

ERO Business Foundations

Homework Worksheet - Multiple Choice

Choose the best answer for each question.

1. What does ERO stand for?

- A. Electronic Return Originator
- B. Electronic Refund Operator
- C. Enrolled Return Officer
- D. Electronic Revenue Organizer

2. Which statement best describes an ERO?

- A. An IRS-authorized e-file provider that begins electronic submission of tax returns
- B. Any person with a PTIN
- C. A bank that issues refund advances
- D. A state licensing agency

3. What does a PTIN primarily identify?

- A. The tax software company
- B. The individual paid preparer
- C. The authorized e-file firm
- D. The taxpayer's bank

4. What does an EFIN primarily identify?

- A. The individual taxpayer
- B. The preparer's continuing education
- C. An authorized e-file provider or firm
- D. A refund transfer account

5. Which statement correctly compares a PTIN and an EFIN?

- A. They are interchangeable
- B. A PTIN identifies the preparer, while an EFIN identifies the authorized e-file provider or firm
- C. Every PTIN holder automatically owns an EFIN
- D. An EFIN identifies only the individual preparer

6. Which is one of the three main steps listed for becoming an authorized IRS e-file provider?

- A. Open a storefront
- B. Pass a suitability check
- C. Purchase bank products
- D. Hire two preparers

7. Which provider option is usually selected when a firm wants to electronically file client returns?

- A. Software Developer
- B. Electronic Return Originator
- C. Reporting Agent
- D. Transmitter only

8. How long does the lesson say approval of an e-file application can take from submission?

- A. Up to 7 days
- B. Up to 14 days
- C. Up to 30 days
- D. Up to 45 days

9. What is a compromised EFIN?

- A. An expired PTIN
- B. An EFIN used by an unauthorized user
- C. A rejected return
- D. A missing signature

10. Which practice best protects an EFIN?

- A. Share one login with the team
- B. Allow transmission without review
- C. Use individual accounts and monitor filing activity
- D. Post credentials for staff access

11. According to the lesson, when should e-file application information be updated after certain changes?

- A. Within 24 hours
- B. Within 7 days
- C. Within 30 days
- D. Only at renewal

12. Which action best supports professional business finances?

- A. Mix business and personal funds
- B. Use a business bank account to track business activity
- C. Use only cash with no records
- D. Run payroll through a personal account

13. What does E&O; stand for?

- A. Electronic Operations
- B. Errors and Omissions
- C. E-file Oversight
- D. Employment and Organization

14. Which office model combines in-person and online service?

- A. Virtual
- B. Physical
- C. Hybrid
- D. Seasonal

15. What does WISP stand for?

- A. Written Information Security Plan
- B. Web Information Storage Program
- C. Workplace Identity Safety Policy
- D. Written IRS Software Procedure

16. Which is a recommended security practice?

- A. Share passwords
- B. Disable MFA
- C. Limit access by role
- D. Use unsecured channels for sensitive documents

17. When should a return be transmitted in the lesson's workflow?

- A. As soon as documents arrive
- B. Before client review
- C. Only after proper review and authorization
- D. Before signatures are collected

18. What follows transmission in the basic workflow?

- A. Acknowledgment tracking
- B. Client inquiry
- C. Business formation
- D. Pricing review

19. Which group contains valid pricing factors from the lesson?

- A. Complexity, time, software costs, support, and compliance review
- B. Only refund amount
- C. Only competitor pricing
- D. Only bank product revenue

20. At an average preparation fee of \$500, what revenue does the lesson associate with 500 clients?

- A. \$50,000
- B. \$125,000
- C. \$250,000
- D. \$500,000

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Homework Answer Key

1. **A** - Electronic Return Originator
2. **A** - An IRS-authorized e-file provider that begins electronic submission of tax returns
3. **B** - The individual paid preparer
4. **C** - An authorized e-file provider or firm
5. **B** - A PTIN identifies the preparer, while an EFIN identifies the authorized e-file provider or firm
6. **B** - Pass a suitability check
7. **B** - Electronic Return Originator
8. **D** - Up to 45 days
9. **B** - An EFIN used by an unauthorized user
10. **C** - Use individual accounts and monitor filing activity
11. **C** - Within 30 days
12. **B** - Use a business bank account to track business activity
13. **B** - Errors and Omissions
14. **C** - Hybrid
15. **A** - Written Information Security Plan
16. **C** - Limit access by role
17. **C** - Only after proper review and authorization
18. **A** - Acknowledgment tracking
19. **A** - Complexity, time, software costs, support, and compliance review
20. **C** - \$250,000