

them in section 79 and the regulations thereunder.

(b) *Time and place for filing*—(1) *Time for filing*—(i) *General rule.* In a case where an employer must file Forms W-3 and W-2 under this section and also under §31.6011(a)-4 or §31.6011(a)-5 of this chapter (Employment Tax Regulations), the time for filing such forms under this section shall be the same as the time (including extensions thereof) for filing such forms under §31.6011(a)-4 or §31.6011(a)-5.

(ii) *Exception.* In a case where an employer is not required to file Forms W-3 and W-2 under §31.6011(a)-4 or §31.6011(a)-5 of this chapter, returns on Forms W-3 and W-2 required under paragraph (a) of this section for any calendar year shall be filed on or before February 28 (March 31 if filed electronically) of the following year.

(iii) *Cross reference.* For extensions of time for filing returns, see section 6081 and the regulations thereunder.

(2) *Place for filing.* The returns on Forms W-3 and W-2 required under paragraph (a) of this section shall be filed pursuant to the rules contained in §31.6091-1 of this chapter (Employment Tax Regulations), relating to the place for filing certain returns.

(c) *Special rule for calendar years before 1972.* For calendar years before 1972, the provisions of this section will be deemed to have been complied with if the returns for such years were filed in accordance with the provisions of this section in effect prior to August 3, 1973, or with the instructions applicable to the appropriate forms.

(d) *Last day for filing return.* For provisions relating to the time for performance of an act when the last day prescribed for performance falls on Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, see §301.7503-1 of this chapter (Regulations on Procedure and Administration).

(e) *Penalty.* For provisions relating to the penalty provided for failure to file the information returns required by this section, see section 6652 and the regulations thereunder.

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§ 1.6052-2 Statements to be furnished employees with respect to wages paid in the form of group-term life insurance.

(a) *Requirement.* Every employer filing a return under section 6052(a) and §1.6052-1 with respect to group-term life insurance on the life of an employee shall furnish to the employee whose name is set forth in such return a written statement showing the information required by paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) *Form of statement.* The written statement required to be furnished to an employee under paragraph (a) of this section shall show:

(1) The total amount includible in the employee's gross income by reason of the provisions of section 79(a), but determined as if the employer furnishing such statement is the only employer paying the employee remuneration in the form of group-term life insurance on his life which is includible in his gross income under section 79(a).

(2) The name, address, and identifying number of the employer filing the statement.

The requirement of this section for the furnishing of a statement to an employee may be satisfied by the furnishing to such employee of a copy of the return filed pursuant to §1.6052-1 in respect of such employee. A statement shall be considered to be furnished to a person within the meaning of this section if it is mailed to such person at his last known address.

(c) *Time for furnishing statements*—(1) *In general.* Each statement required by this section to be furnished to any employee for a calendar year shall be furnished to such person after the close of that year and on or before January 31 of the following year.

(2) *Extensions of time.* For good cause shown upon written application of the employer required to furnish statements under this section, the district director may grant an extension of time not exceeding 30 days in which to furnish such statements. The application shall be addressed to the district director with whom the income tax returns of the applicant are filed and shall contain a full recital of the reasons for requesting the extension to aid the district director in determining the

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period of the extension, if any, which will be granted. Such a request in the form of a letter to the district director signed by the applicant will suffice as an application. The application shall be filed on or before the date prescribed in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph for furnishing the statements required by this section.

(3) *Last day for furnishing statement.* For provisions relating to the time for performance of an act when the last day prescribed for performance falls on Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, see § 301.7503-1 of this chapter (Regulations on Procedure and Administration).

(d) *Special rule where Form W-2 is used.* The provisions of this paragraph shall apply notwithstanding anything to the contrary in paragraph (b) or (c) of this section. The requirement of this section for the furnishing of a statement to an employee may be satisfied by furnishing to such employee the employee's copy of Form W-2 filed pursuant to § 1.6052-1 in respect of such employee. In a case where the statement furnished by an employer to an employee for purposes of complying with this section is the employee's copy of a Form W-2, then the rules in § 31.6051-1 of this chapter (Employment Tax Regulations) shall apply with respect to the means and time (including extensions thereof) for furnishing such statements to the employee and making corrections on such form.

(e) *Definitions.* Terms used in this section and in section 79 and the regulations thereunder have the meaning ascribed to them in section 79 and the regulations thereunder.

(f) *Penalty.* For provisions relating to the penalty provided for failure to furnish a statement under this section, see section 6678 and the regulations thereunder.

(g) *Special rule for calendar years before 1972.* For calendar years before 1972, the provisions of this section will be deemed to have been complied with if the statements for such years were furnished in accordance with the provisions of this section in effect prior to

August 3, 1973, or with the instructions applicable to the appropriate forms.

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§ 1.6060-1 Reporting requirements for income tax return preparers.

(a) *In general.* (1) Each person who employs (or engages) one or more income tax return preparers to prepare any return of tax under subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or claim for refund of tax under subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, other than for the person, at any time during a return period shall satisfy the requirements of section 6060 of the Code by:

(i) Retaining a record of the name, taxpayer identification number, and principal place of work during the return period of each income tax return preparer employed (or engaged) by the person at any time during that period; and

(ii) Making that record available for inspection upon request by the district director.

The record described in this paragraph (a) must be retained and kept available for inspection for the 3-year period following the close of the return period to which that record relates.

(2) The person may choose any form of documentation to be used under this section as a record of the preparers employed (or engaged) during a return period. However, the record must disclose on its face which individuals were employed (or engaged) as income tax return preparers during that period.

(3) For the definition of the term "income tax return preparer" (or "preparer"), see section 7701(a)(36) and § 301.7701-15. For the definition of the term "return period", see paragraph (b) of this section.

(4)(i) For purposes of this section, any individual who, in acting as an income tax return preparer, is not employed by another income tax return preparer shall be treated as his (or her) own employer. Thus, a sole proprietor shall retain and make available a record with respect to himself (or herself) as provided in this section.