

TAXABLE YEAR

FORM

2015

California e-file Signature Authorization for Fiduciaries

8879-FID

Name of estate or trust

FEIN

Name and title of fiduciary

Part I Tax Return Information (whole dollars only)

Table with 5 rows: 1 Total income, 2 Taxable income, 3 Total tax, 4 Tax due, 5 Overpaid tax. Each row has a line for the amount.

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Fiduciary (Be sure you obtain and keep a copy of the fiduciary's return.)

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am a fiduciary or officer representing the fiduciary of the above estate or trust and I have examined a copy of the estate or trust return and accompanying schedules and statements for the 2015 tax year and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the information I provided to my electronic return originator (ERO), transmitter, or intermediate service provider (including the name, address and FEIN of the fiduciary) and the amounts shown in Part I above agree with the information and amounts shown on the corresponding lines of the electronic income tax return. If applicable, I authorize an electronic funds withdrawal of the amount on line 4 and/or the estimated tax payments as shown on the fiduciary's return and on form FTB 8455-FID, California e-file Payment Record for Fiduciaries, or a comparable form. I authorize my ERO, transmitter, or intermediate service provider to transmit the complete return to the Franchise Tax Board (FTB). If the processing of the return is delayed, I authorize the FTB to disclose to my ERO, intermediate service provider, and/or transmitter the reason(s) for the delay. If I am filing a balance due return, I understand that if the FTB does not receive full and timely payment of the fiduciary's tax liability, the fiduciary remains liable for the tax liability and all applicable interest and penalties. I acknowledge that I have read and consent to the Electronic Funds Withdrawal Consent included on the copy of the electronic income tax return. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the electronic income tax return and, if applicable, the Electronic Funds Withdrawal Consent.

Fiduciary's PIN: check one box only

I authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to enter the fiduciary's PIN \_\_\_\_\_ Do not enter all zeros as my signature on my 2015 e-filed California fiduciary income tax return. ERO firm name

As a fiduciary or officer representing the fiduciary, I will enter my PIN as my signature on my 2015 e-filed California fiduciary income tax return. Check this box only if you are entering your own PIN and the fiduciary's return is filed using the Practitioner PIN method. The ERO must complete Part III below.

Your signature Date

Practitioner PIN Method Returns Only -- continue below

Part III Certification and Authentication — Practitioner PIN Method Only

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit EFIN followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

Input field for ERO's EFIN/PIN

Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature for the 2015 California fiduciary income tax return for the estate or trust indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of the Practitioner PIN method and FTB Pub. 1345, 2015 e-file Handbook for Authorized e-file Providers.

ERO's signature Date

# 2015 Instructions for Form FTB 8879-FID

## California e-file Signature Authorization for Fiduciaries

DO NOT MAIL THIS FORM TO THE FTB

### General Information

#### A Purpose of Form FTB 8879-FID

Form FTB 8879-FID, California e-file Signature Authorization for Fiduciaries, must be completed when a fiduciary e-file tax return is being signed using the Practitioner PIN method. By signing this form, the fiduciary or officer representing the fiduciary authorizes the electronic return originator (ERO) to enter the fiduciary or officer representing the fiduciary's personal identification number (PIN) on his or her 2015 e-filed California fiduciary income tax return. This is a one-time authorization tied to this specific tax return.

Form FTB 8879-FID does not serve as proof of filing – the acknowledgement containing the date of acceptance for the accepted tax return is that proof.

**Do not** use form FTB 8879-FID if the fiduciary or officer representing the fiduciary will sign form FTB 8453-FID, California e-file Return Authorization for Fiduciaries, or will enter their own PIN.

#### B Practitioner PIN Method

The Practitioner PIN method is an electronic signature option for fiduciaries or officers representing fiduciaries e-filing their fiduciary income tax return through an ERO. To select this method, both the fiduciary or officer representing the fiduciary and ERO must sign form FTB 8879-FID.

#### C Fiduciary Responsibilities

**Before** you can e-file the fiduciary tax return, you must:

- Inspect a copy of the fiduciary income tax return and ensure the information is correct. Confirm the routing and account numbers entered into the tax preparation software.
- Review and approve the sworn statements and disclosure statements.
- Indicate or verify the five-digit PIN that will be used as your signature.
- Receive and review the information on form FTB 8453-FID, California e-file Payment Record for Fiduciaries, or a comparable form.
- Sign and date form FTB 8879-FID and submit it to your ERO (fax is acceptable).

**Your tax return will not be transmitted to the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) until the ERO receives your signed form FTB 8879-FID.**

**After** the tax return is e-filed, you must retain the following documents (in electronic or paper format) for the California statute of limitations period:

- Original Form(s) W-2, W-2G and 1099R.
- A copy of Form 541.
- A copy of form FTB 8455-FID, California e-file Payment Record for Fiduciaries, or a comparable form.
- A copy of the federal tax return.
- A copy of the other state income tax return if you claimed the California Other State Tax Credit. Refer to California Schedule S.

The California statute of limitations is the later of four years from the due date of the tax return or four years from the date the tax return is filed. (**Exception:** An extended statute of limitations period may apply for California or federal tax returns that are related to or subject to a federal audit.)

#### D ERO Responsibilities

**Before** you can e-file your client's fiduciary tax return, you must:

- Confirm the identity of the fiduciary or officer representing the fiduciary per FTB Pub. 1345, Section 5.
- Complete form FTB 8879-FID through Part I with information from the fiduciary's tax return.
- Complete form FTB 8455-FID, California e-file Payment Record for Fiduciaries, or a comparable form.
- Enter the ERO firm name (not the name of the individual preparing the tax return) in Part II.
- Review the fiduciary's tax return, plus banking information.
- Provide the fiduciary (in electronic or paper format):
  - Form FTB 8879-FID.
  - A complete copy of their tax return.
  - Form FTB 8455-FID, California e-file Payment Record for Fiduciaries, or a comparable form.
- Obtain the fiduciary or officer representing fiduciary's signature after the tax return is prepared but before you transmit it.
- Record the eleven-digit PIN that will be used as your signature.
- Sign and date form FTB 8879-FID.

**After** the tax return is e-filed, you must:

- Retain form FTB 8879-FID for four years from the due date of the tax return or four years from the date the tax return is filed, whichever is later.\*
- Retain all required e-file return information per FTB Pub. 1345, Section 7.\*
- Upon request, provide a copy of form FTB 8879-FID to the fiduciary or the FTB.

\***Exception:** For VITA/TCE/Not for Profit Sites, the fiduciary must retain these documents.

#### E Banking Information

Using electronic funds withdrawal is voluntary and applies only to the tax return you are filing at this time. Be sure the account information entered in the tax preparation software as shown on your tax return is correct. If the bank or financial institution rejects the electronic funds withdrawal due to an error in the routing number or account number, we will send you a notice that may include penalties and interest.

**To cancel an electronic funds withdrawal or a scheduled estimated tax payment,** you must call FTB e-Programs Customer Service at 916.845.0353 at least **two working days** before the date of the withdrawal.

**Do not mail form FTB 8879-FID to the FTB.**