

The Hinkle Annual Financial Data Reporting System (Hinkle System) is an Internet based application that allows certain financial statement, debt, and demographic data to be entered and transmitted to the Auditor of State (AOS) to satisfy the filing requirements prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). Select financial data is inputted into the Hinkle System and a PDF of the complete unaudited financial statements, including notes to the financial statements, is required to be uploaded into the Hinkle System.

Your entity's filing must be completed in the AOS' Hinkle Annual Financial Data Reporting System (Hinkle System) via the *entity-specific* link available by logging into your entity's <u>eServices</u> account. The Initial and Reminder Hinkle System Notices will include a link to the eServices website.

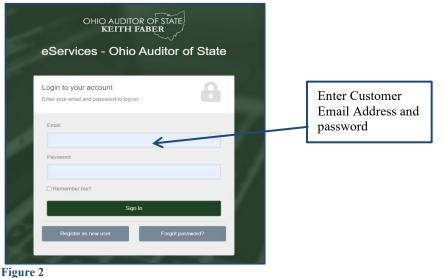
Important - The entity specific link is only available to the following roles in eServices: "Billing Contact," "Hinkle System Reporting" and "Hinkle System Reporting +eServices"

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 Figure 1

Click on the Login button (See Figure 1).

The Customer Log-in window will appear (See Figure 2). To access your entity's Hinkle System link, enter the email address and password for your entity's eServices account. Please note, if you have not accessed your eServices account since November 16, 2020, you will need to register as a new user to access eServices.





Once you have logged in, click the "Hinkle System" link on the left side of the page (See Figure 3).

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Hinkle System Annual Financial Filing My Profile Document Center	KnewBe4 Human error. Conquered Watch Now	Free Cybersecurity Training With growing cyber threats such as ransomeware, social increasingly sophisticated attacks attempting to steal go offering this free Security Awareness Training. You can watch all eight modules at once or over a period	vernment money. Vigilar		
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Figure 3

To access your filing links, click the green **Begin Filing** under Filing Link column for the appropriate year-end (See Figure 4). This will take you into the Hinkle System to file. (Refer to Figure 6)

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🕄 Hinkle System	View	Year End	Status	Filing Link*	share Link*	Filing Type	Due Date	Filing Date	
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Document Center	<mark>,</mark>	6/30/2020	Submitted			Cash	8/31/2020	12/3/2020	
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Figure 4

You can also share your link with another party, such as your financial statement compiler, from your eServices account. Once you click on **Share Link**, a window will pop up (See Figure 5). Enter the name and email address of the person you wish to send the filing link.

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The following webpage (see Figure 6) will open when you click the green **Begin Filing button in eServices**.

HINKLE Annual Financial Data Reporting	
Entity Name Township County Filing Year December 31, 2020	These fields will be populated when the Hinkle System is accessed.
Welcome to the Hinkle Annual Financial Data Reporting System (Hinkle System).	
The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 117.38 requires that local public offices file their annual financial reports with the Auditor of State's Office (AOS). Further, the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 117-2-03(B) requires that all counties, cities and school districts, including educational service centers and community schools, prepare their financial reports pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). ORC Section 1724.05 requires community improvement corporations established under this Code section to report annually on a GAAP basis. Entities filing on a GAAP basis have 150 days, except for community improvement corporations who have 120 days, following fiscal year-end to submit their annual financial reports to the AOS, while other entities have 60 days following fiscal year-end to complete their submission. Previously, various submission methods were permitted by the AOS to comply with Ohio law. These procedures have been modified with the development of the Hinkle System.	
With the Hinkle System, governmental entities are required to submit their financial statements and related footnotes through the online web application. Select types of governmental entities (counties, cities, school districts, educational service centers, community schools, villages, townships, and libraries) are required to enter certain financial statement, debt, and demographic data.	
In addition to keying the financial statement, debt and demographic data, entities will be required to upload a PDF document of the full financial statements, as described below.	
These submissions satisfy the filing requirements as specified in the ORC and the OAC. This manner of submission will allow the financial information to be maintained in an electronic format, which will provide for more immediate access to the information.	
Items Needed:	

Figure 6

After reading the instructions, click the blue **Begin Filing** button on the main Hinkle System page. The button appears as follows at the bottom of the webpage (see Figure 7).

4. After completing Step 3, enter information under the "Other Information – Demographics" section. Once the fields have been	completed, select the
"Save Changes" button at the bottom of the page and then the "Next" button to move to the next requirement.	
5. Full Financial Statement Upload - After completing Step 4, please upload a complete PDF copy of the financial statements. T	he components of the full
reporting package vary by basis of accounting as follows:	
 Governmental Entities filing GAAP, OCBOA Cash or OCBOA Modified Cash Basis: 	
 Management's Discussion & Analysis (GAAP – Required, Cash & Modified Cash-Optional) 	
Basic Financial Statements	
 Government-Wide Financial Statements 	
 Fund Financial Statements 	
 Notes to the Basic Financial Statements 	
 Any Other Required Supplementary Information (GAAP Only) 	
 Regulatory Cash Basis Entities (commonly referred to as AOS basis): 	
Basic Financial Statements	
 Statement(s) (or Combined Statement(s)) of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances 	
 Notes to the Basic Financial Statements 	
The file to upload must be an Adobe Acrobat PDF file and the file must be less than 30MB. For help in converting and merging	PDF files please see our
PDF Document Quick Guide which is available on the Annual Financial Reporting page of the website.	
6. Enter your name and title and recognize the information entered is accurate and complete by placing a check in a box beside of	of the Acknowledgement
Statement. Then, select the "Submit" button to the bottom right of the page in order to complete the filing process, noting the	e information CANN
be changed once this step has been completed.	
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Important! Please read before you begin your filing.	
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Before you begin, please ensure that both of the following conditions are met:	
 There is only one user at a time working within the Hinkle System on your filing. 	
 That you only have one window or tab of your Hinkle System filing open at a time. 	
f these conditions are not met, you may encounter unexpected behavoir.	
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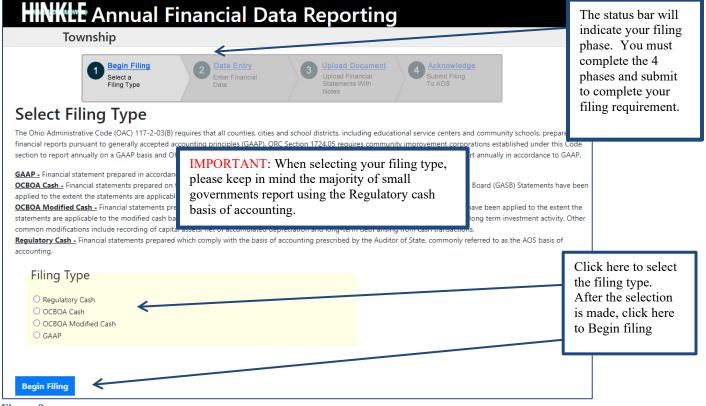


After clicking the blue **Begin Filing** button, a warning pop up window will appear (see Figure 8). Please ensure that you are the only user working within the Hinkle System on your filing and that you only have one tab/window of your Hinkle System filing open before you proceed. If both conditions are met, click "Continue" to proceed, otherwise click "Cancel."

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Figure 8

Once you click the **Continue** button, the following webpage will open (see Figure 9). Select the filing type of your annual financial report. The options are Regulatory Cash, Cash (OCBOA Cash), Modified Cash, (OCBOA Modified Cash) or GAAP. After the filing type has been selected, click the **Begin Filing** button.





Please consider the following when selecting your filing type: OCBOA Cash and OCBOA Modified Cash basis of accounting are GAAP/GASB 34 look alike statements. The Regulatory cash basis of accounting is also commonly described as the Auditor of State's (AOS) Accounting Basis (permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America). The majority of small governments report on the Regulatory cash basis of accounting. Additional guidance regarding basis of accounting is provided in the Frequently Asked Questions.

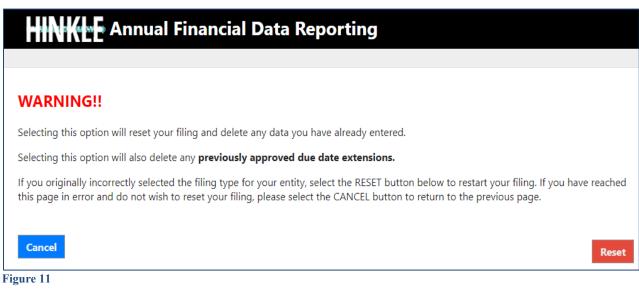


If after you have begun entering your data, you determine you have selected the wrong filing type, you can clear the information you have entered and reset the filing type (see Figure 10).



Figure 10

After you select the **Reset Filing Type** button, a warning screen will appear (Figure 11). Resetting your filing type will delete any data you have entered. Resetting will also delete any previously approved due date extensions. Select only if you originally incorrectly selected the filing type for your entity. The **Reset** button will need to be selected to complete the reset. You will then be able to go back to the Select Filing Type page (Figure 9) and select the correct filing type.



Note: The following pages depict the Regulatory Cash basis filing type. The Cash and Modified Cash and GAAP basis statements differ, but the general process described throughout the remainder of this Guide is applicable.



After clicking the blue **Begin Filing** (see Figure 9) button, the following webpage will open (see Figure 12). Enter the amounts from the General Fund only from the Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances.

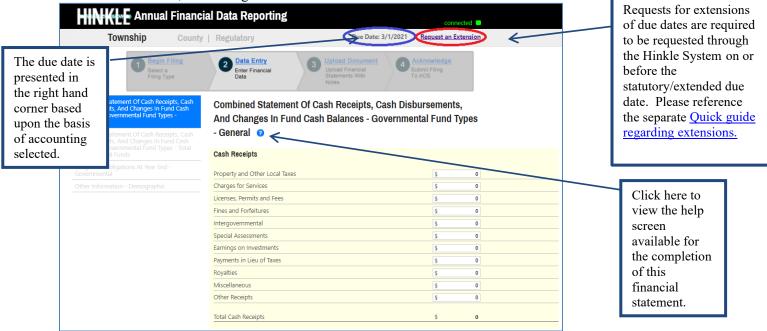


Figure 12

Note: The **?** symbols identified above are located throughout the application to provide assistance with each financial statement, certain account line items, and other requirements. If additional questions arise that are not addressed within the <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> or this Quick Guide, please contact the Auditor of State's Office using the <u>audit inquiry application</u> for assistance.

Once the information has been entered for the General Fund from the Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances, click the **Save Changes** button. The button appears as follows at the bottom of the webpage (see Figure 13).

Township	County	Regulatory	Due Date: 3/1/2021	Request an Exte	ension	
		Sale of Notes		\$	0	
		Loans Issued		\$	0	
		Other Debt Proceeds		s	0	
		Sale of Refunding Debt		s	0	
		Premium and Accrued Interest on Sale of Debt		\$	0	
		Discount on Debt 🕜		\$	0	
		Payment to Refunded Debt Escrow Agent 🕜		\$	0	
		Sale of Capital Assets		\$	0	
		Transfers In		\$	0	Click here to
		Transfers Out 🕐		s	0	
		Advances In		s	0	view the help
		Advances Out 🕜		s	0	screen availa
		Other Financing Sources		\$	0	
		Other Financing Uses 🧿		\$	0	for this accou
		Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)		\$	0	line item.
		Special and Extraordinary Items				
		Special Item		\$	0	
		Extraordinary Item		\$	0	
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Then click the **Next** button (see Figure 13). The following webpage will open (see Figure 14). Enter the amounts from the Total (Memorandum Only) column of the Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances. The total will include **all Governmental Funds** (General, Special Revenue, Debt Service, Capital Project and Permanent funds).

Township Coun	ty Regulatory	Due Date: 3/1/2021	Request an Extension	
Begin Filing Select a Filing Type	2 Data Entry Enter Financial Data	3 Upload Document Upload Financial Statements With Notes	Acknowledge Submit Filing To AOS	
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	Licenses. Permits and Fees		s 0	
	Fines and Forfeitures		S 0	
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	Special Assessments		\$ 0	
are entering data	Earnings on Investments		\$ 0	
into will be	Payments in Lieu of Taxes		\$ 0	
	Royalties		\$ 0	
identified here.	Miscellaneous		\$ 0	
	Other Receipts		\$ 0	
	Total Cash Receipts		\$ 0	
	Cash Disbursements			
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Figure 14

Note: Special Revenue, Debt Service, Capital Project and Permanent funds **will not** be entered separately in the Hinkle System. In addition, Enterprise, Internal Service, Agency, Investment Trust Private Purpose Trust or Custodial Funds that may be reported by a Township **will not** be entered in the Hinkle System.

Once the information has been entered, click the **Save Changes** button which appears at the bottom of the webpage (see Figure 15).

Township	County	Regulatory	Due Date: 3/1/2021	Request an Exte	nsion
		Sale of Notes		s	0
		Loans Issued		s	0
		Other Debt Proceeds		s	0
		Sale of Refunding Debt		s	0
		Premium and Accrued Interest on Sale of Debt		\$	0
		Discount on Debt 🕜		\$	0
		Payment to Refunded Debt Escrow Agent 🛛 🥝		\$	0
		Sale of Capital Assets		\$	0
		Transfers In		\$	0
		Transfers Out 🕜		s	0
		Advances In		\$	0
		Advances Out 🕜		\$	0
		Other Financing Sources		\$	0
		Other Financing Uses 🕜		\$	0
		Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)		\$	0
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		Fund Cash Balances, Beginning of Year		s	0
		Fund ash Balances, End of Year		\$	0

Figure 15

Note: The prior financial statement/requirement may be accessed by clicking the **Previous** button (see Figure 15) whenever the button is present.



Click the **Next** button (see Figure 15) after saving your changes. The following webpage will open (see Figure 16). Enter the amounts of your long-term obligations existing at year-end for the governmental activities by type of debt issue. If your Township holds enterprise related debt, please enter that debt as part of Miscellaneous Long Term Bonds.

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Begin Filing Select a Filing Type	2 Data Entry Enter Financial Data	3 Upload Document Upload Financial Statements With Notes	Acknowledge Submit Filing To AOS
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Combined Statement Of Cash Receipts, Cash	General Obligation Bonds		\$ 0
Disbursements, And Changes In Fund Cash Balances - Governmental Fund Types - Total	Special Assessment Bonds		\$ 0
Governmental Funds	Notes Payable		\$ 0
Long Term Obligations At Year End - Governmental	Loans Payable		\$ 0
Other Information - Demographic	Leases		\$ 0
	Revenue Bonds		\$ 0
	Miscellaneous Long Term Bonds		\$ 0
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Figure 16

Once the information has been entered, click the **Save Changes** button which appears at the bottom of the webpage (see Figure 16). If you have no debt, you can click on the **Next** button (see Figure 16).

Click the **Next** button (see Figure 16). The following webpage will open (see Figure 17). Enter information related to the demographics of your entity. The demographics information is requested to provide perspective related to entity size. If you have questions regarding individual demographic questions, please consult the <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u>.

Township County	Regulatory Due Date:	3/1/2021	<u>Request an</u>	Extension
Begin Filing Select a Filing Type	2 Data Entry Enter Financial Data 3 Upload Document Upload Financial Statements With Notes	4	Acknowledge Submit Filing To AOS	
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Combined Statement Of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, And Changes In Fund Cash	Population			0
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ong Term Obligations At Year End -	Full Tax Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation:			
Governmental	Inside Millage		\$	0.00
Other Information - Demographic	Outside (Voted) Millage		\$	0.00
	Total Tax Rate		s	o
	Total Assessed Property Tax Valuation		\$	0
	Unrestricted General Fund Carryover Cash Balance At Year-End		\$	0

Figure 17



Once the information has been entered, click the **Save Changes** button (see Figure 17). Then click the **Next** button (see Figure 17). For entities filing on the **regulatory basis of accounting only**, we offer the option to upload two (2) separate PDF documents. Click the **Upload Only 1 PDF File** or **Upload 2 PDF Files** (see Figure 18).

 (Note: We now offer the option to upload two (2) separate PDF documents for regulatory cash basis filings because the Auc financial statement shells and notes to the financial statements shells are maintained separately, and many entities have str merge the completed financial statements and notes to the financial statements into one PDF document for submission.) If you select "Upload Only 1 PDF File" below, you must upload your entity's financial statements and notes to the financial statements and notes to the financial statements. 	
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 in one PDF document. If you select "Upload 2 PDF Files" below, you will upload your entity's financial statements as the first PDF file and you to the financial statements as the second PDF file. If you select this option, the application will merge the two PDF doc one file for submission. 	ır entity's notes
AFTER YOU HAVE UPLOADED YOUR PDF DOCUMENT(S), PLEASE REMEMBER TO CLICK THE LINK TO VIEW THE FINA PRIOR TO SUBMISSION.	AL DOCUMENT

If **Upload 2 PDF files** is selected (see Figure 18), the following webpage will open (see Figure 19). This page will allow for the upload of two Adobe Acrobat PDF files – one file for the financial statements and one file for the notes to the financial statements. The combined size of the two PDF files together must total less than 30MB.

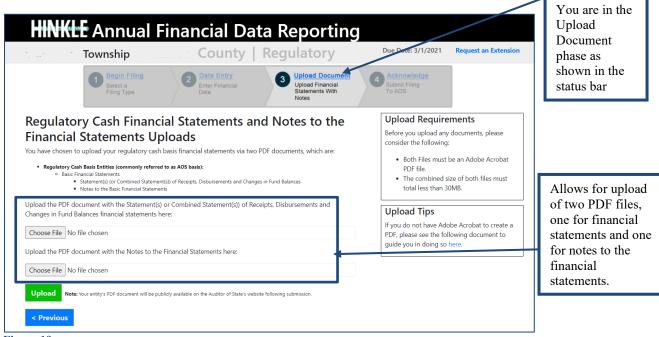


Figure 19

The following screens will demonstrate the upload using the **Upload Only 1 PDF file**. For regulatory basis filers using the **Upload 2 pdf files**, you will need to follow the prompts to upload two files.



Please note uploading subsequent PDF files will override the previous file uploads and only the last uploaded file will be transmitted to the AOS. The Upload Tips provide access to a <u>How to Create/Merge</u> <u>a PDF Document</u> quick guide that may aid you in converting and/or merging your files to a PDF format.

If **Upload Only 1 PDF file** was selected (see Figure 18), a <u>single PDF file</u> of the final full unaudited financial reporting package, which is ready for audit, must be uploaded. The file must be a single Adobe Acrobat PDF file, and the file must be less than 30MB.

Township	County Regulatory	Due Date: 3/1/2021	Request an Extension	You are in the
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Using the **Choose File** button, navigate to the directory with the file you will upload into the system (See Figures 20 & 21).

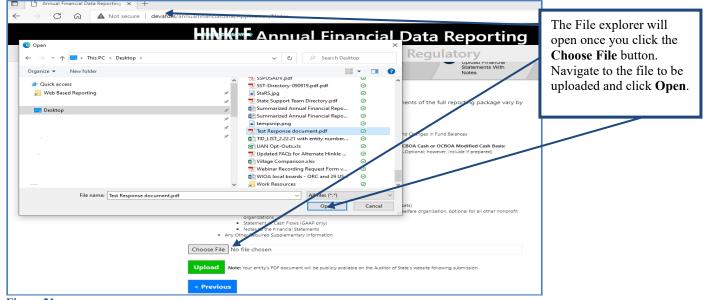
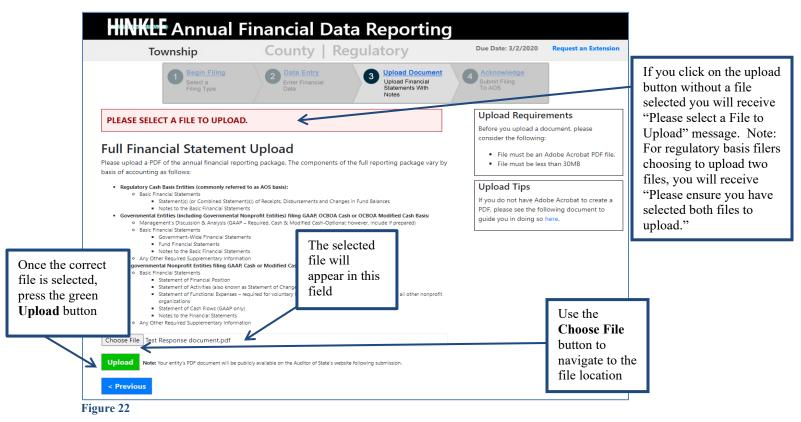


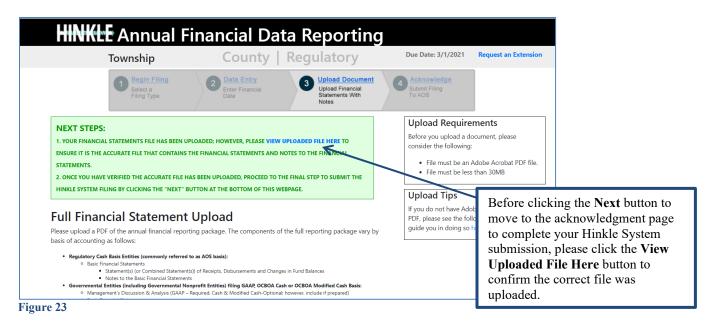
Figure 21



Once you have selected the file, the directory and file will appear in the upload field. (See Figure 22). If the file selection is correct, click the green **Upload** button (See Figure 22) to upload the file into the Hinkle System.



The following message will appear if your file has been successfully uploaded (See Figure 23), however, you must proceed to the next webpage to submit your Hinkle System filing. Once your file has been successfully uploaded, click the **Next** button.





The following web page will open (see Figure 24). Enter the name, title and the email address of the individual completing the submission process. Click the box to acknowledge the information entered is complete and accurate for the reporting year and basis of accounting selected. Then click the **Submit** button.

		Township Begin Filing Select a Filing Type	County 2 Data Entry Enter Financial Data	Acknowledge	Acknowledge Submit Filing To AOS		You are in the Acknowledge phase as shown in the status bar
Enter name title and email addre here		Data Reporting System (I (basis of accounting) sele I further acknowledge the via the Hinkle System are audited.	Hinkle System) is compl ected. e financial statements a e the final, unaudited fir	into the Auditor of State of lete and accurate for the rep and notes to the financial sta nancial statements and note publicly available on the Aud	porting year and the fil atements uploaded and s to the financial state	ling type d submitted ments to be	Click the box to acknowledge the information entered is complete and accurate for the reporting year and basis of accounting selected. You also acknowledge the financial statements and notes uploaded are the final unaudited financial statements and notes to
	< Previo Figure 2						be audited.

Once you have clicked the Submit button, a pop up box will appear (See Figure 25). The following message is included in the pop up box. Click **Yes** to submit your filing or click **Cancel** if you need to go back and make changes.

VERY IMPORTANT!

Upon submission, your Hinkle System filing link will lock and no changes can be made.

The uploaded financial statements, including notes to the financial statements, will be subject to audit upon submission. However, the content of your Hinkle System filing will not generally be reviewed until the audit commences.

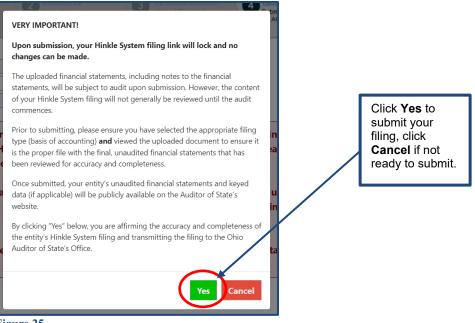
Prior to submitting, please ensure you have selected the appropriate filing type (basis of accounting) **and** viewed the uploaded document to ensure it is the proper file with the final, unaudited financial statements that has been reviewed for accuracy and completeness.

Once submitted, your entity's unaudited financial statements and keyed data (if applicable) will be publicly available on the Auditor of State's website.

By clicking "Yes" below, you are affirming the accuracy and completeness of the entity's Hinkle System filing and transmitting the filing to the Ohio Auditor of State's Office.

This message also reminds you the filed information will be publically available on the Auditor of State's website after submission. Click the Cancel button to go back for further review of your filing. Click the OK button to complete the submission. **NOTE: The data entered into the Hinkle System cannot be modified once the Submit button has been clicked. Please ensure the final data to be reported is entered prior to submitting.**







When you click **Yes** to submit (see Figure 25), the button will change to indicate **Please Wait** (See Figure 26). Please do not close the window or log off until the Thank you for filing message appears (See Figure 27). The submission progress may take a few moments depending on how large your file upload is and how many other entities are using the system.

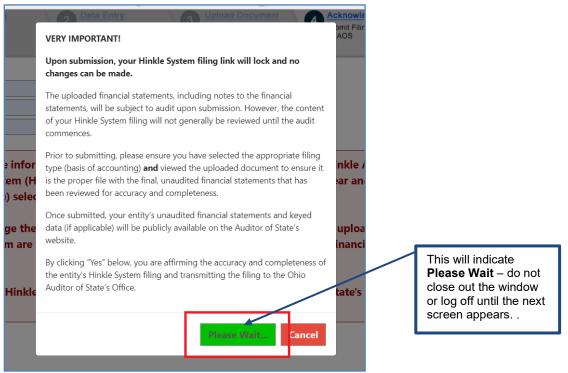


Figure 26

The following message (see Figure 27) will appear if the reporting requirements were submitted timely, as specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38.



HINKEE Annual Financial Data Reporting

Thank you for filing County's 2021 annual financial report as required by the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) §117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) §117-2-03(B) via the Auditor of State's (AOS) Hinkle System. The completeness and accuracy of the filing will be evaluated at the time the audit is performed.

Once submitted, the information is locked and cannot be modified. . If you have questions, please contact the AOS using the inquiry form.

The Auditor of State's office provides a method to upload documents via your <u>AOS eServices account</u> in preparation for the audit of your entity's financial statements. Documents normally requested at the beginning of an audit are listed within the "Audits" tab under the Document Center tab. Certain documents can be uploaded at any time after the reporting year has ended rather than waiting for the audit to commence. In addition, auditors can request any entity contact person within eServices to submit other documents in preparation for or during the audit. #

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Note: If applicable, it is still necessary for your entity to publish notice in a newspaper circulated in your political subdivision or taxing district indicating the full financial report has been completed and is available for public inspection at your entity's office, as required by ORC 117.38.

*Financial Health Indicator (FHI) reports are ONLY generated for cities and counties, and will be posted publicly on the Auditor of State's website 14 days from the date of this email. Prior to that posting, we encourage you to review your entity's preliminary FHI report for any errors and if you choose, prepare a response to the FHI results to post on your entity's website. Questions related to your entity's preliminary FHI report should be directed to <a href="https://www.encourage-interview-intervi

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Figure 27

If the financial statements were submitted to the Auditor of State as required by Ohio Administrative Code 117-2-03(B) but **not** in accordance with the timing requirements specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38, including any approved extension, the following additional paragraphs (see Figure 28) will be included in the message from Figure 27 after clicking the **Yes** button (see Figure 25).

d	ORC §117.38 requires entities filing on a generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) basis (other than universities/colleges, community improvement corporations, including economic development corporations and county land reutilization corporations) to submit their financial reports to the AOS within 150 days of their fiscal year-end.
	ORC §1724.05 requires community improvement corporations, including economic development corporations and county land reutilization corporations, to submit their annual reports to the AOS within 120 days of their fiscal year-end.
	OAC §126:3-1-01(2)(a) requires universities and colleges to submit their financial statements to the AOS no later than October thirty-first (31st) of each year.
	All other entities with a statutory filing requirement under ORC §117.38 must submit their financial statements to the AOS within 60 days of their fiscal year-end.
1	The AOS may, in limited circumstances, approve an extension to the statutory due date.
,	Your entity did not file by the statutory or extended due date.
10	Since your entity did not file within the parameters described above, it may be subject to the penalties prescribed in ORC §117.38.

Figure 28



In addition to the completed message (see Figure 27 or 28), an email (see Figure 29) will be sent to the email address entered on the acknowledgement page (see Figure 24). If the email entered on the acknowledgement page is not the email address of the primary contact on file with our office, an additional email will be sent to the entity's primary contact.

HINKE Annual Financial Data Reporting

Thank you for filing , County's 2020 annual financial report as required by the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) §117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) §117-2-03(B) via the Auditor of State's (AOS) Hinkle System. The completeness and accuracy of the filing will be evaluated at the time the audit is performed.

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Figure 29

Your entity can view your Hinkle System filings, using your entity's eServices account <u>here</u>. Click on the eServices Website button (See Figure 1). Once you have logged in, click the "Hinkle System" link on the left side of the page (See Figure 3). To view your submitted filings, click the View column for the appropriate year end date (See Figure 30).

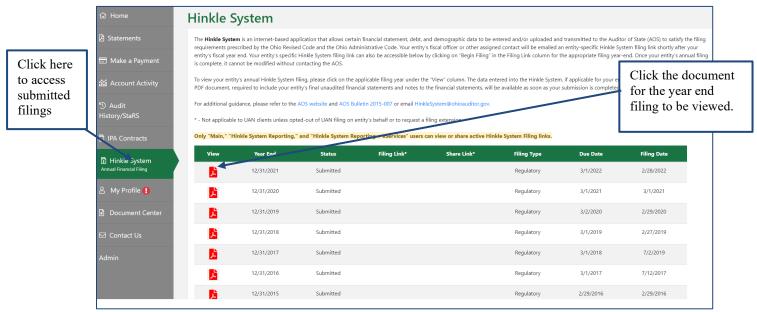


Figure 30

Once you click on the document for the desired year end (see Figure 30), the Hinkle Annual Financial Data Viewer for the selected filing opens. (See Figure 31). The Viewer provides filing details including access to the keyed data which can be exported to excel and to the PDF file uploaded. To access the PDF file click on the "View All Details" link.



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Figure 31					

Once you click on **View All Details**, the following window opens (See Figure 32). This window provides details of the filing history for this year end, including the Name, Title and email address of the filer. The document uploaded into the Hinkle System is available for viewing, printing or saving from this screen. This screen will also provide a history of access to the filing link for the selected period, extension requests and any notes added by the Hinkle System Managers.

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Please Note: The data keyed into the Hinkle System and the pdf file uploaded into the system will also be publicly available on the Auditor of State's website a day after submission. The keyed data appears as a part of the summarized data for all Townships reporting by basis of accounting. A link to the pdf uploaded financial statements and notes is available as part of the Unaudited Annual Report Filing Status spreadsheet. This spreadsheet provides a summary of the Due Dates, Filed Dates and links to the PDF filed for each entity type with a requirement to file annual financial statements and notes with the Auditor of State. The Summarized Annual Financial Reports and the Unaudited Annual Report Filing Status are available at this <u>link</u>.

Figure 32



eServices Document Center

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Once you log in to eServices, click on the Document Center tab (see Figure 33). The Document Center will open and list Project numbers related to your entity. If the year end for the project has passed, a **View Project Documents** button will be available. Click the **View Projects Documents** (Figure 33) to access the list of requested documents (see Figure 34).

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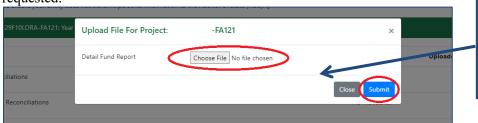


Document Center

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Once you click **Upload** (see Figure 34), the following window will open. Click **Choose File**, the file explorer will open. Navigate to the file to be uploaded and click **Open**. The file name will now be listed in the window. Click **Submit** to upload the file (see Figure 35). Repeat for each document type requested.



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Figure 35

The document center also includes a list of other documents to be gathered for an audit (see Figure 36).

Document Request Additional documentation required to be provided at time of the audit In addition to the data provided above, please gather the following documentation for the audit period (if applicable) to provide to the auditors at the commencement of the · Minutes for each board meeting during the audit period If not included in the uploaded cash reconciliations above, bank reconciling supporting documentation (bank statements, investment statements, outstanding check lists, etc.) · Online access bank statements for confirmation of accounts (passwords should NOT be provided) Daily sweep account confirmations Current investment policies and bank depository agreements Duplicate receipts or "pay-in book" County Auditor tax settlement sheets Income tax remittance reports · IRS W-2 tax forms issued in January of each year in the audit period IRS 1099 tax forms issued in January of each year in the audit period · New bargaining unit/negotiated agreements and any updates to negotiated agreements that were in place during the prior audit period, if applicable IRS 941 tax forms, pension filings and supporting documentation (deduction reports and payment support) · List of retired or terminated employees and related pay-out calculations All original and amended certificates of estimated resources All appropriations resolutions and amendments, if applicable · Bonded debt agreements and any other debt support for new debt issued or refunded Public official bonds covering the audit period Access to employee personnel manual and policies and/or copies of updated policies during the audit period



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