A guide to your Merrill Lynch tax reporting statement
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General information

The annual tax reporting statement you receive from Merrill Lynch contains tax information that is required to be reported to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). It also provides nonreportable information related to the activities in your Merrill Lynch account. The statement is designed to make it easy for you or your tax advisor to prepare your tax return. We’ve prepared this guide to help explain the information you will find in your tax reporting statement.

Industry recognition

Merrill Lynch’s tax reporting statement was ranked No. 1 overall in Corporate Insight’s Broker Monitor – Tax Statement Analysis report (July 2013). The report reviews annual year-end tax statements that include the official Form 1099 as well as supplemental reports. The Merrill Lynch statement was praised for offering “one of the strongest tax reporting statements among all competitor firms reviewed.”

Statement overview

If you are a Merrill Lynch client who is an individual, a partnership, a sole proprietor, a taxable trust, an estate or any other entity for whom we are required to provide tax information or a Form 1099, you will receive a tax reporting statement.

The statement is designed in an easy-to-read format and is printed on both sides for compact storage in a three-ring binder. It incorporates all the latest legislative changes, details on information we are required to report to the IRS, and instructions for reportable items that you need to include when filing your tax return.

Your tax reporting statement includes the following sections:

• A summary of your account income for the prior year
  – Form 1099-DIV: Dividends and Distributions
  – Form 1099-INT: Interest Income
  – Summary of Original Issue Discount (OID) Items
  – Summary of Sales Proceeds
  – Form 1099-MISC: Miscellaneous Income
  – Distributions and Charges

• OID and gross proceeds and gain/loss details that may be IRS reportable at the transaction level

The following summary statements are available online and are provided if you have the appropriate account activity. The information is not reported to the IRS.

• The “Annual Summary” statement is designed to provide account activity information that is not reported to the IRS but is helpful in preparing an income tax return.
• A Visa® Access summary statement (if you are part of the Visa program), which provides details of your Visa card and checking transactions, will be produced and made available online only beginning with tax year 2014. In previous years, it was printed and included with the annual tax reporting statement.
Household link status summary

If your monthly account statements are linked and you are eligible to receive multiple tax statements, your statement package will include the household link status summary page. The household link status summary includes a list of all the accounts within a statement link that have your household address and for which Merrill Lynch is required to provide annual tax reporting (Forms 1099). Statements will be packaged in the same envelope, when possible, and mailed to the primary account holder. The mailing status of the applicable tax statements and the page number(s) of the statement included within the package are also provided. The page numbers of each tax statement will be consecutive. For example, if the first tax statement is pages 1 through 10, the second statement will begin on page 11.

The eligible statement and form types that may be included in the account status display are Consolidated, Supplemental, Annual Visa/Checking Statement, Form 1099-R, Form 1099-SA and Form 1099-Q.

One link status page is produced per statement mailing (mailings may include more than one account per package).

Cover page

Your tax reporting statement’s cover page includes a Table of Contents that directs you to the start of each major section. A stop sign is displayed on the page if there are important items included in the statement that may affect your tax return.
**Important items for your attention**

Occasionally, we may highlight information that could impact your tax return. In that case, we would provide details in the “Important Items for Your Attention” section of the statement. For example, if you are scheduled to receive a supplemental tax information statement because you hold a Widely Held Fixed Investment Trust (WHFIT), Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduit and/or certain collateralized debt obligations, you would be notified in this section.

**Note:** This section will not appear if there are no messages for you.

**Corrections**

A corrected tax reporting statement replaces any previous tax reporting statement you may have received from Merrill Lynch. When we notify you of changes, an “Adjustments Applied to This Statement” section appears within the “Important Items for Your Attention” section on the cover page. This section highlights every security that was adjusted and includes an accompanying explanation for the correction made.

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**Reportable vs. nonreportable income**

Merrill Lynch is required to report your taxable information on Forms 1099 to the IRS.

Starting two years ago, the cost basis reporting regulations issued by the IRS required all brokers to report to clients and to the IRS the adjusted cost basis and the date acquired for covered transactions. The regulations specified a multi-year phase-in period during which different security classes would become subject to basis reporting. In 2011, we began basis reporting for covered equity sales, and in 2012 we reported basis on covered mutual fund sales. Beginning with tax year 2014, we will initiate basis reporting on sales of covered bonds and options.

The reportable section of your statement includes a summary of the 1099 taxable transactions in your account for the following categories:

- Dividends and Distributions
- Interest Income
- Original Issue Discount (OID)
- Sales Proceeds
- Miscellaneous Income

In addition, a detailed, chronological breakdown, by security, of reportable transactions is grouped under the following categories:

- Original Issue Discount (OID)
- Proceeds From Broker and Barter Exchange Transactions

Your statement will also include some nonreportable information. The nonreportable sections of your statement are provided to assist you in reviewing the details behind the summary of your investments and may be useful in preparing your tax return. These sections include details of your transactions as well as totals for each of the individual sections. We do not report the details provided in the following sections of your statement to the IRS:

- Dividends and Distributions
- Miscellaneous Income
- Other Distributions and Charges
- Interest Income

You may, however, see data from various 1099 forms repeated in this section for your convenience, the totals of which are reportable to the IRS.
Summary pages

The summary pages of your statement include the activity that we are required to report to you and, in most cases, to the IRS. In addition, summary pages include IRS form and line items associated with the income reflected in the summary boxes. This gives you an easy reference for where the information should be included on your tax return.

Summary page sections

1. Dividends and Distributions
   (Summary totals are reported to the IRS.)

2. Interest Income
   (Summary totals are reported to the IRS.)

3. Summary of Original Issue Discount Items
   (Individual details are reported to the IRS.)

4. Summary of Sales Proceeds
   (Individual details are reported to the IRS.)

5. Miscellaneous Income
   (Summary totals are reported to the IRS.)

6. Distributions and Charges
   (These items are not reported to the IRS.)

7. Instructions
   (Instructions on pages 4 and 5 of your statement explain the information included as well as how the information may be reported on your tax return.)
1. Dividends and Distributions

This section reports various dividend income amounts, including ordinary dividends, qualified dividends, exempt-interest dividends, income tax withheld from dividends, foreign taxes you have paid on dividends, and income received from foreign sources for your account.

2. Interest Income

This section lists interest income received during the year; for example, interest on corporate bonds, commercial paper, debentures and notes, CDs, municipal securities, and investment expenses. Included in these amounts is any accrued interest earned. (Accrued interest paid is not included. See “Other Distributions and Charges” for this information.)

3. Summary of Original Issue Discount Items

This section summarizes original issue discount (OID) items accrued on your holdings of certain taxable debt instruments during the year. OID is generally the difference between a bond's original issue price and its stated redemption price at maturity.
4. Summary of Sales Proceeds
This section totals the gross proceeds received from dispositions of securities, including sales, redemptions, called bonds, tender offers and other dispositions for cash. Gross proceeds from short sales are also reported in this section in the year the position was closed.

5. Miscellaneous Income
This section lists miscellaneous income, which can be royalties, substitute payments in lieu of dividends or interest, or other income you may have received, as well as the amount of federal income tax that Merrill Lynch has withheld and reported on that income for a particular tax year.

6. Distributions and Charges
This section summarizes nonreportable distributions, interest earned and paid, and charges that are detailed in the "Other Distributions and Charges" section of the statement.
This section itemizes the information included on pages 3 and 4 of your statement. It also includes nonreportable information that you may find useful for completing your tax return.

1. **Original Issue Discount (OID)**
   This is the amount of OID income accrued during the year on taxable OID obligations that you held during 2013 in your Merrill Lynch account. Merrill Lynch reports the OID to the IRS separately for each instrument.

**Proceeds From Broker and Barter Exchange Transactions**
This section provides all gross cash proceeds credited to your account by Merrill Lynch from dispositions of securities for cash. Merrill Lynch reports the gross proceeds from each of these dispositions of securities separately.

The detailed gross proceeds section is organized into the four categories below, as well as Broad-Based Index Options and Other Transactions (where applicable). Details for the associated income will display in chronological order by security and trade date.

2. **Short-Term Capital Gains and Losses for Covered Transactions**
   We will report the cost basis and the sales proceeds for these transactions as required by the cost basis reporting regulations.

3. **Short-Term Capital Gains and Losses for Noncovered Transactions**
   We will only report the sales proceeds for these transactions.

4. **Long-Term Capital Gains and Losses for Covered Transactions**
   We will report the cost basis and the sales proceeds for these transactions as required by the cost basis reporting regulations.

5. **Long-Term Capital Gains and Losses for Noncovered Transactions**
   We will only report the sales proceeds for these transactions.

Finally, the section provides details of all sales and other closing transactions that occurred for which Merrill Lynch has insufficient data for the calculation of gain or loss. The sales proceeds will be reported to the IRS.
6. Federal Tax Withholding
Here are all gross proceeds withholding transactions in your account, if applicable.

7. Dividends and Qualified Distributions
Dividend activity is itemized, but only the totals shown on the summary page are sent to the IRS.

8. Miscellaneous Income
Here is an itemization of substitute payments in lieu of dividends or interest, royalties and other income. However, only the totals on the summary page are sent to the IRS.

9. Interest Income
This is an itemization of reportable interest credited to your account by Merrill Lynch. Only the totals on the summary page are sent to the IRS.

10. Other Distributions and Charges
This may include the following categories, if applicable. Totals and details are not sent to the IRS:

- Limited Partnership Dividends
- Nonreportable Dividends and Interest
- Taxable Municipal Accrued Interest Paid
- Nontaxable Municipal Accrued Interest Paid
- Other Accrued Interest Paid
- Margin Interest
- Investment Fee Information
- Nonreportable Distribution Expenses
Visa® Access summary statement

If you are part of the CMA Visa program, you are likely to receive a “Visa Access Transaction Summary” statement.

Note: This statement will be provided if there has been any CMA Visa card or checking activity during the reporting year and will only be available online. You must be enrolled in the free MyMerrill.com® or Merrill Edge® service in order to be able to view, print or download this statement.

1. Checks Written/Bill Payments
Here you’ll see details, in check number order, of checking and bill payment activity for the year, listing the date the check was written, the date it cleared, the payee and the amount paid.

2. Visa Access Transaction Summary
This section lists CMA Visa transactions for the year in chronological order. The transaction date, date cleared, transaction description, location, amount and merchant category (for example, lodging, merchandise) appear for each transaction.

3. Expenses by Month
Here is a month-by-month analysis of all CMA Visa and checking expenses for the year according to merchant category.
Online services and support

Tax download capabilities
If you have IRS reportable accounts and retirement accounts, you can download the following tax information directly from Merrill Lynch into TurboTax®, TurboTax® Online or other TurboTax desktop software products, or H&R Block® tax software, beginning Feb. 1, 2014:

- Form 1099-DIV: Dividends and Distributions
- Form 1099-INT: Interest Income
- Form 1099-OID: Original Issue Discount
- Form 1099-B: Proceeds From Broker and Barter Exchange Transactions
- Form 1099-MISC: Miscellaneous Income (TurboTax accepts download; H&R Block tax software requires manual entry)
- Form 1099-R: Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc.

Using any of the above-referenced online capabilities eliminates the need for you to manually enter most data from your statement.

TurboTax products and H&R Block tax software will prompt you to enter your MyMerrill.com or Merrill Edge Login ID and password before downloading your information. The download service is available to MyMerrill.com or Merrill Edge clients at no additional cost. If you are not currently enrolled in MyMerrill.com or Merrill Edge, you have the opportunity to register when you navigate through the TurboTax or H&R Block tax software interview process. Enrollment in MyMerrill.com or Merrill Edge is free and can be completed in just a few minutes.

For more information on these services, and for a TurboTax software discount to Merrill Lynch clients for TurboTax Online, please visit the Tax Education and Planning Center on MyMerrill.com or merrilledge.com.

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Online capability
To reduce the paper in your mailbox, you can opt to receive your tax reporting statement online. Online delivery of your statement is a new step in environmentally responsible financial reporting.

When you receive your statement online, you can print, save to your computer or archive to a disk. Statements are archived on www.mymerrill.com or www.merrilledge.com for four years.

To view your tax reporting statement online through MyMerrill.com (www.mymerrill.com) or Merrill Edge (www.merrilledge.com), click the Statements and Documents tab after logging into the appropriate site. From there you will be able to click the new Tax Statements tab to access and view all your tax statements.

You can also view your tax reporting statement by hovering over the Portfolio and Accounts tab and selecting Tax Statements from the drop-down menu or through the site search using any of the following keywords: taxes, tax statement, tax documents, year-end tax statement, tax preparation, tax forms, income tax, tax reporting, 1099.

For a direct link to Tax Statements, visit the Tax Education and Planning Center on MyMerrill.com or merrilledge.com.
Important reminders

We may potentially receive amended information from mutual funds, real estate investment trusts (REITs) and unit investment trusts (UITs) after the Feb. 18 tax statement mailing deadline. As a result, we strongly discourage clients holding mutual funds, REITs and/or UITs from filing their tax returns early. Below we have outlined how we address this situation in order to provide you with an accurate tax statement.

Delayed statement mailings

Merrill Lynch frequently has to delay the delivery of your tax reporting statement(s) when we do not receive year-end income classification data for certain mutual funds, REITs and UITs. In preparing tax reporting statements, we rely upon the issuers of these investments to provide information regarding classification of their annual distributions. Some of these institutions may be delayed in providing Merrill Lynch with the required information in time to accurately produce all tax reporting statements by Feb. 18.

Merrill Lynch continues to be in the forefront of working with industry associations and the IRS to address the timeliness of income classification. In addition, we have been communicating our concerns and expectations directly to those issuers whose products are available to our clients. Although the issue continues to show steady improvement, providing accurate information in a timely manner remains an issue for a significant number of mutual funds, REITs and UITs.

Amended returns due to reclassification

Merrill Lynch typically begins printing tax reporting statements in late January. Some of the information in the statement is provided to Merrill Lynch from outside sources and may occasionally be subject to change. Often, distributions made by mutual funds, REITs and UITs structured as regulated investment companies (RICs) need to be reclassified as a different type of distribution — for example, nondividend distributions, qualified dividends, long-term capital gain distributions or tax-exempt dividends subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT) — after year-end financial information becomes available to the funds. Since Merrill Lynch may not receive this amended information until after the Feb. 18 mailing deadline, we will notify you of the amended information by providing you with a corrected tax reporting statement.

Please discuss your specific situation with your tax advisor.
### Important reminders (continued)

#### Dates for statement mailings

Below is a schedule of the various tax information forms that will be mailed to you by Merrill Lynch or others in the first few months of the year. Most amended forms are mailed between the end of February and April 1. You will only receive those forms that are appropriate for the activity in your accounts.

For more exact mailing dates, please contact your Merrill Lynch Financial Advisor or Merrill Edge Financial Solutions Advisor™.

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<td>Form 1099-DIV</td>
<td>Reportable dividends and other distributions</td>
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<td>Form 1099-INT</td>
<td>Reportable interest income</td>
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<td>Original issue discount interest accretion (not paid) other than CMO/REMIC instruments</td>
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<td>Proceeds from broker and barter exchange transactions</td>
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<td>Reportable miscellaneous income</td>
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<td>Form 1099-C</td>
<td>Reportable debt income</td>
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<td>Shows the fair market value of the account as of the last business day of the year</td>
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<td>Forms 1099-R and 1099-Q</td>
<td>Distributions from IRA, retirement account or Education Savings Account</td>
<td>January 31</td>
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<td>Supplemental Tax Information Statement</td>
<td>Widely Held Fixed Investment Trusts (WHFITs) and Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits (REMICs)</td>
<td>March 17</td>
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<td>Schedule K-1</td>
<td>Master Limited Partnership (MLP) income, which will be mailed directly from the General Partner</td>
<td>Mid-March</td>
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<td>Form 5498-ESA</td>
<td>Reports contributions to your Education Savings Account</td>
<td>April 30</td>
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<td>Form 5498</td>
<td>Reports contributions, rollovers and fair market value as of 12/31 of your IRA (other than Education Savings Plan)</td>
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*Merrill Lynch requests an IRS extension every year to account for publication of income reclassification.
Additional resources

Questions about your statement
Call toll-free 1.800.637.6326, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, if you have any tax reporting questions.
You have access to specially trained client service representatives who are available nationwide to answer your questions about the information on your tax reporting statement.

Investment questions (non-tax related)
Contact your Merrill Lynch Financial Advisor or Merrill Edge Financial Solutions Advisor.

Tax planning website
Visit the online tax planning center through MyMerrill.com or merrilledge.com for tips and articles on making tax preparation easier.

Preparing your tax return
Contact your tax professional or the IRS.

Contacting the IRS
You can contact the IRS in one of the following ways:
• Call 1.800.829.1040 with tax questions for individuals, or 1.800.829.4933 with tax questions for businesses.
• Call 1.888.272.9829 to pay your taxes by credit card. Your Merrill Lynch Visa card is accepted as well as MasterCard®, American Express® and Discover® cards. There is a convenience fee for this service.
• Visit www.irs.gov to obtain information and print forms and publications.
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