Policy and Procedure for Non-Resident Alien Contractors and Outside Employees

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY

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1. Purpose

This policy ensures Southeastern Louisiana University's compliance with U.S. federal tax laws when making payments to non-resident alien contractors or entities. It establishes the requirement to complete a Sprintax Calculus profile to determine proper tax residency and withholding obligations.

2. Policy Statement

All non-resident alien individuals or foreign entities providing services to Southeastern Louisiana University must complete a Sprintax Calculus profile prior to payment. The International Services Office (ISO) at Southeastern oversees this process and ensures the university adheres to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations.

3. Scope

This policy applies to:

- Non-resident alien individuals contracted as independent contractors or consultants
- Guest speakers, performers, or visiting professionals receiving honoraria or service fees
- Foreign companies or organizations with no U.S. presence providing services to SELU
- International individuals on temporary visas (e.g., B-1, J-1, F-1, H-1B) providing service-based work

4. Procedure

- 1. A. Notification and Pre-Approval
 - Departments seeking to engage a non-resident alien must contact ISO before services begin.
 - Provide full name, email, country of citizenship, visa type, and service description.
- 2. B. Sprintax Profile Requirement
 - ISO sends Sprintax Calculus setup link.
 - Contractor completes immigration and tax profile.

3. C. Tax Determination and Forms

- Sprintax determines residency, treaty eligibility, and withholding.
- Forms generated: W-8BEN, 8233, W-9 (if applicable).
- Contractor signs and submits forms to ISO.

4. D. Payment Authorization

- ISO reviews and approves documents.
- ISO notifies Purchasing/Accounts Payable to proceed.

5. E. Recordkeeping

• ISO retains electronic records for compliance.

5. Responsibilities

- University Departments: Contact ISO and provide contractor info before work begins.
- International Services Office: Manage Sprintax onboarding, review documents, authorize payments.
- Contractors/Foreign Entities: Respond promptly, complete Sprintax, and submit forms.

6. Compliance and Enforcement

Failure to comply may result in delayed payments, incorrect withholding, or IRS penalties. All parties must follow this procedure to ensure compliance.

7. Contact Information

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Flowchart: Tax Withholding & Payment Process for Non-Resident Alien Contractors

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Department identifies contractor as non-resident alien

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Department contacts ISO with contractor details

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ISO sends Sprintax link to contractor

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Contractor completes Sprintax profile

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Sprintax determines tax status, treaty benefits, and withholding

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Contractor submits tax forms (W-8BEN, 8233, etc.)

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ISO reviews and confirms documentation

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ISO approves and notifies Purchasing/Accounts Payable

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Department initiates payment

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PAYMENT PROCESSED

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