

# 1120: CONSOLIDATIONS

A consolidation consists of a Top Consolidation and/or a Subconsolidation return that holds the combined results of:

- · Parent, Subconsolidation(s), or Divisional Consolidation
- Elimination Return
- Subsidiaries/Divisions

When preparing and processing an 1120 consolidation, you will be dealing with some or all of the following types of returns:

- Parent return
- Top consolidation return
- Elimination return
- Subconsolidation return
- Subsidiary/division returns
- · Divisional consolidation

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# **CONSOLIDATIONS PROCESS CHART**

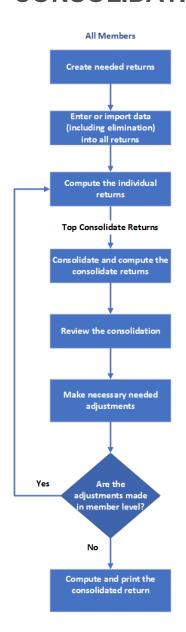


Figure 1

# **REQUIRED INPUT**

### Consolidation

When creating the returns, you must enter the following information on the Consolidation return in the consolidation:

- Company name
- Form 851 detail
- Parent / Subsidiary / Eliminations return list

### **Parent**

When creating the returns, you must enter the following information on the Parent Company return in the consolidation:

- · Company name
- · Company address
- Federal EIN
- · Date of Incorporation
- · Year, if other than calendar
- · Principal Business Activity
- Principal Business Activity (PBA) Code
- Schedule K questions

### Subsidiaries/Divisions

When creating the returns, you must enter the following information on the Subsidiary/Division returns in the consolidation:

- Company name
- · Company address
- Principal Business Activity (PBA) Code
- Federal EIN
- · Year, if other than calendar
- Principal Business Activity
- Data Input

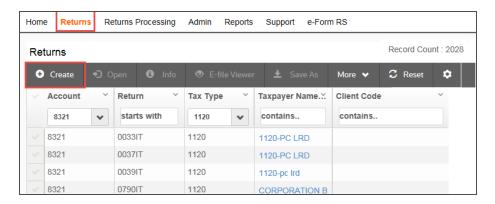
# **Elimination Company**

You must always create an Elimination Company. Include the following information on the Elimination Company return:

- · Company name
- Data Input

## **CREATING RETURNS**

Create any needed new returns. Select **Returns** from the top menu, and then select **Create**. This opens the screen to create new returns.



#### Figure 2

On the **Create a Return** screen, enter the **Account\***, **Year\***, **Type\***, and **Client Code**. Then enter the **Entity Name\***, **Return Type\***, and **Entity Type\***. Items marked with an asterisk are *required*. Select the check box to **Open this Return** in a new window after creating. Click the **Create** button.

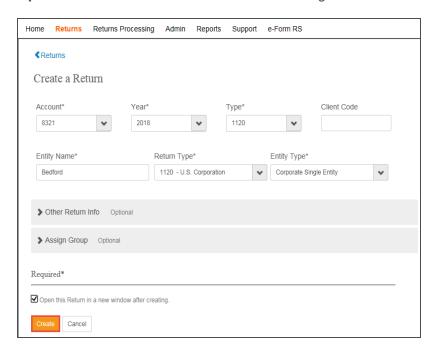
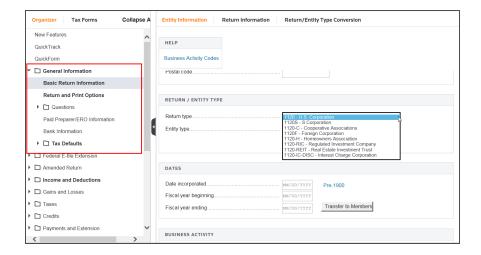


Figure 3

For each return, access the **Entity Information** tab on the **General Information > Basic Return Information** screen. It is **mandatory** that you specify the appropriate return type for all returns in the consolidation.



#### Figure 4

You must also select the appropriate **Return/Entity Type** for each return in the consolidation.

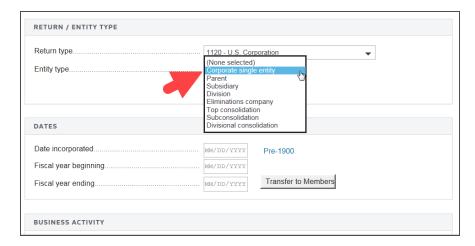


Figure 5

Use the **Entity Information** Organizer screen to enter the name, address, and federal EIN information for each of the returns in the consolidation. All company information entered on this screen carries to the consolidated return, Form 851, and Form 1122. The company name and ID number carries to all detail schedules. All company information entered on this screen in the parent return will print on the consolidated return.

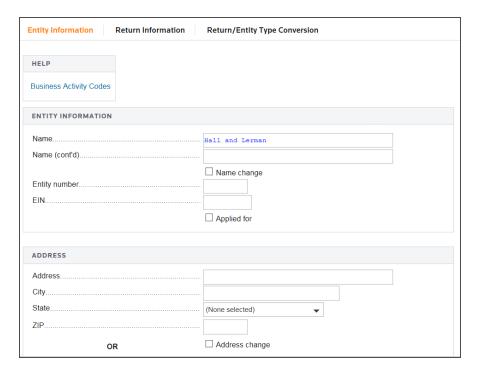
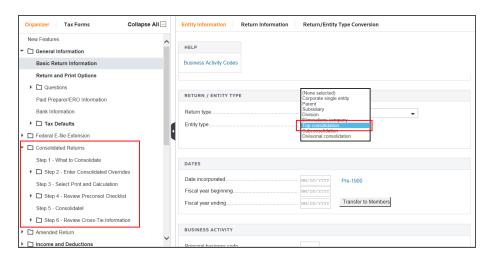


Figure 6

# **CONSOLIDATION SUBSIDIARY LIST**

The **Consolidated Returns** folder appears in the Forms List Window only if you select a consolidation entity type on the **General Information > Basic Return Information > Entity Information** screen in the Top Consolidation (TopCon).



#### Figure 7

Complete the **Consolidation Return List** tab on the TopCon. Do not enter the consolidation company return number. Both the parent and eliminations return numbers are mandatory entries.

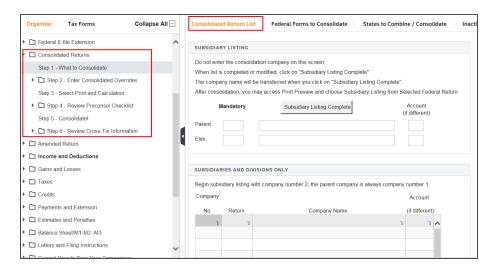
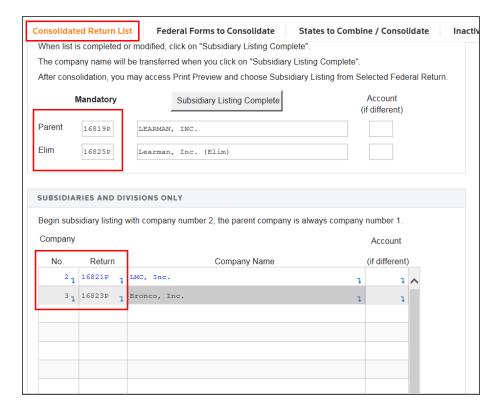


Figure 8

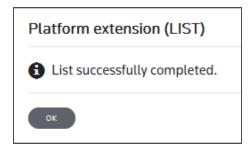
You must enter the eliminations return number even if there are no elimination entries. The first subsidiary must be number 2. By default, the parent is number 1. The order in which the subsidiary returns are listed is the order in which they print on supporting reports. The parent company prints first.



#### Figure 9

When you have completed entering the parent, eliminations, and all subsidiaries return numbers in the appropriate fields, click the **Subsidiary Listing Complete** button.

After you select the **Subsidiary List Complete** button, the following message will appear.



#### Figure 10

Exit the TopCon, and then select to open it again. All locators associated with the TopCon will be locked.

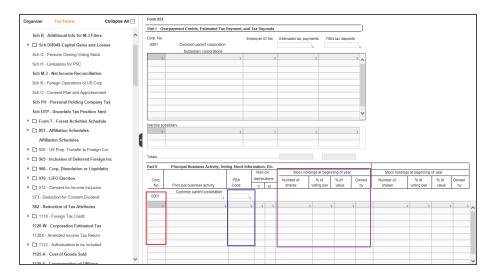
## AFFILIATION SCHEDULE

On the consolidation return, use the **851 Affiliation Schedule** Organizer screen to enter the information for Form 851, Part II. Part I information automatically transfers from the separate companies.



#### Figure 11

Click the **Provide Detail** link for Subsidiary Corporations. Review the various columns on this screen to see the information you need to enter on the consolidated tax return. If the Company No. is entered on the **Consolidation Locator List** screen, it will carry here automatically (see area indicated in **red**). When the Company No. appears, the Principal Business Activity will carry automatically from the individual companies' Schedule K questions 2a and b (area in **blue**). If the Company No. appears in the column (area in **red**), the PBA Code will carry from the individual companies' Schedule K questions 2a and b automatically (area in **blue**).



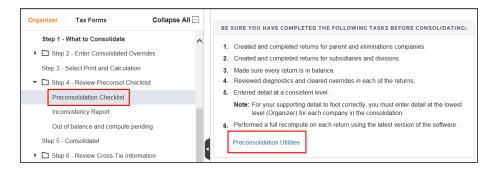
#### Figure 12

The columns outlined in **purple** must be entered on the consolidated tax return. Entries for these columns and the **Owned by Corporation no.** column, not shown here, must be entered on this screen. They will not carry in from other screens.

## CONSOLIDATE

Before you consolidate, select your print and calculation options and make sure that you have completed the tasks on the **Step 4 - Review Preconsolidation Checklist** in the **Consolidated Returns** folder.

Once you have reviewed the steps, click the **Preconsolidation Utilities** link to continue review.



#### Figure 13

Consider the available options under the **Preconsolidation Checklist for Federal** and **Preconsolidation Checklist for States**. Click the **Consolidate with cross-ties** check box if you want to consolidate with cross-ties. Then click the **Consolidate** button. You can also access the **Consolidate!** screen by selecting **Consolidated Returns > Step 5 - Consolidate**.



Figure 14

**Step 6 - Review Cross-Tie Information** displays a report that gives diagnostic information for cross-tie inconsistencies or allows deactivation of cross-ties on the consolidated return.

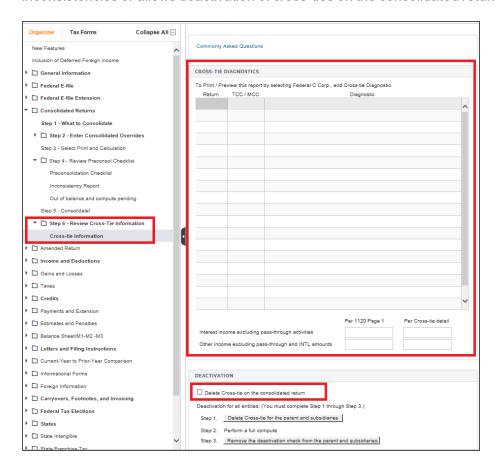


Figure 15

## **CONSOLIDATION REVIEW**

Once the consolidation process is completed, you can review the **Combined**, **Eliminations**, and **Adjustments** columns on the **Consolidation Review** screens (**Tax Forms > 1120-US Corporation Income Tax Return > 1120-US Corporation Income Tax Return > Consolidated Review**). These review columns are available for most federal forms.



#### Figure 16

Right-click any field to access the Shortcut menu. From the Shortcut menu, click Subview.

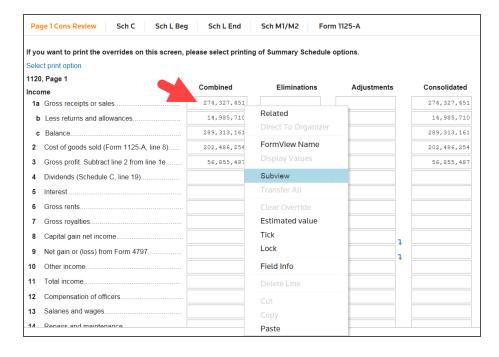
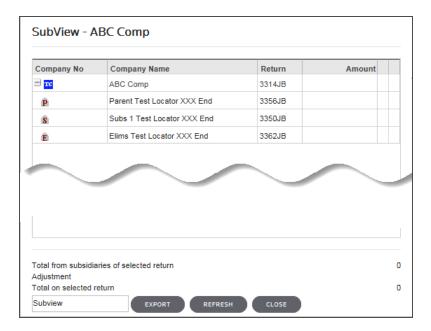


Figure 17

The **Subview** dialog box appears. The parent and subsidiaries are listed in the **Subview** section. Select an entity to access and review its information.



#### Figure 18

The appropriate return is automatically accessed. You can track every number from the consolidated return to the parent or subsidiary to which it relates.

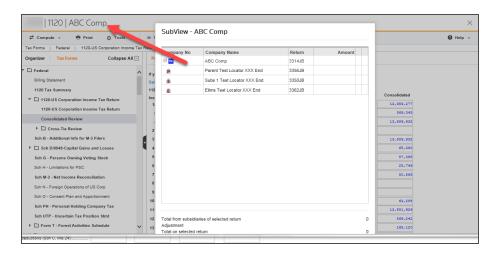


Figure 19

You can close this return and return to the consolidation return by clicking the **Close** button on the **Subview** dialog.

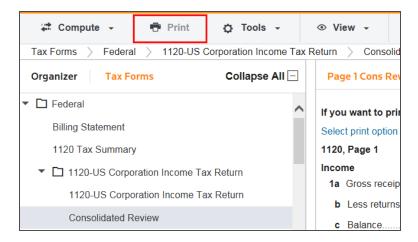
You are now returned to the **Consolidated Review** in **Tax Forms**. The electronic audit trail allows you to track each number back to its source, thus reducing the time needed to review a return.



Figure 20

# **CONSOLIDATIONS - PRINT PREVIEW**

You may want to use **Print Preview** to perform an on-screen review of the actual consolidated tax return before printing a hard copy. To do this, select the **Print** icon.



#### Figure 21

The **Print Preview** dialog box appears. Select what you want to include in the print file.

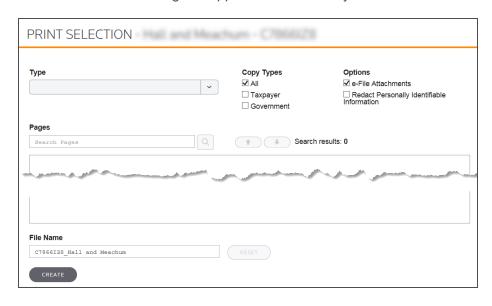


Figure 22

To review a form or statement, you must first click the **Federal Return** folder to open it.

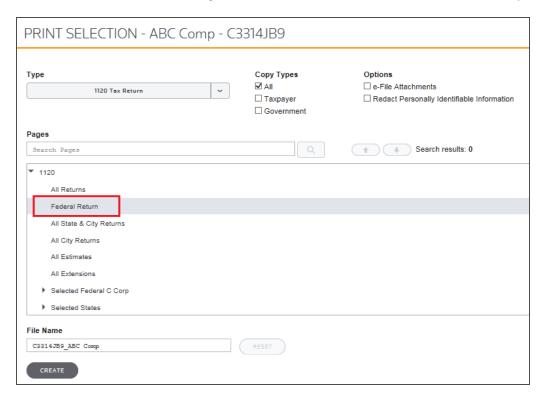


Figure 23

Select the Federal check box. Click check box to select Form 1120, Page 1 to view it.

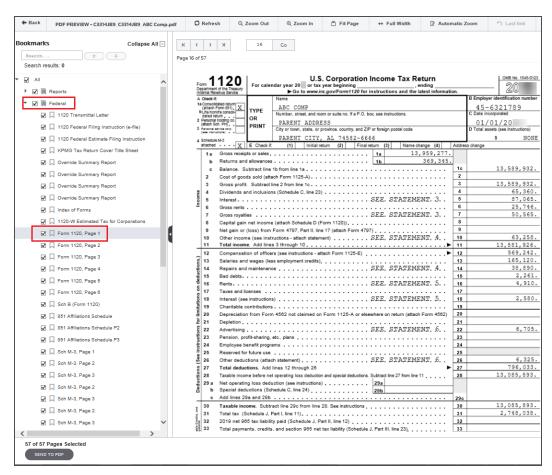


Figure 24

If you need to maximize the view of the form, select **Full Width** on the toolbar.

Use the **Previous** and **Next** icons on the toolbar to move backward or forward one form at a time.

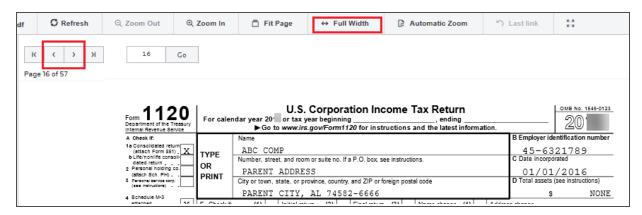


Figure 25

To view a statement on-screen, click anywhere within the words *See Statement [statement number]* on the tax form.

The statement appears. If you see something that needs to be changed during your review, go back to the appropriate entity to make the change. Re-compute the return and then re-consolidate.

ABC COMP	45-6321789
1120 PAGE 1 DETAIL	
LINE 22 - ADVERTISING	
PARENT TEST LOCATOR XXX END	
ADVERTISING	2,580.
SUBTOTAL	2,580.
SUBS 1 TEST LOCATOR XXX END	
ADVERTISING	4,125.
SUBTOTAL	4,125.
TOTAL LINE 22 - ADVERTISING	6,705.
LINE 26 - OTHER DEDUCTIONS	
SUBS 1 TEST LOCATOR XXX END	
MISC. DEDUCTION	6,325.
SUBTOTAL	6,325.
TOTAL LINE 26 - OTHER DEDUCTIONS	6,325.

Figure 26

# **CONSOLIDATION TIPS**

- If data is changed in the parent or a subsidiary, you must recompute the return and then re-consolidate.
- Data must be entered at a consistent level, preferably at the lowest-level Organizer screen.
- The help system is extensive. Use it to your advantage.
- You should re-compute each return in the consolidated group after a new version of tax software is installed.
- Each consolidation return must be in balance.
- Clear all diagnostics for all consolidation entities.
- Each entity must have a return type and entity type specified.

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