

Configuring a Printer to Print Overlay Forms

To print 1099/W-2 forms on blank preprinted tax forms, you must have a printer configured to print overlays.

There are two options: you must either have an IPDS printer configured as AFP “YES” or a PCL-compatible laser printer configured for Host Printer Transform (HPT). Just check the device description and, if need be, change the TRANSFORM parameter to *YES. you should also make sure you have the latest PTFs installed on your system, especially any AFP-related PTFs.

One solution is available to anyone with iSeries Access (Client Access) installed on their system. Simply configure a PC5250 printer emulation session. We also recommend setting the workstation ID so that you can easily specify the printer output queue when you print your tax forms. After selecting a printer “type of emulation”, click on Setup.

The image shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "Configure PC5250". It contains the following fields and controls:

- System name:** A dropdown menu with "S103ALOM" selected. A "Properties" button is to its right.
- Workstation ID:** An empty text input field.
- Type of emulation:** A group box containing:
 - Display
 - Printer
 - Size:** A dropdown menu with "24x80" selected.
 - Setup...** button
- Bypass signon
- Auto-reconnect
- Host code-page:** A dropdown menu with "37 United States" selected.
- Port number:** A text input field containing "23".
- At the bottom: **OK**, **Cancel**, and **Help** buttons.

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On the PC5250 Printer Emulation Setup screen, click on the “Transform print data to ASCII on AS/400”, then select a Printer model that most closely represents the printer you’re using. If you don’t see your printer listed, select one of the HP LaserJet printers and configure your printer for HP LaserJet emulation.

The image shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "PC5250 Printer Emulation Setup". It contains several sections for configuration:

- AS/400 Printer messages:** Includes text boxes for "Message Queue:" (containing "QSYSOPR") and "Library:" (containing "*LIBL").
- Font for AS/400 print file:** A dropdown menu currently set to "Courier 10".
- Transform print data:** A section with a checked checkbox "Transform print data to ASCII on AS/400". Below it are dropdown menus for "Printer model:" (set to "HP LaserJet 4"), "Drawer 1:" (set to "None"), "Drawer 2:" (set to "None"), and "Envelope hopper:" (set to "None").
- Printer supports ASCII code-page 899:** An unchecked checkbox.
- Customizing Object:** A text box containing "QWPDEFAULT".
- Library:** A text box containing "*LIBL".

At the bottom of the dialog are three buttons: "OK", "Cancel", and "Help".