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0	Intake/Interview	Page 4, Section B	On Intake/Interview Sheet, fill in answers to questions in Section B:
	Sheet		- Question 1 - NO
	Note 2		- Question 2 - NO
	Disability question -		- Question 3 - NO
	Page 3		- Question 4 - YES List all 3 children's names
			- Question 5 - YES List all 3 children's names
			Based on these answers & Pub 4012 (Page C-4), all 3 children can be claimed as Hilda's
			dependents
1	Main Info Screen	Address line	No need to put anything in % address line. Husband died in 2010
	Note 1		
	Notes 1 & 2	Filing Status	Hilda can file as Qualifying Widow with Dependent Child for the next 2 tax years after
			her husband died (2011 & 2012) . Must enter year spouse died (2010) next to QW
			filing status
	Intake/Interview	Presidential Election	Should not be checked
	Sheet, Page 2 bottom	question	
		Dependents/	List dependents in order of age, youngest first (Deloris, Edna, then Ronald)
		Nondependents section	
			Last names of dependents may be omitted since same as primary taxpayer
			Check EIC box for all 3 children. Ronald is < 24 & full-time student. Both girls are < 19
			TW will automatically check CTC box for Deloris. Edna & Ronald are both over 17 & do
			not qualify for CTC
	Prep Use Screen	Line 11	Answer NONE to Language question
		Line 12	Answer NO to Disability question
		Line 13	Preparer's initials
		Line 14	QR initials (but only after QR has been done)
2	W-2 Screen	"Check & make changes	Best practice is to make sure name & address info is exactly the same on TW screen as
	Hawthorn General	to address" line	on printed W-2. Check box & type in address with Avenue, instead of Ave from Main
	Hospital		Info screen
		Employer's Name &	Enter Employer ID #. TW will populate name & address if in database. Still check to
		Address fields	make sure it matches printed W-2; address can frequently change

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		Boxes 1, 3 - 6	When wages are first entered in Box 1, Social Security/Medicare Wages & Taxes
		Box 12	Withheld shown on W-2 will not match what TW populates in Boxes 3 - 6. Once you
			enter pre-tax retirement contribution (401K) of \$1,657, shown as code D in box 12a,
			boxes 3 – 5 will then match
		Box 6	TW amount for Medicare tax withheld still does not match W-2. Check box on top of
		"Check to take	W-2 screen to take calculations off lines 3, 4, 5, 6 & enter \$543 from W-2
		calculations off of lines 3,	
		4, 5, 6" line	
		Box 13	Ensure "Retirement Plan" is checked
		Box 14	Enter unemployment (UI) amount from W-2 on NJSUI line in TW. Enter disability (DI)
			amount on NJSDI line. Enter family leave (FLI) amount on NJFLI line. Do <u>not</u> change
			labels on TW screen to match printed W-2 because TW needs the exact labels shown
			on screen to correctly transfer amounts to State Income Tax line (5a) on Sch A
		Box 16	NJ wages do not match federal wages, so check box on top of W-2 screen to take
			calculations off box 16 and enter amount shown on W-2 paper form.
			Although 401K money is pre-tax for both federal and NJ, Hilda's insurance is pre-tax for
			federal, but after-tax for NJ. This will be handled later once the NJ return is complete.
3	Interest Statement	Box 1 or 3 column	Enter interest in Box 1 or 3. TW will transfer appropriate amount back to Schedule B &
	Screen		1040 Line 8a as well as NJ-1040 Line 15a
	A. Bean Bank & Trust		
		NAEOB & State Adjust	Interest is taxable for both Federal & NJ so no NAEOB or state adjustment entry is
		columns	necessary
		Payer column	Cannot type period in name (A. Bean). TW will highlight entire name in red if you do
4	W-2G Screen		Link from 1040 Line 21 Other Income to 1040 Wkt 7 & then link again from Line 1
	Hesser Casino		Gambling Winnings to Form W2-G or use Add Forms icon. Enter all info from W-2G
	Note 6	Bottom line	Enter Gambling Losses of \$2,000
		"F-1 Help" box	Since this is not lottery winnings, no need to use "F-1 Help" box on W-2G screen
	1040 Wkt 7 Screen	Line 1	TW will transfer gambling winnings to 1040 Wkt 7
	1040 Page 1 Screen	Line 21	TW will also transfer gambling winnings to Other Income 1040 Line 21. It will enter
			"GAMBLING WINNINGS" as Type (taken from heading on 1st populated line on 1040
			Wkt 7).

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	Sch A Screen	Line 28	TW will transfer losses up to the amount of winnings (\$1,500) as an itemized deduction
			on Sch A Line 28. Gambling deductions are not subject to 2% of AGI limitation
	NJ 1040 Page 2	Line 23	TW will net the losses against the winnings for NJ 1040. Therefore, NJ 1040 Line 23
			Net Gambling Winnings will be 0
5	1098-T University of		Postpone entry of education expenses until diagnostics have been run at end of return.
	Columbus		This will allow comparison of education options once all other figures are finalized
6	1099-G Screen	Line 2	Enter unemployment compensation from 1099-G Box 1
	New Jersey	Line 5	Enter federal income tax withheld from 1099-G Box 4
	Department of Labor	Line 6	"Get the red out" of Line 6 since no NJ taxes were withheld
	1040 Page 3 Screen	Line 38	NJ Taxable Income does not change since unemployment is not taxable in NJ
7	1099-R Screen		See Pub 4012, Page 2-19 for info on CSA-Form 1099-R
	Office of Personnel		
	Management		
		"Check if this is the	Check this box since address is correct
		taxpayer's address shown	
		on the W-2" line	
		Payer's name & address	Enter Payer ID #. TW will populate name & address if in database. Always check to
		fields	make sure it matches printed 1099-R; address can frequently change
		Box 2	Taxable amount of pension is provided in box 2a, so Simplified Method Worksheet
			does not have to be completed
		Box 2 & 9b	Taxable Amount in Box 2a is less than Gross Distribution in Box 1 due to Employee
			Contributions (Box 9b). Contributions are allocated over the expected life of the
			pension, and a portion of the contributions is excluded from taxable income each year
		Box 5	Box 5 of CSA-1099-R is always insurance; however, such amounts must be manually
			entered on the A Detail screen (upper left Insurance premiums paid / Taxpayer.
			Although TP is not itemizing, all medical amounts should be entered on A Detail
			anyway because NJ uses a lower 2% threshold; if the threshold is met, the proper
			amount will show up on NJ-1040 Line 30.
		Box 7	Don't miss Code 4 – Death Benefits in Box 7

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8	1099-R Screen	"Check if this is the	Check this box since address is correct
	Northern Financial	taxpayer's address shown	
	Services	on the W-2" line	
	Note 8		
		Payer's name & address	Enter Payer ID #. TW will populate name & address if in database. Always check to
		fields	make sure it matches printed 1099-R; address can frequently change
		Box 7	Ensure that Code 1 is entered in Box 7. This indicates that it is an early distribution
			from an IRA (prior to age 59 1/2, no known exception). Money was used for Ronald's
			education, which is an allowable exception to avoid 10% penalty
		"Check to force Form	Form 5329 TP 1 should automatically be added to your forms tree. If not, check box
		5329"	under Box 7 to force Form 5329 into forms tree. DO NOT add 5329 by using Forms List
			icon at top of screen
			NOTE: Back of 1099-R lists all Box 7 codes. 2013 Pub 4012 Page D-18 lists 1099-R
			codes & whether in or out of scope
	Form 5329 Page 1	Part I Line 2	Consult Pub 4012 Page 6-4 to determine proper exception code to use for education
	Screen		expenses (08). Enter 08 on Line 2. To exempt the whole distribution from the penalty,
			enter 5000 on Line 2 also
		Line 4	TW will show an additional tax on 0 on Line 4. Therefore, there will be nothing on
			1040 Line 58
	1099-R Screen	Box 7	Ensure that IRA box is checked so that amounts will transfer to 1040 Line 15 for IRAs,
			not Line 16 for pensions
9	1040 Wkt 2 Screen	Student Loan Interest	Link from 1040 Line 33 to 1040 Wkt 2
	Student Loan Interest	section Line 1	
	Note 4	Line 2	Enter student loan interest under Taxpayer column
			TW puts deduction (\$386) on Line 2
	1040 Page 1 Screen	Line 33	TW transfers deduction to 1040 as an adjustment to income
10	Interest Statement	NAEOB column	Enter tax-exempt interest on Interest Statement under NAEOB column with an E code.
	Screen		No state adjustment necessary since interest is also tax-exempt for NJ
	York Municipal Bonds		
	Note 5		

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11	1040 Page 1 Screen	Box above Line 10	Answer NO to question above Line 10 since Hilda did not itemize last year
	Still red in forms tree		
	Note 11		
12	Sch EIC Screen	Lines 4a & 4b	Answer questions in sequence & only questions underlined in red. Be sure to follow
	Still red in Forms Tree		directions above Line 4a & follow GO TO directions carefully. Therefore, on Sch EIC,
			only question 4a is answered Yes for Ronald. All other 4a & 4b questions are blank
			Once Sch EIC is complete, TW can determine that all 3 children can be qualifying
			persons for EIC. However, her AGI is too high to meet the limits for 3 or more
			qualifying children (See Pub 4012 Page H-2 for limits). Her earned income does meet
			the limit
13	Run diagnostics	Run Diagnostics icon at	Run diagnostics on Federal return before starting NJ specific items. Click on any errors
		top of screen	found. TW will take you to incomplete/incorrect items. Correct & re-run diagnostics
14	NJ1040 Page 1 Screen	Municipality Code line	Enter Municipality Code for Livingston (0710). Can obtain from NJ 1040 instruction
	Municipality Code		booklet or from link on Preparer page on TaxPrep4Free
	Note 13		
	NJ1040 Page 2 Screen	Line 11	Since Ronald is 23, no additional exemption can be claimed for Dependents Attending
	Full-Time College		College (must be under 22)
	Student		
	Note 7		
15	N 1040 Page 2 Screen	Line 13a	Link to NJ Dependents Worksheet from any field in Dependents section
	Health Insurance		
	Note 12		
	NJ 1040 NJ	NJ Dependents	Check box that says "Check if dep does not have health insurance" next to Ronald's
	Dependents	Worksheet - Ronald's Line	name
	Worksheet Screen		
	NJ1040 Page 2 Screen	Line 13c	TW will check corresponding box on NJ 1040 Line 13c
16	NJ1040 Page 2 Screen	Gubernatorial Elections	Check NO to question "Do you wish to designate \$1 of your taxes for this fund?"
	Gubernatorial	Fund question	
	Elections Fund		
	Note 10		

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17	NJ1040 Page 2 Screen	Line 30	This will need to be adjusted because TP has NJ after-tax medical, but the adjustment
			should not be done until all NJ income is included on the return.
18	NJ1040 Page 3 Screen	Line 45	Since Hilda does not owe any Use Tax, just "get the red out"
	Use Tax		
	Note 14		
19	NJ1040 Page 3 Screen	Worksheet F Line 1	Enter calculation for rent paid on scratch pad off Worksheet F Line 1 (\$800 per month
	Rent		X 12 = \$9,600). TW will calculate the 18% of rent that can be claimed as property tax
	Note 13		(\$1,728). TW will also calculate that taxpayer receives a greater benefit by claiming
			property tax credit of \$50 on Line 49 than by claiming property tax deduction on Line
			37c
		Line 37b	Since Hilda rents, do not check box on NJ 1040 Line 37b that says "Check here if on
			October 1, 2012 you were a New Jersey homeowner"
20	NJ DD Wkt Screen	Direct Deposit & Direct	Check line that says "Check here to have a refund check mailed to you"
	Refund Check	Debit Info section	
	Note 15		
21	NJ IRA Wkt Screen	Enter the copy number	Enter 1
	Note 9		NOTE: Income from the IRA will not flow to NJ-1040 until copy number is entered
			NOTE: It is very unusual for the TP the have records necessary to fill out the remainder
			of this screen
		Line 1	Enter \$45,000
		Line 4a	Enter \$20,000
22	Run diagnostics	Run Diagnostics icon at	Run diagnostics before doing education comparisons. Click on any errors found. TW
		top of screen	will take you to incomplete/incorrect items. Correct & re-run diagnostics
23	Education expenses		Must subtract amount of scholarship/grant (\$10,000) from tuition payments (\$16,900)
			to determine qualified expenses. Use a scratch pad to document this calculation once
			you have determined the best option for claiming education expenses
			"Qualified education expenses paid by a dependent for which an exemption is claimed,
			or by a third party for that dependent, are considered paid by the taxpayer." (Pub 4012
			Page G-3) Therefore, Hilda can claim education credit even though Ronald's
			grandmother made the payments for his tuition & fees directly to the university

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23a	1040 Wkt 2 Screen	Tuition & Fees as AGI	Enter qualified expenses of \$6,900 next to Ronald's name. TW reduces amount to
	Test as Tuition & Fees	Deduction section, Line	maximum of \$4,000. TW calculates deduction on Line 3 & transfers to 1040 Line 34
	deduction	34	
		AGI/Refund section in top	Note Federal refund (\$4,256) & NJ refund (\$47).
		left corner of screen	Delete info on 1040 Wkt2 screen before doing another comparison
		NJ Line 66	
23b	8863 Page 2 Screen		Link from 1040 Line 49 to Form 8863 Page 2. TW automatically loads 8863 Page 1 in
	Test as Lifetime	Line 20 - 22a	tree also Enter Ronald's & educational institution info
	Learning Credit (LLC)	Line 22a2	YES
		Line 22a3	NO
		Line 22a4	School's Federal ID # (10-8xxxxx)
		Line 23	NO
		Line 24	YES
		Line 25	NO
		Line 26	NO
		Line 31	Enter qualified expenses (\$6,900)
	8863 Page 1 Screen	Part II, Line 19	TW calculates nonrefundable credit (\$871)
	1040 Page 2 Screen	Line 49	TW transfers to 1040 Line 49
			Compare Federal refund (\$3,833) & NJ refund (\$47) by using LLC with results obtained
			by claiming Tuition & Fees deduction. Federal refund decreased by \$423. NJ refund
			stayed the same since education expenses do not directly affect NJ return. Therefore,
			Tuition and Fees deduction is better than Lifetime Learning Credit in this case.
			Delete expenses on 8863 Line 31 before doing comparison for American Opportunity
			Credit (AOC). Entries on Lines 20-26 can remain since they are necessary for AOC
23c	8863 Page 2 Screen	Line 27	Enter qualified expenses. Directions say to enter maximum of \$4,000 (TW performs
	Test as AOC		calculation correctly even if you enter the full \$6,900, but an error will be generated if
			you run diagnostics and the amount is over \$4,000)
	8863 Page 1 Screen	Part I, Line 8	TW calculates the refundable part of AOC (\$1,000)
	1040 Page 2 Screen	Line 66	TW transfers to 1040 Line 66
	8863 Part 1 Screen	Part II, Line 19	TW calculates the nonrefundable part of AOC (\$1,500)
	1040 Page 2 Screen	Line 49	TW transfers to 1040 Line 49

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			Note Federal refund (\$6,156) & NJ refund (\$47). This is the most beneficial option to
			claim the education expenses
	8863 Part II Screen	Line 27	Delete \$6,900 entered directly on line 27, then link to new scratch pad to document
			calculation for amount of Qualified Expenses (Payments \$16,900, minus Scholarship \$-
			10,000, minus adjustment for \$4,000 maximum \$-2,900) = \$4,000
24	Run Diagnostics	Run Diagnostics icon at	Run diagnostics before doing Line 30 adjustment. Click on any errors found. TW will
		top of screen	take you to incomplete/incorrect items. Correct & re-run diagnostics
25	NJ 1040 Page 2 Screen	Line 30	See NJ Special Handling for detailed instructions.
	Note 16		In this case there is already an amount on Line 30 because the medical amount on the
			A Detail screen is over the 2% threshold. Therefore, just enter the amount of NJ after-
			tax insurance on scratch pad off line 30. (Remember, this cannot be added on A Detail
			screen because it is pre-tax federal.)
			The scratch pad amount will be added to the existing amount (total=730)
26	Run Diagnostics	Run Diagnostics icon at	Correct any incomplete/incorrect entries & re-run diagnostics until you get no errors
		top of screen	NOTE: The Create e-file button will not appear until there are no errors (warnings are
			OK)
27	Create e-Files	Create e-files button	Should receive message "E-Files created successfully".
		below Diagnostics results	Even if there are no diagnostics discovered by the Run diagnostics process, there may
			be additional problems discovered as part of the Create e-file process; these will need
			to be resolved before the return can be e-filed