

# ATTENTION

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Attention: Electronic Filers Using Windows 95, 98 or ME

The IRS has finally made changes to allow transmission of returns using an Internet connection. This will replace dial-up and Taxware will use this method in the 2005 Wintax program. IRS will no longer allow connections from a dial-up modem.

This change has been possible with the use of security features found in current operating systems, Windows XP and 2000. Older operating systems may be able to make the secure connection required by the IRS after an upgrade.

Taxware recommends that you use a computer with a compatible operating system. We are aware and regret that this may require the purchase of a new computer. However the benefits of a new, current computer can out way the cost. An operating system upgrade is an option but can be problematic and may not be possible on older hardware. Because of long term benefits and known support by IRS we recommend a Windows XP or 2000 computer.

Another option is available. We have successfully used it to connect a Windows 98 SE computer to the IRS system. The steps involve downloading a file from Microsoft, installing the file, running the program once, and making a change to the Windows Registry. The steps were not extremely difficult but they are technical. This change allowed the computer to make the secure connection to the IRS. However because of the steps involved and the chance of unknown compatibility issues it is not the recommended option. We can not offer technical support for this option. Current information and details on this option will be posted on the Electronic Filing Message Board on our website. For additional information please refer to the post on the message board or email Support for help. MICROSOFT DOES NOT RECOMMEND THESE STEPS FOR WINDOWS ME.

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