the section.
- The form for the current year is found in the far-right column. If you need a form for a previous year, click on "Old Tax Forms" which is found above the table.
- Select the proper year's 944 form, then download and save the PDF.

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When and where do you report Form 944 taxes?*

The 944 annual form is **due by January 31**st for the prior year.

Once you have the correct form, transfer your numbers from your worksheet to your official form. **Ensure that you read and compare each line of the form with the worksheet because frequently the IRS changes the form after annual updates are made to WinStabs.**

When you prepare your 944, ensure you print three copies and sign/date them all.

- A signed/dated copy should be sent via certified mail to the IRS (address listed in IRS Instructions).
- A signed/dated copy should be sent to the SMART TD office by email to <u>localreports@group.smartunion.org</u> or by mail to:

ATTN: Local Reports
SMART TD
24950 Country Club Blvd. STE 340
North Olmsted, OH 44070

Keep a signed/dated copy for the Local's records.

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Locals can E-file Quarterly/Annual returns for 941, 941x, 940, 944, 990, 990EZ & 8868 forms online using the E-file process. Locals must use an IRS approved E-file provider such as:

- Tax Bandits https://www.taxbandits.com/
- Express E-File https://www.expressefile.com/

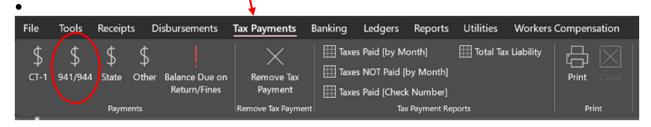
The Local Treasurer must setup the account for the local and the login information should be passed from Treasurer to Treasurer so that past forms can be accessed for the required retention period. Locals who E-file must submit the acceptance letter with the E-filed form to SMART TD via localreports@group.smart-union.org

The cost for filing Forms starts at \$3.99 depending on E-file provider which is comparable to the cost of certified mail.

Paying taxes in WinStabs and EFTPS

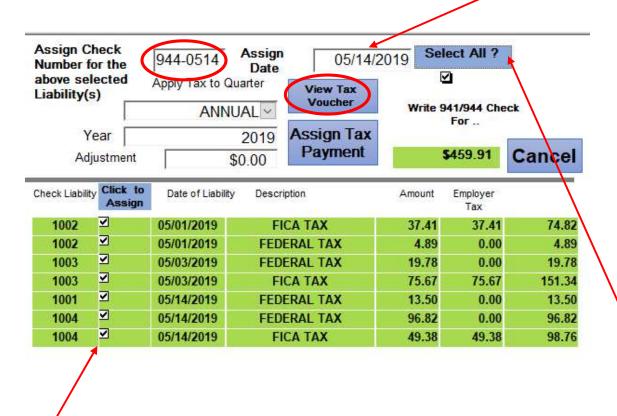
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In WinStabs NMR, click on "Tax Payments" > "941/944".



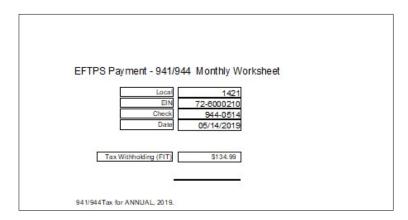
Step 2

- Assign a unique check number. A recommendation would be "tax-month/date" (mm/dd). The "assign date" will be the business day you schedule the payment for in EFTPS.
- The tax period for 944 will be "ANNUAL".



• Select the checks to be deposited. If you're depositing correctly, you should be clicking on "Select All", then click on "View Tax Voucher".

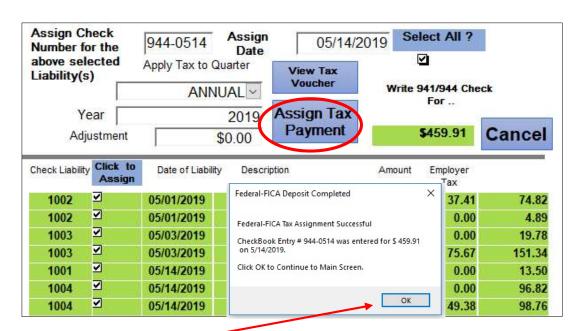
- Print out the tax voucher worksheet from WinStabs NMR to assist with filing Form 944 on the EFTPS website. Keep it for your records. Do not send the worksheet to the IRS or to SMART TD.
- Only FICA filers (Bus Locals) will have amounts in the Social Security/Medicare subcategories.



NOTE: The WinStabs NMR voucher will automatically call the form "941/944." However, you should select 944 when dealing with EFTPS.

Step 4

• Make sure you have printed the Form 944 tax voucher by clicking on "View Tax Voucher", then close the voucher and click "Assign Tax Payment".



Making your 944 tax deposit with EFTPS

- To pay taxes, you will need a valid login on the EFTPS and will use your EINOF¹, PIN and password to log
 in.
- o Your EIN will be printed on your voucher.
- Your four-digit PIN was mailed to you when you initially set your account up.
- o You created your password when you set up your account.

If you are a new treasurer, this information can be used from your past treasurer, but you will need to update your profile on the EFTPS website (http://eftps.gov).

Feel free to use the space below to record your EFTPS login information.

Local #	 	
EIN		
PIN	 	
Password		

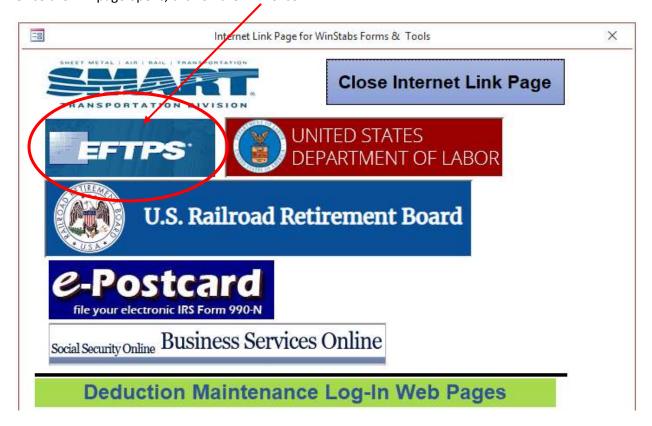
To access the EFTPS site, you can also use the links available in WinStabs NMR.



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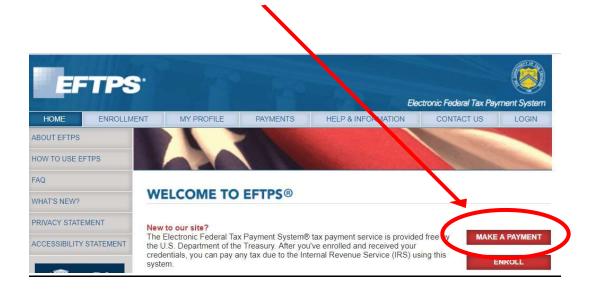
¹ Employer Identification Number or Tax ID.

Once the link page opens, click on the EFTPS icon.



Step 1

• At the EFTPS website, click on "Make a Payment".

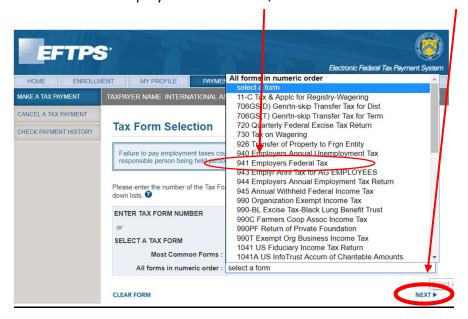


• Enter your login credentials, including the Local's EIN number, PIN & Password, then click on "Login". **NOTE:** You will never need to use your Social Security number.

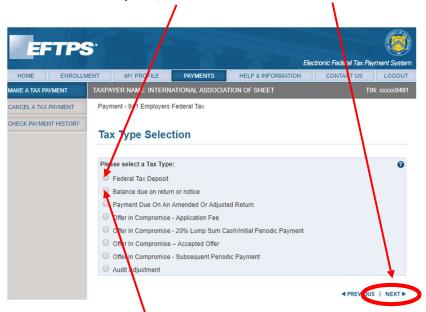


Step 3

- Select "Most Common Forms" or "All forms in numeric order".
- Select "944 Employers Federal Tax", then select "Next".



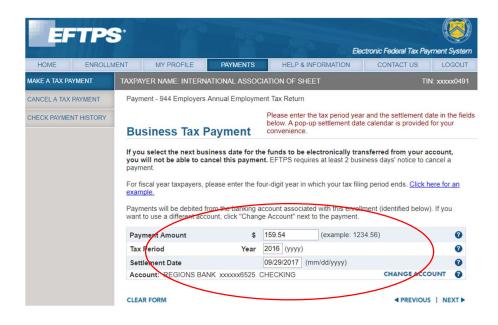
Select "Federal Tax Deposit," then click "Next".



• Note: If you receive a letter from the IRS that shows the Local owes a balance, you will select "Balance due on return or notice."

Step 5

• Enter the payment amount from your WinStab voucher and the tax year, pick a settlement date for the transaction and click on "Next."



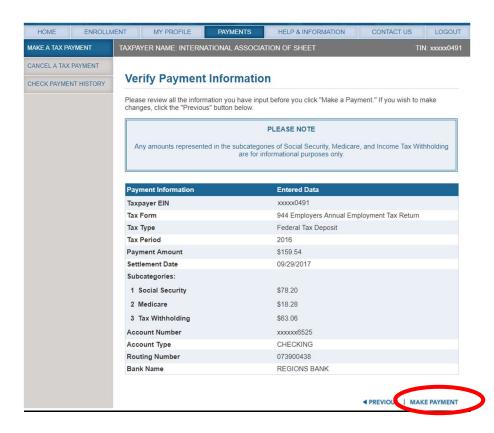
<u>FICA Locals only:</u> Enter data for subcategories.



IMPORTANT: Rail Locals do not report subcategory data when depositing 944 tax!

Step 7

• Confirm all information, then click "Make Payment". Again, remember that Rail Locals will not have subcategories.



- Print your confirmation and attach it to the voucher that you printed from WinStabs NMR.
- File this in your Local's records.



Your payment has been accepted.

Payment Successful

An EFT Acknowledgement Number has been provided for this payment. Please keep this number for your records.

REMINDER: REMEMBER TO FILE ALL RETURNS WHEN DUE!

EFT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT NUMBER:

270767284130421

PLEASE NOTE

Any amounts represented in the subcategories of Social Security, Medicare, and Income Tax Withholding are for informational purposes only.

Payment Information	Entered Data
Taxpayer EIN	xxxxx0491
Tax Form	944 Employers Annual Employment Tax Return
Tax Type	Federal Tax Deposit
Tax Period	2016
Payment Amount	\$159.54
Settlement Date	09/29/2017
Subcategories:	
1 Social Security	\$78.20
2 Medicare	\$18.28
3 Tax Withholding	\$63.06
Account Number	xxxxxx6525
Account Type	CHECKING
Routing Number	073900438
Bank Name	REGIONS BANK

Thank You



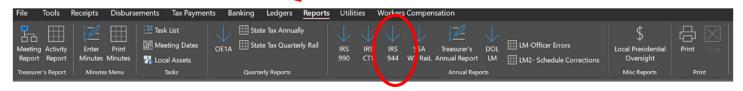




Reporting Form 944 annual taxes for Rail and FICA Locals

Step 1

In WinStabs NMR, click on "Reports"> "IRS 944"



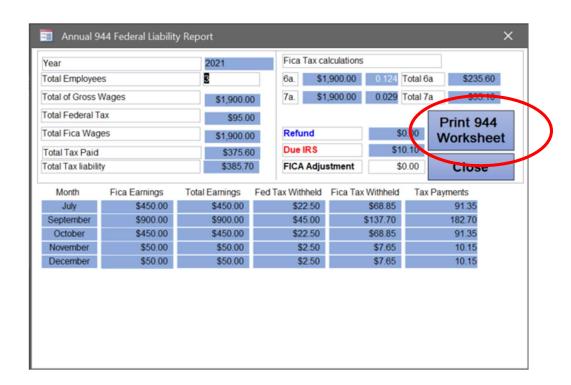
Step 2

Select the year to display > then click on "Open Form".



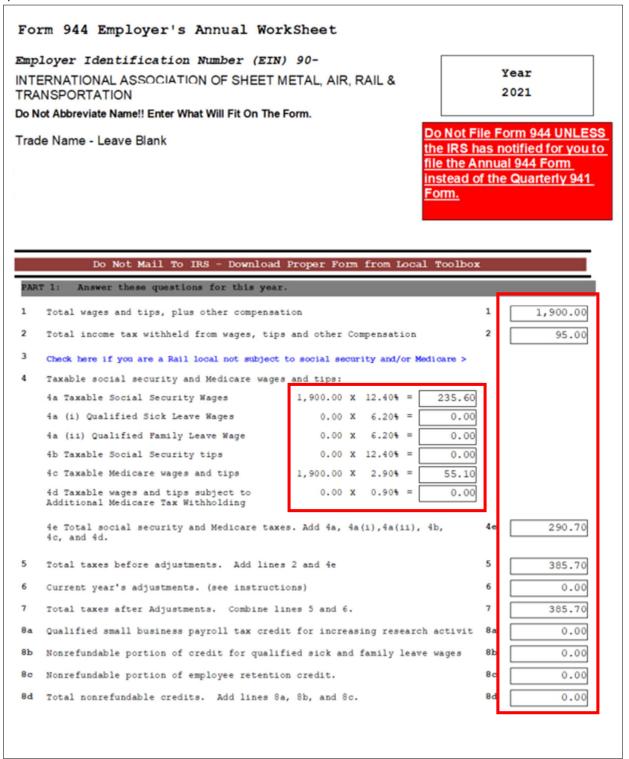
Step 3

• Click on "print 944 worksheet"



<u>Using the Form 944 worksheet from WinStabs NMR to complete the return for FICA (bus)</u> <u>Locals</u>

- Numbers needed for FICA Locals to complete Form 941 are highlighted in the sample worksheet below.
- DO NOT abbreviate the Local name. Enter what will fit on the form. The Local's name should be entered as International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail & Transportation XXXX TD along with the address, city, state, and ZIP code.



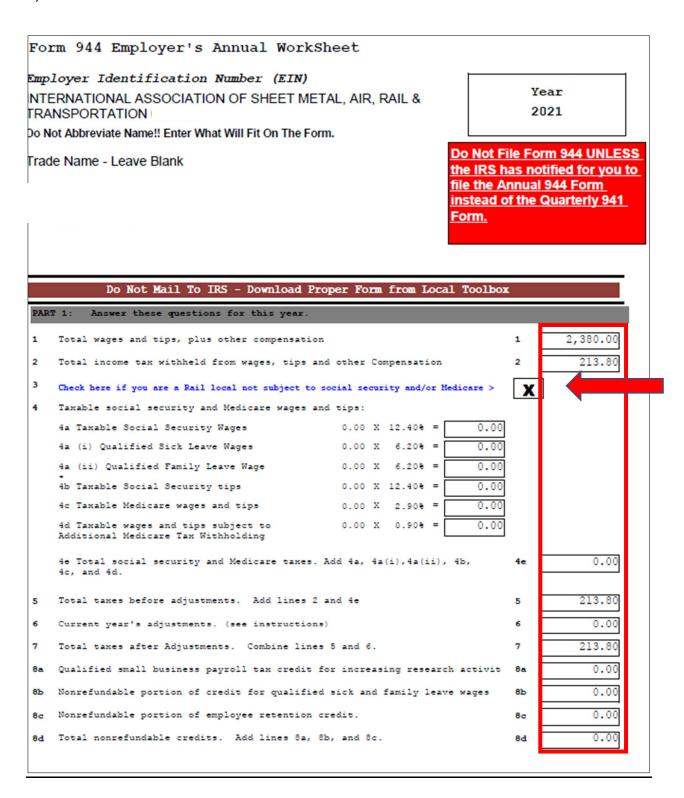
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Line	12 Overpayment. If line 10h is more than line 9, enter the differenc 0.00 Check if to be: Applied to next return OR Refunded.									
	PART 2: Tell us about your deposit schedule and tax liability for the year.									
Line	Line 9 is less than \$2,500. Go to Part 3.									
	Line 9 is \$2,500 or more. Complete Part 2.									
		July	\$91.36	7						
		September October	\$182.72 \$91.36	9						
		November	\$10.16	11						
		December	\$10.16	12						
			\$385.76							
		TOTAL LIABILITY 13m								

FICA (bus) Notes:

- Form 944 is due by January 31st
- Make sure to use proper year form.
- Enter the Local's EIN number and double check it for accuracy
- FICA Locals: DO NOT check off the line 3 Box IMPORTANT!!!
- Insert Local name and EIN on pages 2 & 3
- Part2: If total tax liability is greater than \$2,500, you will need to enter the monthly tax liabilities for line 13.
- Leave parts 3 and 4 blank. Complete all fields in Part 5
- After printing out the worksheet to assist with filing 944 quarterly taxes, do not send the worksheet to the IRS or to SMART TD. Retain for it for the Local's records.
- Review the Form 944 Instructions for the mailing addresses for Form 944.

Using the Form 944 worksheet from WinStabs NMR to complete the return for Rail Locals

- Numbers needed for rail Locals to complete Form 941 are highlighted in the sample worksheet below.
- DO NOT abbreviate the Local name. Enter what will fit on the form. The Local's name should be entered
 as International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail &Transportation XXXX TD along with the address, city,
 state, and ZIP code.



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10a	Total deposits for prior years	a 10a	213.80				
10Ъ	Deferred amount of	the employer share	10ь	0.00			
10c	Deferred amount of	10c	0.00				
10d	d Refundable portion of credit for qualified sick and family leave wages. 10d						
10e	Od Refundable portion of credit for qualified sick and family leave wages. 10d 0.00						
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Line 9 is \$2,500 or more. Complete Part 2.							
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		June August	\$15.30 \$75.30	6			
		September	\$9.95	9			
		TOTAL LIABILITY 13m	\$213.80				
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Rail Notes:

- Form 944 is due by January 31st
- Make sure to use proper year form.
- Enter the Local's EIN number and double check it for accuracy
- Rail Locals: MUST CHECK the line 3 Box IMPORTANT!!! To avoid FICA penalties
- Insert Local name and EIN on pages 2 & 3
- Part2: If total tax liability is greater than \$2,500, you will need to enter the monthly tax liabilities for line 13.
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