



## IRS launches new online QI, WP, and WT Application and Account Management System

### Closing the distance

On January 17, 2017, the IRS announced its new Qualified Intermediary (“QI”), Withholding Foreign Partnership (“WP”), and Withholding Foreign Trust (“WT”) [Application and Account Management System](#). This web-based system facilitates secure QI, WP, and WT applications, renewal, and account management. It is intended to be a user-friendly portal, and, to the extent needed, there are instructions on the system navigation available in the QI, WP, and WT Application & Account Management [User Guide](#) and [FAQs](#).

The system launch comes on the heels of the new [QI Agreement](#) publication (Rev. Proc. 2017-15). With these changes, the IRS is requiring all existing QIs, WPs, and WTs to renew their agreements by **March 31, 2017**. The IRS recommends use of the new system for these agreement renewals and notes that the system-generated notifications, renewal reminders, and other features should reduce the need for future follow-up directly with the IRS.

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