

Instructions for Donor

Caution: You must attach Copy B of Form 1098-C to your income tax return in order to take a deduction for the contribution of a qualified vehicle with a claimed value of more than \$500. (If you *e-file* your return, you must (a) attach Copy B of Form 1098-C to Form 8453 and mail the forms to the IRS, or (b) include Form 1098-C as a PDF attachment if your software program permits.) If you do not attach Copy B of Form 1098-C to your return (or to Form 8453) when required, the IRS will disallow your deduction. Generally, you also must attach Form 8283, Noncash Charitable Contributions, if the amount you deduct for all noncash gifts is more than \$500. See the Instructions for Form 8283 for exceptions.

You received Form 1098-C because you donated a motor vehicle, boat, or airplane (“donated vehicle”) to the charity shown on the front of this form. Generally, the charity must furnish this form to you no later than 30 days after the date it sold the donated vehicle (if box 4a is checked), or 30 days after the date of the contribution (if box 5a or 5b is checked). If none of these boxes is checked, you must obtain this form by the due date (including extensions) of your tax return for the year of the contribution (or, if earlier, the date you file that return).

Donor’s taxpayer identification number. For your protection, this form may show only the last four digits of your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN). However, the issuer has reported your complete identification number to the IRS.

Box 1. Shows the date the charity received the donated vehicle.

Boxes 2a–2d. Shows the vehicle odometer mileage reading (motor vehicles only), make, model, and year of the donated vehicle.

Box 3. Shows the vehicle identification number (VIN) for a motor vehicle, the hull identification number for a boat, or the aircraft identification number for an airplane.

Box 4a. This box is required to be checked by the charity to certify that the donated vehicle was sold for more than \$500 to an unrelated party in an arm’s length transaction.

Box 4c. Shows the gross proceeds the charity received from the sale of the donated vehicle. If box 4a is checked, you generally can take a deduction equal to the smaller of the amount in box 4c or the vehicle’s fair market value (FMV) on the date of the contribution. However, if that value was more than your cost or other basis, see Pub. 526, Charitable Contributions.

Box 5a. This box is required to be checked by the charity to certify that the donated vehicle will not be sold before completion of a significant intervening use or material improvement by the charity. If the box is checked, you generally can take a deduction equal to the vehicle’s FMV on the date of the contribution. However, if that value was more than your cost or other basis, see Pub. 526.

Box 5b. This box is required to be checked by the charity to certify that the donated vehicle is to be transferred to a needy individual in direct furtherance of the donee’s charitable purpose of relieving the poor and distressed or underprivileged who are in need of a means of transportation. If this box is checked, you generally can take a deduction equal to the vehicle’s FMV on the date of the contribution. However, if that value was more than your cost or other basis, see Pub. 526.

Box 6b. Shows a good faith estimate by the charity of the value of any goods and services provided to you for the donated vehicle. Generally, the amount of your charitable contribution is reduced by the value of the goods and services provided. However, see the instructions for box 6c below. Also, see *Contributions From Which You Benefit* in Pub. 526.

Box 6c. This box is required to be checked by the charity if the goods and services consisted solely of intangible religious benefits. If checked, you do not have to reduce the amount of your charitable contribution by the value of such benefits. An intangible religious benefit means a benefit that generally is not sold in a commercial transaction, such as admission to a religious ceremony.

Box 7. If this box is checked, your deduction in most cases equals the **smaller** of \$500 or the donated vehicle’s FMV on the date of the contribution. However, if that value was more than your cost or other basis, see Pub. 526.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form 1098-C and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/form1098c.

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To complete Form 1098-C, use:

- the 2017 General Instructions for Certain Information Returns, and
- the 2017 Instructions for Form 1098-C.

To order these instructions and additional forms, go to www.irs.gov/form1098c.

Caution: Because paper forms are scanned during processing, you cannot file Forms 1096, 1097, 1098, 1099, 3921, 3922, or 5498 that you print from the IRS website.

Due dates. Generally, you must furnish Copies B and C of this form to the donor no later than 30 days after the date of sale if box 4a is checked, or 30 days after the date of the contribution if box 5a or 5b is checked.

If box 7 is checked, **do not** file Copy A with the IRS and **do not** furnish Copy B to the donor. You may furnish

Copy C to the donor. The donor is required to obtain Copy C or a similar acknowledgment by the earlier of the due date (including extensions) of the donor's income tax return for the year of the contribution or the date that return is filed.

File Copy A of this form with the IRS by February 28, 2018. If you file electronically, the due date is April 2, 2018. To file electronically, you must have software that generates a file according to the specifications in Pub. 1220. The IRS does not provide a fill-in form option.

Need help? If you have questions about reporting on Form 1098-C, call the information reporting customer service site toll free at 1-866-455-7438 or 304-263-8700 (not toll free). Persons with a hearing or speech disability with access to TTY/TDD equipment can call 304-579-4827 (not toll free).