

# What file types should I send?

For [PRL Reporting Software](#) Options A and C, your report is contained in text files (extension [.txt](#)). For Option B, report data is in Microsoft Excel files (extension [.xls](#)).

If you upload files through the [web site](#), your files may include text files (extension [.txt](#)), Microsoft Excel workbooks (extension [.xls](#) or [.xlsx](#)), Microsoft Word documents (extension [.doc](#) or [.docx](#)), and "zipped" file collections (extension [.zip](#)).



If your computer is not set up to display file extensions, use your mouse to right click on the file. Choose **Properties**. The extension is listed on the "General" tab in the **Files of Type** field.

While it is possible to email us any file type, we might not be able to process reports containing file types not mentioned above.



Even for text files, if your files are not formatted according to the [Text File Specifications](#) we might not be able to process them. Report submissions containing files that do not meet our file specifications are classified as "e-converts" and require special handling that will delay processing; depending on the file type and format, those submissions might be rejected.

[Option A](#) files comply with the specifications if you have followed the [file naming](#) convention.