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Q1. What is S45 ODE application?

A1. The S45 ODE application is a JAVA application allowing users to prepare single or multiple S45 submissions offline.

It is embedded with validation features to ensure submissions are in order.

The output from the application is then submitted electronically to IRAS via [myTax Portal](#).

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Q2. Are there any charges on downloading and using the S45 ODE application?

A2. S45 ODE application (including any future updates) is a freeware for download and usage.

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Q3. Who can download the S45 ODE application and S45 ODE Import template?

A3. Any person can download the S45 ODE application and S45 ODE Import template from IRAS website.

Please read the terms and conditions stated in the S45 ODE application welcome page before using the application.

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Q4. Who is required to download the S45 ODE application and S45 ODE Import template?

A4. Both preparer and approver are required to download the S45 ODE application and ODE Import template.

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Q5. What is the S45 ODE Import template for?

A5. The template is an additional tool complimenting the S45 ODE application. It provides convenience for users to import multiple withholding tax records using an Excel template.

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Q6. Besides the Import template provided by IRAS, can I modify/ use/ create/ another template for importing payee records into the S45 ODE application?

A6. No, only the latest excel file template provided by IRAS can be used to import records into the S45 ODE application.

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Q7. What are the things to take note when using the S45 ODE Import template?

A7. Things to take note:

- a. Only the latest import template can be used.
- b. Please ensure that there are not more than 500 records per form type, or 2,000 records in total.
- c. Do not leave any blank row(s) between each record. Any record(s) after the 1st blank row will not be imported.

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Q8. Why is a password required every time I create a new S45 ODE file?

A8. Due to security and confidentiality reasons, password is required every time a new S45 ODE file is created to ensure only authorised personnel can open the ODE file.

However, the password may be repeated and used for subsequent new ODE file creation.

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Q9. I have forgotten my password for the S45 ODE file. Can IRAS help to recover the file/ password?

A9. Password protection function is to prevent unauthorized users to access or change your file. IRAS would not be able to recover your password if it is misplaced / forgotten.

You will have to create a new file.

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Q10. I have forgotten my password for the S45 ODE file. Can I do a password reset via the ODE application?

A10. You are required to use the existing password to open the S45 ODE file before you can reset the password.

If you have forgotten the existing password, you will not be able to reset password. You are then required to create a new S45 ODE file.

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Q11. I have forgotten my password for S45 ODE file. What should I do?

A11. For S45 ODE file that was successfully submitted to IRAS, you may log in to myTax portal to view the details of your submission under 'View S45 Form Status'.

If you have not submit to IRAS, you are required to re-create a new ODE file and import the records into the ODE file before sending to approver for approval/ submission to IRAS.

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Q12. What are the various form types available in the S45 ODE application/ Import Template?

A12. There are 4 form types in the S45 ODE application.

- a. IR37 – For payments to non-resident relating to Interest, Royalties, rental of movable properties, charter fees, management fees, technical fees, Director's fees and remuneration, distribution of income by Unit Trust and Real Estate Investment Trust.
- b. IR37A – For payments to non-resident property trader relating to gains from real property transaction.
- c. IR37C – For payments to non-resident Professionals
- d. IR37D – For payments to non-resident Public Entertainers.

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Q13. I only have Withholding Tax submission under form IR37. Do I need to fill up the rows for the tab 'IR37A', 'IR37C' and 'IR37D'?

A13. You are only required to complete the form type applicable to your payment.

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Q14. What is the maximum number of payees records I can create in the S45 ODE Import Template?

A14. You may create up to 500 payee records per form type or a total of 2,000 payee records for all 4 form types in a S45 ODE Import Template.

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Q15. Can S45 ODE application check whether there are duplicate record(s) within the same file?

A15. Yes.

S45 ODE application will immediately prompt messages when the application detects duplicate record(s) during importing of records.

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Q16. I am trying to upload my file to IRAS, but I could not find my file when I browse for it in the path stated.

A16. The folder is hidden due to the current configuration of your PC. To unhide the folder, you can go to:

- a. 'Control Panel' or 'Tools' bar
- b. Select 'Folder Options'.
- c. Select 'View' tab.
- d. Click 'Show hidden files and folders' or 'Show hidden files, folders, or drives'
- e. Click 'Apply'
- f. Click 'Ok'

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Q17. I am trying to upload my file to IRAS, but the system prompts me 'Unable to upload file'. Why?

A17. The message is due to security settings of your internet browser.

To change the relevant settings, you can go to:

- a. Internet Options' from Internet Explorer
- b. Click on 'Security' tab
- c. Click on 'Custom level'
- d. Scroll down to 'Miscellaneous'
- e. Look for 'Include local directory path when uploading files to a server'
- f. Default IE8 value is 'Disable'
- g. Select 'Enable'
- h. Click 'Ok' to apply changes
- i. Click 'Apply' and 'OK'

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Q18. The path which I was prompt, during uploading of files to myTax Portal, differs from the path which I have saved the S45 ODE file, why?

A18. The S45 ODE file which you have saved at your desired location (i.e..S45 file) is for future reference/ for editing etc.

The path which was provided to you during the uploading of file to myTax Portal is an embedded file (.S45x file) to be submitted to IRAS.

Please follow the path to select the embedded file for submission to IRAS.

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Q19. After I have submitted the S45 ODE file to IRAS, how do I know whether any penalties have been imposed?

A19. The S45 ODE application will compute the estimated penalties payable. After the S45 ODE file has been submitted and processed successfully, you may view the penalties payable from 'View S45 Form Status' or 'View S45 GIRO Plan' if you are under GIRO.

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Q20. How do I know if my submission has been successful?

A20. An Acknowledgement Page with a Submission Reference No. will be generated if the submission is successful.

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Q21. Can I start working on another S45 ODE file while submitting/ uploading an S45 ODE file to IRAS via myTax Portal?

A21. No, you should only work on one file at a time. Any file submission should be completed first before you start working on another new file.

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Q22. Should I accept the latest S45 ODE application release/ updates when prompted?

A22. You are strongly encouraged to accept every new release/ updates, so that you will not encounter problems when using the S45 ODE application.

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Q23. Is there any auto update for the S45 ODE Import template?

A23. No, the S45 ODE Import template does not have an auto update feature.

You will have to check for new updates from www.iras.gov.sg > e-Services > Others > Withholding Tax.

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Q24. How do I print out the payee records in the S45 ODE file?

A24. In the ODE application, click on 'File Summary' > 'All forms' > Select the relevant payee record > 'View' > 'Print'.

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Q25. If I discover an error after submission of the S45 ODE file, can I make amendments and re-submit again?

A25. Online amendments are not allowed once the form has been submitted.

You will have to write in to inform of any changes/ errors with supporting documents to us.
(All amendments will only be done after the GIRO deduction, if you are on GIRO for payment of withholding tax.)

If the amendment results in additional tax, you may e-file the difference by the due date. Otherwise, penalties will be imposed for late payment.

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Q26. Why are there no records found in the exported excel file after I have done an export from the File Summary page?

A26. Only records that are shown in the Result List can be exported to the excel file.

After you have selected the form type that you want to export > Click on 'Export to Excel'.

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Q27. What should I do if I encounter the error message 'Please submit a ODE file that contains a maximum of 2 years of transactions. If you have more than 2 years of transaction to file, please submit in separate files.'

A27. You are required to separate the records into 2 or more ODE file.

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Q28. What should I do if I encounter problems while using the S45 ODE application?

A28. Please email us at enfs45@iras.gov.sg with the following details:

- a. Date and time when you encountered the problems
- b. The operating system you are using (e.g. Windows 7, etc. Please refer to [Q32](#))
- c. The browser type and version number (e.g. Internet Explorer 11, etc. Please refer to [Q33](#))
- d. The name of the Internet Service Provider (ISP) (e.g. Starhub, Singtel, etc)
- e. The error messages you encountered or the screenshot of the errors encountered (if available)

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Q29. What are the hardware requirements for S45 Offline Data Entry (ODE) Application?

A29. The minimum hardware requirements are:

- a. Pentium III PC and above with 256 RAM

- b. 56 kbps modem with connection to a local ISP (For submission to IRAS)

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Q30. What are the software requirements for S45 Offline Data Entry (ODE) Application?

A30. The minimum software requirements are:

- a. Operating System Windows 7, Windows 8.1 and Windows 10
- b. Browser Internet Explorer version 11 and above or Mozilla FireFox version 49 and above or Google Chrome version 54 and above or Microsoft Edge.
- c. Java Runtime (JRE) version 1.6, update 14 and above

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Q31. Do I need to check for the correct Java Runtime (JRE) version before I start to use the S45 ODE application?

A31. Yes.

You will need to check that your PC is installed with JRE version 1.6, update 14 and above. To install the latest Java Runtime Version, you may download it from <http://www.java.com/en/download/index.jsp>

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Q32. How do I check the version of my operating system?

A32. You may check the version of your operating system as per the steps below:

- a. Click "*Start*" on your taskbar
- b. Select "*Control Panel*"
- c. Go to "*System*"
- d. Go to "*General*" tab in the System Properties dialog box
- e. The operating system version is displayed under "*System:*"

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Q33. How do I check the version of my browser?

A33. You may check the version of your browser as per the steps below:

- a. Click "*Help*" on the menu bar
- b. For Internet Explorer, click "*About Internet Explorer*"
- c. For Mozilla FireFox, click "*About Mozilla FireFox*"

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Q34. How do I check the Java setting and JRE version installed?

A34. You may check the Java setting and JRE version as per the steps below:

Step 1:

- a. Open Windows "*Control Panel*".

- b. Double-click the “*Java icon*” to launch the Java Control Panel (if you are unable to find Java icon, please proceed to step 3).
- c. Under the “*General*” tab click on the “*About*” button, the next screen that appears will depend on the JRE version installed in the PC. Please check if your PCs are installed with JRE version 1.6, update 14 and above.

Step 2:

Please check if your browser setting is Java enabled. To do so, follow the steps below:

Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.xx, 6.xx, 7.xx or 8.xx for Windows

- a. Click the '*Tools*' menu on your browser.
- b. Select '*Internet Options*'.
- c. Click the '*Security*' tab.
 - i. For the Internet zone, be sure that the Security level is set to '*Medium*' or below.
 - ii. If you have chosen to customize your security settings for the Internet zone, be sure that the following is set:
 - iii. Under the '*Java VM*' heading' or '*Microsoft VM*', '*Java permissions*' is not set to '*Disable Java*'.
 - iv. Under the Scripting heading, '*Scripting of Java Applets*' is set to '*Enable*' or '*Prompt*'.
 - v. Click '*OK*' to close the '*Security Settings*' dialog.
 - vi. Next, click the '*Advanced*' tab.
 - a. Scroll down till you see the sub heading '*Java VM*' or '*Microsoft VM*'
 - b. Please ensure that the '*Java JIT compiler enabled*' checkbox is set
 - vii. Click '*OK*' to close the '*Internet Options*' dialog.

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Q35. What is the requirement for executing Java and JavaScript?

A35. For your browser to execute Java and JavaScript, you must use a JavaScript capable browser, such as Internet Explorer (version 5.0 and above) or Mozilla Firefox (version 1.0 and above). Please refer to [Q34](#) on how to check Java setting.

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