

Organization Reference Chart

Section of 1986 Code	Description of organization	General nature of activities	Application Form No.	Annual return required to be filed	Contributions allowable
501(c)(1)	Corporations Organized under Act of Congress (including Federal Credit Unions)	Instrumentalities of the United States	No Form	None	Yes, if made for exclusively public purposes
501(c)(2)	Title Holding Corporation For Exempt Organization	Holding title to property of an exempt organization	1024	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	No ²
501(c)(3)	Religious, Educational, Charitable, Scientific, Literary, Testing for Public Safety, to Foster National or International Amateur Sports Competition, or Prevention of Cruelty to Children or Animals Organizations	Activities of nature implied by description of class of organization	1023	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸ , or 990-PF	Yes, generally
501(c)(4)	Civic Leagues, Social Welfare Organizations, and Local Associations of Employees	Promotion of community welfare; charitable, educational, or recreational	1024	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	No, generally ^{2, 3}
501(c)(5)	Labor, Agricultural, and Horticultural Organizations	Educational or instructive, the purpose being to improve conditions of work, and to improve products of efficiency	1024	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	No ²
501(c)(6)	Business Leagues, Chambers of Commerce, Real Estate Boards, etc.	Improvement of business conditions of one or more lines of business	1024	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	No ²
501(c)(7)	Social and Recreational Clubs	Pleasure, recreation, social activities	1024	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	No ²
501(c)(8)	Fraternal Beneficiary Societies and Associations	Lodge providing for payment of life, sickness, accident or other benefits to members	1024	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	Yes, if for certain Sec. 501(c)(3) purposes
501(c)(9)	Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Associations	Providing for payment of life, sickness, accident, or other benefits to members	1024	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	No ²
501(c)(10)	Domestic Fraternal Societies and Associations	Lodge devoting its net earnings to charitable, fraternal, and other specified purposes. No life, sickness, or accident benefits to members	1024	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	Yes, if for certain Sec. 501(c)(3) purposes
501(c)(11)	Teachers' Retirement Fund Associations	Teachers' association for payment of retirement benefits	No Form ⁶	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	No ²
501(c)(12)	Benevolent Life Insurance Associations, Mutual Ditch or Irrigation Companies, Mutual or Cooperative Telephone Companies, etc.	Activities of a mutually beneficial nature similar to those implied by the description of class of organization	1024	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	No ²
501(c)(13)	Cemetery Companies	Burials and incidental activities	1024	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	Yes, generally
501(c)(14)	State-Chartered Credit Unions, Mutual Reserve Funds	Loans to members	No Form ⁶	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	No ²
501(c)(15)	Mutual Insurance Companies or Associations	Providing insurance to members substantially at cost	1024	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	No ²
501(c)(16)	Cooperative Organizations to Finance Crop Operations	Financing crop operations in conjunction with activities of a marketing or purchasing association	Form 1120-C ⁶	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	No ²
501(c)(17)	Supplemental Unemployment Benefit Trusts	Provides for payment of supplemental unemployment compensation benefits	1024	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	No ²
501(c)(18)	Employee Funded Pension Trust (created before June 25, 1959)	Payment of benefits under a pension plan funded by employees	No Form ⁶	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	No ²
501(c)(19)	Post or Organization of Past or Present Members of the Armed Forces	Activities implied by nature of organization	1024	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	No, generally ⁷
501(c)(21)	Black Lung Benefit Trusts	Funded by coal mine operators to satisfy their liability for disability or death due to black lung diseases	No Form ⁶	990-BL	No ⁴

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501(c)(22)	Withdrawal Liability Payment Fund	To provide funds to meet the liability of employers withdrawing from a multi-employer pension fund	No Form ⁶	990 or 990-EZ ⁸	No ⁵
501(c)(23)	Veterans Organization (created before 1880)	To provide insurance and other benefits to veterans	No Form ⁶	990 or 990-EZ ⁸	No, generally ⁷
501(c)(25)	Title Holding Corporations or Trusts with Multiple Parents	Holding title and paying over income from property to 35 or fewer parents or beneficiaries	1024	990 or 990-EZ	No
501(c)(26)	State-Sponsored Organization Providing Health Coverage for High-Risk Individuals	Provides health care coverage to high-risk individuals	No Form ⁶	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	No
501(c)(27)	State-Sponsored Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Organization	Reimburses members for losses under workers' compensation acts	No Form ⁶	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	No
501(c)(28)	National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust	Manages and invests the assets of the Railroad Retirement Account	No Form	None	No ¹¹
501(d)	Religious and Apostolic Associations	Regular business activities. Communal religious community	No Form	1065 ⁹	No ²
501(e)	Cooperative Hospital Service Organizations	Performs cooperative services for hospitals	1023	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	Yes
501(f)	Cooperative Service Organizations of Operating Educational Organizations	Performs collective investment services for educational organizations	1023	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	Yes
501(k)	Child Care Organizations	Provides cares for children	1023	990 or 990-EZ ⁸	Yes
501(n)	Charitable Risk Pools	Pools certain insurance risks of 501(c)(3)	1023	990 ¹ or 990-EZ ⁸	Yes
501(q)	Credit Counseling Organization	Credit counseling services	1023	1023 ¹²	No
521(a)	Farmers' Cooperative Associations	Cooperative marketing and purchasing for agricultural procedures	1028	990-C	No
527	Political organizations	A party, committee, fund, association, etc., that directly or indirectly accepts contributions or makes expenditures for political campaigns	8871	1120-POL ¹⁰ 990 or 990-EZ ⁸	No

¹For exceptions to the filing requirement, see chapter 2 and the form instructions. Note: For annual tax periods beginning after 2006, most tax-exempt organizations, other than churches, are required to file an annual Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF with the IRS or to submit an annual electronic notice, Form 990-N (*e-Postcard*), to the IRS. Tax-exempt organizations failing to file an annual return or submit an annual notice as required for 3 consecutive years, it will automatically lose their tax-exempt status

²An organization exempt under a subsection of Code sec. 501 other than 501(c)(3) can establish a charitable fund, contributions to which are deductible. Such a fund must itself meet the requirements of section 501(c)(3) and the related notice requirements of section 508(a).

³Contributions to volunteer fire companies and similar organizations are deductible, but only if made for exclusively public purposes.

⁴Deductible as a business expense to the extent allowed by Code section 192.

⁵Deductible as a business expense to the extent allowed by Code section 194A.

⁶Application is by letter to the address shown on Form 8718. A copy of the organizing document should be attached and the letter should be signed by an officer.

⁷Contributions to these organizations are deductible only if 90% or more of the organization's members are war veterans.

⁸For limits on the use of Form 990-EZ, see chapter 2 and the general instructions for Form 990-EZ (or Form 990).

⁹Although the organization files a partnership return, all distributions are deemed dividends. The members are not entitled to **pass through** treatment of the organization's income or expenses.

¹⁰Form 1120-POL is required only if the organization has taxable income as defined in Code section 527(c).

¹¹Only required to annually file so much of the Form 990 that relates to the names and addresses of the officers, directors, trustees, and key employees, and their titles, compensation, and hours devoted to their positions (Part VII of Form 990) and complete Tax exempt status (Item I in the Heading of Form 990).

¹²See Code section 501(q) if the organization provides credit counseling services and seeks recognition of exemption under section 501(c)(4). Use Form 1024 if applying for recognition under Code section 501(c)(4).