

2017 IRS Form 1099-B

Overview

Beginning in 2012, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) implemented new cost basis reporting rules that required mutual fund companies to calculate and report cost basis information to both the shareholder and the IRS on IRS Form 1099-B when certain shares are sold.

Whenever covered shares (generally, shares acquired in a non-retirement account, other than a money market or Education Savings Account, on or after January 1, 2012) are sold, mutual fund companies must report the cost basis of such shares to both the IRS and the shareholder on IRS Form 1099-B. When noncovered shares (generally, shares acquired prior to January 1, 2012 and any shares for which a mutual fund does not have accurate basis information) are sold, mutual fund companies are required to report the sale of such shares to both the IRS and the shareholder on IRS Form 1099-B but are not required to report the basis of such shares to either the IRS or to the shareholder. In addition, when covered shares are sold, mutual fund companies are also responsible to report the holding period - long-term (more than one year) or short-term (held one year or less) - on IRS Form 1099-B. Whenever possible, Foresters Financial has also provided the holding period to shareholders for noncovered shares.

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Recipient's Tax ID Number

2017 Form 1099-B
OMB No. 1545-0715
PROCEEDS FROM BROKER AND BARTER EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS

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For Recipient

Recipient's Name, Address, City, State, and Zip Code

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This is important tax information and is being furnished to the Internal Revenue Service (except as indicated). If you are required to file a return, a negligence penalty or other sanction may be imposed on you if this income is taxable and the IRS determines that it has not been reported.

You must report each Fund's name and transaction amount separately on your tax return. Do not report an aggregate total of all funds under the name of First Investors Funds.

CORRECTED (if checked)

Short-term transactions for which basis is reported to the IRS; Report on Form 8949, Part I with Box A checked

Applicable check box on Form 8949: (A) 5) If checked, noncovered security 6) Reported to IRS; Gross proceeds

1a) Description of property (shares sold)	1b) Date acquired	1c) Date sold or disposed	1d) Proceeds	1e) Cost or other basis	1g) Wash Sale disallowed loss	4) Federal income tax withheld	Gain / (Loss) (Not Reported to The IRS)

Short-term transactions for which basis is not reported to the IRS; Report on Form 8949, Part I with Box B checked

Applicable check box on Form 8949: (B) 5) If checked, noncovered security 6) Reported to IRS; Gross proceeds

1a) Description of property (shares sold)	1b) Date acquired	1c) Date sold or disposed	1d) Proceeds	1e) Cost or other basis (not reported to the IRS)	1g) Wash Sale disallowed loss	4) Federal income tax withheld	Gain / (Loss) (Not Reported to The IRS)

Long-term transactions for which basis is reported to the IRS; Report on Form 8949, Part II with Box D checked

Applicable check box on Form 8949: (D) 5) If checked, noncovered security 6) Reported to IRS; Gross proceeds

1a) Description of property (shares sold)	1b) Date acquired	1c) Date sold or disposed	1d) Proceeds	1e) Cost or other basis	1g) Wash Sale disallowed loss	4) Federal income tax withheld	Gain / (Loss) (Not Reported to The IRS)

Long-term transactions for which basis is not reported to the IRS; Report on Form 8949, Part II with Box E checked

Applicable check box on Form 8949: (E) 5) If checked, noncovered security 6) Reported to IRS; Gross proceeds

1a) Description of property (shares sold)	1b) Date acquired	1c) Date sold or disposed	1d) Proceeds	1e) Cost or other basis (not reported to the IRS)	1g) Wash Sale disallowed loss	4) Federal income tax withheld	Gain / (Loss) (Not Reported to The IRS)

Transactions for which basis is not reported to the IRS and for which short- or long-term determination is unknown (to Broker); You must determine short- or long-term based on your records and report on Form 8949, Part I, with Box B checked, or on Form 8949, Part II, with Box E checked as appropriate.

Applicable check box on Form 8949: (X) 5) If checked, noncovered security 6) Reported to IRS; Gross proceeds

1a) Description of property (shares sold)	1b) Date acquired	1c) Date sold or disposed	1d) Proceeds	1e) Cost or other basis (not reported to the IRS)	1g) Wash Sale disallowed loss	4) Federal income tax withheld	Gain / (Loss) (Not Reported to The IRS)

Cost Basis information included on IRS Form 1099-B:

- **Box 1a:** The total amount of shares sold.
- **Box 1b:** The date the shares were purchased. If shares were purchased on a variety of dates, this column will be blank.
- **Box 1c:** The date of each sale or exchange of shares.
- **Box 1d:** The dollar amount of each sale of shares (redemption or exchange).
- **Box 1e:** The total cost of sale of shares (redemption or exchange). This box will be blank if we are unable to determine the basis amount for any noncovered shares sold.
- **Box 1g:** The total amount of the loss that was disallowed because of the transaction being a wash sale.
- **Box 4:** The total amount of backup withholding.
- **Box 5:** Indicates whether the sale or exchange of shares involved noncovered securities.
- **Box 6:** Indicates that the amount in Box 1d reflects the gross proceeds from the sale or exchange of shares.
- **Gain/(Loss):** The net gain/loss calculated for the sale or exchange of shares (not reported to the IRS). This box may be blank if we are unable to calculate a gain or loss amount.

What is Cost Basis?

Cost basis is used to calculate a gain or loss on the sale (redemption or exchange) of shares from a mutual fund (excluding retirement accounts, money market and Education Savings Accounts). Generally, cost basis is the total investments in an account (i.e., what you paid for your shares) including reinvested dividends and capital gains distributions.

Default Cost Basis Calculation Method

First Investors Funds has elected average cost as our default method of cost basis calculation when covered shares are sold. Under our default method, absent your instruction, we will always sell noncovered shares first, followed by covered shares. This method calculates the average cost per share of all covered shares in the account at the time of each redemption or exchange.

Wash Sales

Foresters Financial includes wash sale information on IRS Form 1099-B for covered shares. A wash sale occurs when you sell mutual fund shares at a loss and purchase shares in the same fund within thirty (30) days before or after the sale. If the sale resulted in a realized loss, the IRS prohibits you from claiming some or all of the realized loss on your tax return. The disallowed loss amount is reflected on Form 1099-B in box 1g. If you have a disallowed loss due to a wash sale of covered shares, the loss amount is added back to the basis amount of the covered shares acquired within thirty (30) days. Only the basis amount for wash sales of covered shares will be adjusted and only when the wash sale occurred within the same mutual fund account. You may need to make additional adjustments for wash sales. Please refer to IRS Publication 550 for additional information regarding wash sales.

IRS Publication 550

IRS Publication 550, "Investment Income and Expenses", contains important information regarding mutual fund distributions. This helpful source of information regarding the possible tax implications associated with mutual funds may be obtained free of charge by contacting the IRS at (800) 829-3676 or by visiting its website www.irs.gov.

Help

To assist you in understanding certain aspects of cost basis reporting and the 1099-B format, we have developed a list of Questions and Answers available free of charge through our website, www.foresters.com, under the heading Customer Care/ Tax Info Center/ First Investors Funds/ Non-retirement Accounts. Information made available to you is not intended, and should not be construed, as legal or tax advice.