

### INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN # 5453

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November 5, 2021

TO: Business, Payroll, and Personnel Administrators

**HRS District Coordinators** 

Los Angeles County School and Community College Districts

Charter Schools and Other Local Educational Agencies

FROM: Terrie Luevano, Interim Payroll Systems Coordinator

District Personnel Information Services Division of School Financial Services

SUBJECT: Processing and Delivery of Employees' 2021 Form W-2s – HRS Employers

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) utilizes a secure vendor to process and distribute IRS Form W-2 to employees of school districts, charter schools and local educational agencies (LEAs) processing payroll in the Human Resource System (HRS). Employers have the option of offering a distribution choice to employees. Employees can elect to receive W-2s electronically ("eW-2") or in traditional printed and mailed format. Electronic enrollment is optional to employees. Districts must first decide whether or not to offer this option. Employees who do not successfully complete the registration process will receive a printed W-2 by mail. To protect employees from possible processing delays or misdelivery, LACOE does not offer bulk delivery of W-2s by JET mail.

If utilizing U.S. Postal Service (USPS) direct mail, W-2s will be mailed directly to employees. The USPS requires all bulk mailings be processed through the National Change of Address (NCOA) registry. The NCOA software compares USPS addresses to HRS and will replace HRS/W-2 addresses with information employees have provided the U.S. Postal Service. **This address update will occur only on the printed Form W-2, and does not generate in HRS**.

#### W-2 Processing and Delivery Fees:

A flat processing fee of \$2.50 per W-2 will be charged. This fee includes programming, updates, testing, vendor charges and fees, mailing and/or electronic distribution, customized distribution reports and a DVD containing a duplicate set of printable W-2s.

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#### Electronic W-2 (eW-2) - Optional to Districts, Optional to Employees

Employees can establish a secure account with our W-2 vendor to obtain their free tax document online. There are several advantages to an employee electing this option:

- Faster access, no waiting for delivery. Employees will receive an email when their eW-2 is available, in early to mid-January.
- No chance of lost or misdelivered private information, as this option will take the place of printing and mailing.
- Secure, unlimited free access to enrollees for five years.
- Toll-free call center support for employees experiencing technical issues.

The secure website for electronic W-2 enrollment is www.w2copy.com. Employees utilizing this service for the first time can begin registering immediately. No action is required on the part of employees who registered in the past and requested "paperless" on the vendor website. Employees can opt-in or opt-out whenever they wish.

#### <u>District Considerations – Electronic W-2s (eW-2):</u>

- The district must publicize this option to employees, if it will be offered.
- Employees must establish a secure personal account directly with the vendor. Those who do not participate will receive their W-2 by mail. The deadline for enrollment in this service is **Friday**, **January 7**, **2022**.
- Districts will receive a report of employees who elected to receive a W-2 electronically.
- Vendor will manage all questions related to technical support of secure website.
- Employee enrollment information will not be shared or used for marketing purposes.

If you wish to offer electronic W-2s to your employees, we recommend you publicize the service as soon as possible. For your convenience, we have included a notice that can be reproduced or sent electronically for this purpose. Districts can determine the best method of communication to employees. Contact SFS\_W2\_Requests@lacoe.edu if you need an electronic version of the attachment that can be personalized for your district.

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#### **Action Items:**

Indicate and submit your preferences on the attached "W-2 Processing and Delivery Choices-2021" form by Friday, December 10, 2021 to SFS\_W2\_Requests@lacoe.edu.

Approved: Sean Lewis, Assistant Director School Financial Systems and Services

ARC:sm Attachments

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#### Los Angeles County Office of Education Division of School Financial Services

#### W-2 Processing and Delivery Choices – 2021

Please indicate your choices below and have this form signed (electronic signature accepted) by your Chief Business Official or an authorized district administrator.

We authorize the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) to facilitate processing and distribution of our employee's Form W-2s. The W-2s will be mailed directly to our employees or be made available electronically (optional).

We understand the cost for this service is \$2.50 per W-2. This flat fee includes programming and updates, testing, vendor charges and fees, mailing and/or electronic distribution, and customized distribution reports.

Electronic W-2s (eW-2s)
We wish to offer this optional service to our employees who enroll. Our district will
ablicize this choice and encourage interested employees to enroll by January 7, 2022.
Duplicate DVD
We request a <b>duplicate</b> DVD set of 2021 Form W-2s at no additional charge.
We further authorize LACOE to transfer the cost of processing our W-2s from our General Fund Account No. 01.0-00000.0-00000-72000-5880/5890-0000000, or other account as indicated below:
District Nama
District Name
Administrator's Name/Title
And wind Cinaton at 1D4
Authorized Signature and Date
District Contact (if different)

Please scan and return this completed form by Friday, December 10, 2021, to:

SFS W2 Requests@lacoe.edu

## How to Register for a Paperless Tax Document (W-2)

You now have the choice of receiving your IRS Form W-2 electronically. You can establish a secure account with our W-2 vendor to obtain your tax document as soon as it becomes available. There are several advantages to electing this option:

- Faster access, no waiting for delivery. You will receive an email when your W-2 is available, in early to mid-January.
- No chance of lost or misdelivered private information, as this option will take the place of printing and mailing.
- Secure, unlimited access to enrollees for five years.
- Toll-free call center support for employees experiencing technical issues.

#### To register you will need:

- Employer Name
- Company Code IW0219 (third digit is a zero)
- Your Social Security Number
- Name and address that appeared on your last tax document

The deadline for registering to receive your 2021 IRS Form W-2 electronically is Friday, January 7, 2022. Those who do not successfully complete registration on the vendor's secure website by that date will receive a printed W-2 by US Postal Service (USPS) delivery. The USPS will attempt to deliver your W-2 to your last known address in their system.

Ready to get started? Go to: w2copy.com



# EMPLOYER LOGIN

\*Valid only for participating amployers. Not all participating amployers will offer both W-2 and 1095-C forms on this site.

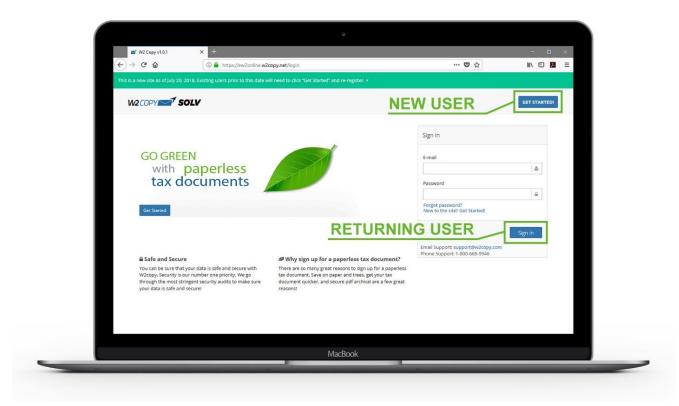
Check Your SSN Processing Status Here

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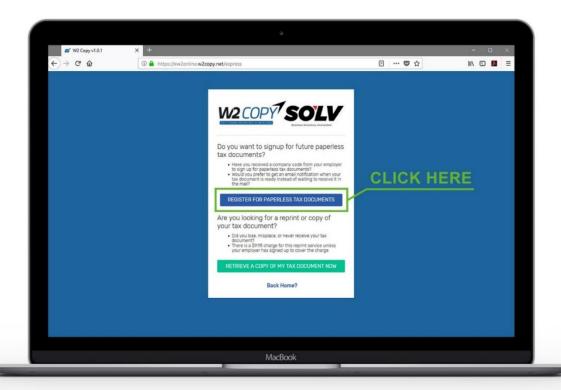
You will then be directed to our W-2 vendor's secure portal: https://ew2online.w2copy.net/login

Please note: These instructions are for new users. No action is needed for existing users who registered their choice as "paperless" in the past.

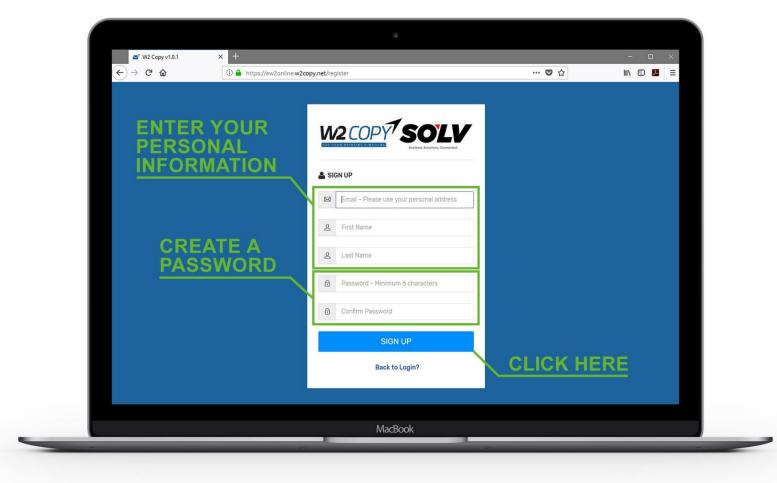
For a new user, select "**Get Started**" in the upper right corner of your screen. When returning, enter your **email** and **password** and click "**Sign In**"



#### Select "Register for Paperless Tax Documents"



Enter your personal information and create a password - click "Sign Up"



**Note:** A verification code will be emailed to the address you entered, you will need this code to continue.

Enter your 6-digit confirmation code sent to you via email and select "Confirm Email"



Once your email is confirmed, the system will ask several questions to verify your identity.

Click "Get Started"



Enter your "Social Security Number (SSN)" and Company Code "IW0219" (third digit is a zero)



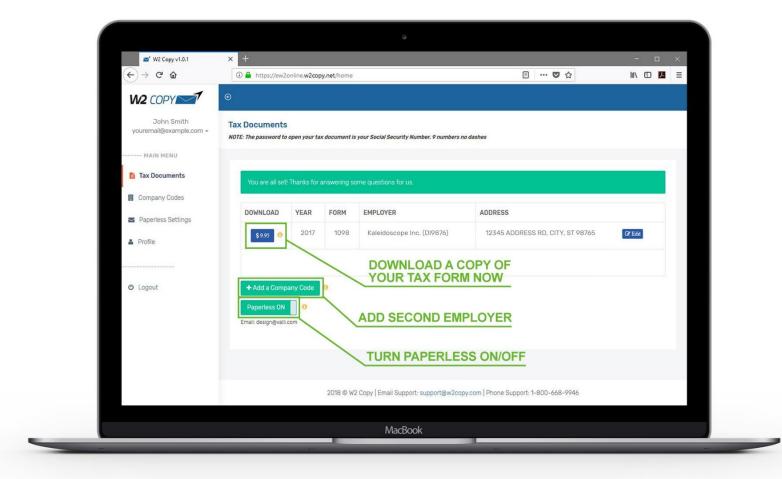
The system will ask several multiple-choice questions to verify your identity. Once you have verified your identity, you will be asked if you want to sign up for Paperless Tax Documents. Click "**Confirm Paperless**"

You will then be taken to the portal where you can download tax documents when they are available. The pdf is encrypted with a password.

The password to open your W-2 pdf is your 9-digit

Social Security Number with no dashes.





If you need assistance please contact W2Copy at <a href="mailto:support@w2copy.com">support@w2copy.com</a> or (800) 668-9946

