# Tax Year 2020 ProConnect Tax Preparation Guide, Whittenburg, Gill

## Chapter 4

You will be using Intuit’s ProConnect Tax online software to prepare federal income tax returns. You will not be e-filing the tax returns though! To create an Intuit ProConnect Tax account, go to:

[https://taxeducation.intuit.com](https://taxeducation.intuit.com/)

Note: do **not** use the typical ProConnect commercial site (proconnect.intuit.com) as that site will require payment to print or download the returns.

Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox browsers best support ProConnect Tax. At the bottom of the educational site, click on *Create an account.* Enter your email address and create a password. Enter your first and last names, your phone number, and for Firm name, enter a company name of your choosing. Each time you log into the software, you will receive a *Welcome* screen with various information that you may browse to learn more about ProConnect Tax. When you are ready to begin completing the federal tax returns for the Group 4 and 5 comprehensive problems in the textbook, select *Tax Returns* in the left margin. Please note that the information you enter into the ProConnect Tax software is saved automatically as you go but is also easily edited as needed.

## Group 4, Problem 1: Black, Walter and Skylar

Sign into your ProConnect Tax account and from the *Welcome* screen, select *Tax Returns* in the left margin. You will land on the *Tax Returns 2020* page. Select *Create tax return* in the upper right corner.

From the *Create tax return* screen, click the [+] for *Add new* and select the *Individual (1040, 709)* button (it is selected as the default). Fill out the information for Walter. Note that ProConnect Tax tracks a married filing jointly client by one taxpayer and so often the primary income earning taxpayer is entered as the default since many of the input fields will default to that taxpayer. Email and phone numbers are not required but you may enter assumed data if you wish. Click on *Save* at the lower right. On the next screen *Client*, you may review the information you input, make any corrections necessary through the *Edit* button in the upper right, and once satisfied, click on *Save* at the lower right.

You have now landed on Walter’s 1040 *Profile* page. You may unselect the *Select for E-file* for the *Federal* line under *General* since you will not actually be filing the tax return, but it is not required. From the tabs near the top, select *Input Return*. From the menu at the left, select *General; Client Information. The Filing Status* will appear on the right. Change filing status to *2=Married filing jointly*. Check the *Live With Spouse?* box. Scroll down this page and enter the *Occupation* for Walter and the Spouse Information for Skylar (first name, Social Security number, occupation, and birthdate). Continue to scroll down this page and toward the bottom, under *Miscellaneous Info,* find *Prepared by* andselect *3 = Self-Prepared*.

From the menu at the left, select *General; Dependents.* You will now see the *General Information* tab on the right*.* Enter the information you have for Rebecca. Use a birth date appropriate for Skylar’s mother (65 or older). Select *3=Dependent other than child* for *Type*. You may leave *Earned Income Credit* and *Child Tax Credit* at *1=When applicable*.

To add Alton as an additional dependent, click the [+] tab next to Rebecca near the top of the page. Enter Alton’s information similarly to Rebecca. Note that although Alton receives $7,600 in Social Security benefits, these are not taxable and as a result, do not count toward the gross income test for a qualified relative (see LO 1-6c in Chapter 1 of the textbook).

From the menu at the left, select *Income; Wages, Salaries, Tips (W-2).* See the *New Tab* to the right and click on the icon that looks like a sheet of paper, to the left of *New Tab*. This action takes you to the *Quick Entry: Wages, Salaries, Tips* screen. Enter the amounts for Walter’s *wages* and *federal income tax withheld*. To enter the detail from Boxes 12a and 13 of the Form W-2, click the blue *Details* button on the right-hand side and scroll down the page to enter the *amount* in *Box 12a* by using the dropdown box to select *Code D=D-Elective deferrals to 401(k) plan.*  Check the *Retirement plan* box in the *Box 13* section.

To enter the sale of the personal residence, from the menu at the left, select *Income; Dispositions (Sch D, etc.); Schedule D/ 4797/ etc.* Enter the *Description of Property,* the *Date Acquired*, the *Date Sold,* and the *Sales Price*. For the *Cost or Basis,* enter the original cost plus the improvements. If you are in *Quick Entry* mode, select the blue *Details* box on the right. If you are already on the *Details* page, use the *Schedule D* tab at the top and enter *2=form other than Form 1099-B (Form 8949)*. Depending on the width of the screen, select either *Sale of Home* tab at the top or click on the *3 vertical dots* on the right of the *Schedule D* tab or # *more* on the right of the tabs to find and select *Sale of Home*.Check the boxes for *Sale of home* and *2 year use test met (full exclusion).*

To enter the dividend income, from the menu at the left, select *Income (1099-DIV),* landing you on the *Quick Entry: Dividend Income* screen*.* Enter the *name of the payer* and enter the appropriate *amounts* for *Total Ordinary Dividends,* *Qualified Dividends, and* *Capital Gain Distributions*.

For the Black’s ski condo rental, from the menu at the left, select *Income; Rental and Royalty Income (Sch E),* landing you on the *Details: Rental and Royalty Income (Sch E)* screen*.* Enter the *Description of property* and *address*,and for *Type of property,* use the dropdown arrow to select *3* for *Vacation/Short Term Rental.* Enter *185* for the *Number of days rented.* From the tabs at the top, select *Income Statement.* Enter the amount for *Rents or royalties received.* Scroll down to *Expenses,* and in the *Indirect* column, enter the expense amounts. The *Indirect* column is used when an allocation of expenses to personal use is required (e.g., less than 365 rental days). Click on the *Personal Use of Property* tab at the top and enter the *Number of days personal* *use* as *15*.

Under the *Credits* menu at the left, scroll down to *Recovery Rebate, EIC, Residential Energy, Oth Credits*. The tabs across the top are used to input the different types of credits. Select the *Recovery Rebate Credit* tab (the first tab and the default) and enter the appropriate amount of the EIP received by the taxpayer in the *Economic impact payment 1* box under the *Taxpayer* column and the appropriate amount of the EIP received by the spouse under the *Spouse* column. Because an additional EIP was authorized in late 2020, you should ask your instructor whether to enter the additional EIPs of $600 or to enter -1 in the *Economic Impact 2* box. The solutions provided reflect the additional $600 EIPs authorized in late 2020.

From the menu at the top, select *File Return*. From the menu at the left, under *Print*, select *View/Print Return PDF.* Click the blue *Create PDF* button which will result in a *Download Return PDF* blue button that you should click on. The return should open in a new tab. Review the return and if corrections are needed, close out of the tab and you can go back into the return and make the necessary corrections. Once complete, follow the *File Return* instructions again and then download the return by clicking on the *download icon* in the upper right corner, to the left of the *print icon*. Remember where you save the tax return. Close the PDF.

## Group 4, Problem 2A: Beeper, George

Sign into your ProConnect Tax account and from the *Welcome* screen, select *Tax Returns* in the left margin. You will land on the *Tax Returns 2020* page. Select *Create tax return* in the upper right corner.

From the Create tax return screen, click the [+] for *Add new* and select the *Individual (1040, 709)* button (it is selected as the default). Fill out the information for George. Email and phone numbers are not required but you may enter assumed data if you wish. Click on *Save* at the lower right. On the next screen *Client*, you may review the information you input, make any corrections necessary through the *Edit* button on the upper right, and once satisfied, click on *Save* at the lower right.

You have now landed on George’s 1040 *Profile* page. You may unselect the *Select for E-file* for the *Federal* line under *General* since you will not actually be filing the tax return, but it is not required to do so. From the tabs near the top, select *Input Return*. You will now see *Details: Client Information.* Scroll down this page and enter the *Occupation* for George. Continue to scroll down through this page and toward the bottom, under *Miscellaneous Info,* find *Prepared by* andselect *3 =* *Self-Prepared*.

From the menu at the left, select *Income; Wages, Salaries, Tips (W-2).* See the *New Tab* to the right and click on the icon that looks like a sheet of paper, to the left of *New Tab*. This action takes you to the *Quick Entry: Wages, Salaries, Tips* screen. Enter the amounts for George’s *wages* and *federal income tax withheld*. To enter the detail from Boxes 12a and 13 of the Form W-2, click the blue *Details* button on the right-hand side and scroll down the page to enter the *amount* in *Box 12a* by using the dropdown box to select *Code D=D-Elective deferrals to 401(k) plan.*  Check the *Retirement plan* box in the *Box 13* section.

For the rental house, from the menu at the left, select *Income; Rental and Royalty Income (Sch E); Rental and Royalty Income (Schedule E).* Enter the *Description of property* and address,and for *Type of property,* select *1 = Single Family Residence.* Enter *365* for the *Number of days rented.* From the tabs at the top, select *Income Statement.* Enter the amount for *Rents or royalties received.* Scroll down to *Expenses,* and in the *Direct* column, enter the expense amounts. The *Direct* column is used when no allocation of expenses to personal use is required (e.g., 365 rental days)

To enter the sale of the personal residence, from the menu at the left, select *Income; Dispositions (Sch D, etc.); Schedule D/ 4797/ etc.* Enter the *Description of Property,* the *Date Acquired*, the *Date Sold,* and the *Sales Price*. For the *Cost or Basis,* enter the original cost plus any improvements. If you are in *Quick Entry* mode, select the blue *Details* box on the right. If you are already on the *Details* page, use the *Schedule D* tab at the top and enter *2=form other than Form 1099-B (Form 8949)*. Depending on the width of the screen, select either *Sale of Home* tab at the top or click on the *3 vertical dots* on the right of the *Schedule D* tab or # *more* on the right of the tabs to find and select *Sale of Home*. Check the boxes for *Sale of home* and *2 year use test met (full exclusion).*

To enter the alimony paid, from the menu at the left, select *Deductions; Adjustments to Income*. Then select the *Less Common Scena*…tab near the top center of the screen. Click on the *Alimony Paid* box under Taxpayer which will expand and enter the ex-spouse’s information and amount paid for the year.

From the menu at the top, select *File Return*. From the menu at the left, under *Print*, select *View/Print Return PDF.* Click the blue *Create PDF* button which will result in a *Download Return PDF* blue button that you should click on. The return should open in a new tab. Review the return and if corrections are needed, close out of the tab and you can go back into the return and make the necessary corrections. Once complete, follow the *File Return* instructions again and then download the return by clicking on the *download icon* in the upper right corner, to the left of the *print icon*. Remember where you save the tax return. Close the PDF.

## Group 4, Problem 2B: Pate, Patricia

Sign into your ProConnect Tax account and from the *Welcome* screen, select *Tax Returns* in the left margin. You will land on the *Tax Returns 2020* page. Select *Create tax return* in the upper right corner.

From the Create tax return screen, click the [+] for *Add new* and select the *Individual (1040, 709)* button (it is selected as the default). Fill out the information for Patricia. You will need to create a birthdate that makes Patty 62 years old. Email and phone numbers are not required but you may enter assumed data if you wish. Click on *Save* at the lower right. On the next screen *Client*, you may review the information you input, make any corrections necessary through the *Edit* button on the upper right, and once satisfied, click on *Save* at the lower right.

You have now landed on Patty’s 1040 *Profile* page. You may unselect the *Select for E-file* for the *Federal* line under *General* since you will not actually be filing the tax return, but it is not required to do so. From the tabs near the top, select *Input Return*. From the menu at the left, select *General; Client Information.* Scroll down this page and enter the *Occupation* for Patty. Continue to scroll down through this page and toward the bottom, under *Miscellaneous Info,* find *Prepared by* andselect *3 =* *Self-Prepared*.

From the menu at the left, select *Income; Wages, Salaries, Tips (W-2).* See the *New Tab* to the right and click on the icon that looks like a sheet of paper, to the left of *New Tab*. This action takes you to the *Quick Entry: Wages, Salaries, Tips* screen. Enter the amounts for Patty’s *wages* and *federal income tax withheld*. You will need to create employer information.

For the rental condo, from the menu at the left, select *Income; Rental and Royalty Income (Sch E),* landing you on the *Details: Rental and Royalty Income (Sch E)* screen*.* Enter the *Description of property* and *address*,and for *Type of property,* use the dropdown arrow to select *1* for *Single Family Residence.* Enter *365* for the *Number of days rented.* Although Patty was only able to rent the condo for two months due to the mold issues, she attempted to rent the property for the remainder of the year but was unable to. These days do not count as rental days or personal days. From the tabs at the top, select *Income Statement.* Enter the amount for *Rents or royalties received.* Scroll down to *Expenses,* and in the *Direct* column, enter the expense amounts. The *Direct* column is used when no allocation of expenses to personal use is required.

To enter the sale of the personal residence, from the menu at the left, select *Income; Dispositions (Sch D, etc.); Schedule D/ 4797/ etc.* Enter the *Description of Property,* the *Date Acquired*, the *Date Sold,* and the *Sales Price*. For the *Cost or Basis,* enter the original cost plus any improvements. If you are in *Quick Entry* mode, select the blue *Details* box on the right. If you are already on the *Details* page, use the *Schedule D* tab at the top and enter *2=form other than Form 1099-B (Form 8949)*. Depending on the width of the screen, select either *Sale of Home* tab at the top or click on the *3 vertical dots* on the right of the *Schedule D* tab or # *more* on the right of the tabs to find and select *Sale of Home*. Check the boxes for *Sale of home* and *2 year use test met (full exclusion).*

Under the *Credits* menu at the left, scroll down to *Recovery Rebate, EIC, Residential Energy, Oth Credits*. The tabs across the top are used to input the different types of credits. Select the *Recovery Rebate Credit* tab (the first tab and the default) and enter the appropriate amount of the EIP received by the taxpayer in the *Economic impact payment 1* box under the *Taxpayer* column. Because an additional EIP was authorized in late 2020, you should ask your instructor whether to enter the additional EIPs of $600 or to enter -1 in the *Economic Impact 2* box. The solutions provided reflect the additional $600 EIPs authorized in late 2020.

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