

# Investor Reporting of Tax Shelter Registration Number

▶ Attach to your tax return.

▶ If you received this form from a partnership, S corporation, or trust, see the instructions.

Investor's name(s) shown on return		Investor's identifying number	Investor's tax year ended
<b>(a) Tax Shelter Name</b>		<b>(b) Tax Shelter Registration Number (11-digit number)</b>	<b>(c) Tax Shelter Identifying Number</b>
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## General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.

### Purpose of Form

Use Form 8271 to report the tax shelter registration number the IRS assigns to certain tax shelters required to be registered under section 6111 ("registration- required tax shelters") and to report the name and identifying number of the tax shelter. This information must be reported even if the particular interest is producing net income for the filer of Form 8271. Use additional forms to report more than 10 tax shelter registration numbers.

**Note:** A tax shelter registration number does not indicate that the tax shelter or its claimed tax benefits have been reviewed, examined, or approved by the IRS.

### Who Must File

Any person claiming or reporting any deduction, loss, credit, or other tax benefit, or reporting any income on any tax return from an interest purchased or otherwise acquired in a registration- required tax shelter must file Form 8271. If you are an investor in a partnership or an S corporation, look at item G, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), or item C, Schedule K-1 (Form 1120S). If a tax shelter registration number or the words "Applied for" appear there, then the entity is a registration-required tax shelter. If the interest is purchased or otherwise acquired by a pass-through entity, both the pass-through entity and its partners, shareholders, or beneficiaries must file Form 8271.

A pass-through entity that is the registration-required tax shelter does not have to prepare Form 8271 and give copies to its partners, shareholders, or beneficiaries unless the pass-through entity itself has invested in a registration-required tax shelter.

In certain cases, a tax shelter that does not expect to reduce the cumulative tax liability of any investor during the 5-year period ending after the date the investment is first offered for sale may be considered a "projected income investment." Such a tax shelter will not have to register, and thus not have to furnish a tax shelter registration number to investors, unless and until it ceases to be a projected income investment. It is possible, therefore, that you may not be furnished a tax shelter registration number, and not have to report it, for several years after you purchase or otherwise acquire your interest in the tax shelter. If you are later furnished a tax shelter registration number because the tax shelter ceased to be a projected income investment, follow these instructions. However, you must file Form 8271 only for tax years ending on or after the date the tax shelter ceases to be a projected income investment.

**Note:** Even if you have an interest in a registration-required tax shelter, you do not have to file Form 8271 if you did not claim or report any deduction, loss, credit, or other tax benefit, or report any income on your tax return from an interest in the registration-required tax shelter. This could occur, for example, if for a particular year you are unable to claim any portion of a loss because of the passive activity loss limitations, and that loss is the only tax item reported to you from the shelter.

### Filing Form 8271

Attach Form 8271 to any return on which a deduction, loss, credit, or other tax benefit is claimed or reported, or any income reported, from an interest in a registration-required tax shelter. These returns include applications for tentative refunds (Forms 1045 and 1139) and amended returns (Forms 1040X and 1120X).

## Furnishing Copies of Form 8271 to Investors

A pass-through entity that has invested in a registration-required tax shelter must furnish copies of its Form 8271 to its partners, shareholders, or beneficiaries.

However, in the case where (a) the pass-through entity acquired at least a 50% interest in one tax year in a registered tax shelter (and in which it had not held an interest in a prior year), and (b) the investment would not meet the definition of a tax shelter immediately following the acquisition if it had been offered for sale at that time, the pass-through entity need not distribute copies of Form 8271 to its investors. The pass-through entity alone is required to prepare Form 8271 and include it with the entity tax return.

## Penalty For Not Including Registration Number on Return

A \$250 penalty will be charged for each failure to include a tax shelter registration number on a return on which it is required to be included unless the failure is due to reasonable cause.

## Specific Instructions

### Investor's Identifying Number

Enter the social security number or employer identification number shown on the return to which this Form 8271 is attached.

### Investor's Tax Year Ended

Enter the date the tax year ended for the return to which this Form 8271 is attached.

### Columns (a) Through (c)

Enter the name, the 11-digit tax shelter registration number, and the identifying number of the tax shelter in the columns provided.

You must be given the tax shelter registration number at the time of your purchase or acquisition of an interest in a registration-required tax shelter or (if later) within 20 days after the seller or transferor receives the registration number. The seller or transferor of the interest in the tax shelter must give you the tax shelter registration number in a written statement that also provides the other information needed to complete columns (a) and (c) of Form 8271.

If you acquired your interest in the tax shelter from a pass-through entity that has invested in a tax shelter, the entity must give you a copy of its Form 8271. The copy of the entity's Form 8271 contains the information needed to complete columns (a) through (c) of your Form 8271.

If the person from whom you purchased or otherwise acquired an

interest in the tax shelter notifies you that a registration number has been applied for, but has not yet been received, enter "Applied for" in column (b). Also enter in column (b) the name of the person who has applied for registration of the tax shelter, and complete columns (a) and (c). This notification must be in a written statement that includes the information you need to complete columns (a) through (c). If you have not received any notification, enter "No notification" in column (b) and complete columns (a) and (c) if you have this information.

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The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is:

- Recordkeeping** . . . . . 7 min.
- Learning about the law or the form** . . . . . 7 min.
- Preparing the form** . . . . . 17 min.
- Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS** . . . . . 14 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. See the instructions for the tax return with which this form is filed.

