

ePrepare[®]

Administrative Guide

FOR ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATORS

Discover how to navigate the ePrepare application, manage user accounts, and customize settings to streamline your organization's document workflow!

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CSC offers electronic recording (eRecording) services for real estate documents, enabling clients to securely and efficiently record documents nationwide. As a pioneer in this space, we deliver both speed and reliability to support smooth real estate transactions.

Our intuitive, web-based platform reduces the time between closing and recordation, minimizes errors that lead to rejections, and enhances document tracking for greater operational efficiency.

To learn more about our comprehensive paper and electronic recording services with coast-to-coast coverage, please visit https://www.cscglobal.com/service/erecording.

We're ready to talk.









Welcome to **ePrepare's Administrative Guide!** Here, you'll learn how to navigate the application, manage user accounts, customize global settings, and much more.

This guide provides an essential overview of our application, showing you how individual users tailor local settings to fit their workflows, while administrators can adjust global settings to affect all users within your account. We'll also highlight key features to help you effectively manage your administrative responsibilities.

Our Support Team offers interactive <u>webinars</u> where they demonstrate the eRecording process and answer any questions you may have. Training is complimentary for both you and your document preparers, so be sure to register for a session today!

For general users, we offer the <u>ePrepare User Guide</u> to help them get familiar with the application. Additionally, a variety of user guides are available, so be sure to check the last page of this guide for a list of helpful resources.

Questions? Contact our Support Team. Ready to start? The guide begins on the next page!

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¹ DISCLAIMER — You are solely responsible for the image content of your uploaded document, and CSC shall not be liable for any loss caused by your manipulation of any document image.

Our editing toolbar offers limited options for some counties in Ohio and New Hampshire, and all counties in California and Missouri. For more information, see page 9 of this guide.

For questions about possible legal ramifications resulting from manipulation of document images, consult with your in-house legal counsel or a qualified real estate attorney.



DOCUMENT SCANNING — BEST PRACTICES

- Prefer **letter-quality** (300 dpi) to retain detail with text and graphics.
- Use letter 8.5×11 or legal 8.5×11 document presets.
- Scan in **black and white** for the smallest file sizes.
- Text must be legible typically 8-12 points in size.
- Avoid presets that automatically detect page sizes, as they are best suited for scanning photographs. When used with documents, this kind of preset often creates non-standard page sizes (e.g., 8.14 × 10.56 in), a leading cause of document rejections.

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Login to ePrepare

ePrepare is our web-based, electronic document recording solution that allows document submitters (including title companies, banks, and law firms) to electronically record real estate documents with county offices across the U.S.

We offer support for Chrome and Edge, but our website works with other modern browsers using Chromium at their core. If you or your team prefer using another browser, feel free to try your favorite!

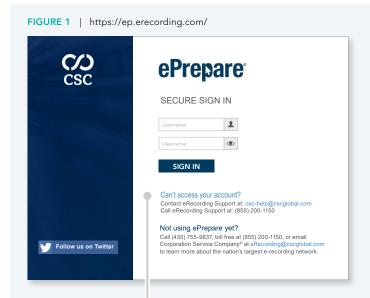
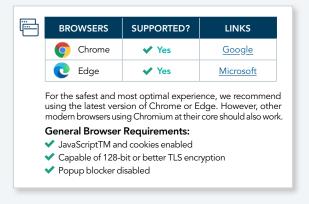


FIGURE 2 | ePrepare Internet Browser Compatibility



Multi-Factor Authentication



Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) provides an added layer of security during the login process. Once this ePrepare setting is enabled, users receive a unique verification code via the email address listed in their user profile each time they log in. Users are prompted to enter this code to complete the login process.

This feature will be available as a user setting on May 15, 2025. You can choose to enable MFA individually, or your local eRecording administrator may require it for all users within your organization.

Users Can Self-Manage Password Resets





All users can initiate password resets by clicking this link found on the login page. To prevent access to this link, Administrators can disable the following setting found in the Security section: Global Allow Password Reset.

☑ Users are prompted for their username and email Users are prompted to provide their username and email. Provided we find a match to what is stored in their

user profile, they'll receive an email with a password reset token, valid for 24 hours.

☑ One self-initiated password reset allowed in 24 hours Contact our Support Team for exceptions.

Password Requirements



- Minimum of 9 characters
- At least 3 of the following:
- ✓ lowercase letters
- ✓ uppercase letters
- ✓ numbers
- · Not similar to your name
- · Not similar to your username

✓ special characters

· Not a recently-used password

Not found in online searches

How to Choose a **Good Passphrase**



- · Be creative Olympic2028PaperMedals!
- Replace spaces Stop!Hammer\$Time!
- Use random words Dolphin3Giraffe5Whale7
- Use mixed metaphors Golf-Interception! Robust!Confusion! #LowAnxietyModerateFear# FamilyWarMongering!!

What to Avoid



- Avoid famous quotes FourScoreAnd7Years
- Avoid personal facts EagleBoyScout1986
- · Avoid keyboard patterns Qwerty12345678
- Avoid oversimplification MyPassword1sPassword
- Avoid social media details MyDogsName1sFluffy #SeeMeOnOneSpace

| Prefilled Data

Settings \$

| Flags

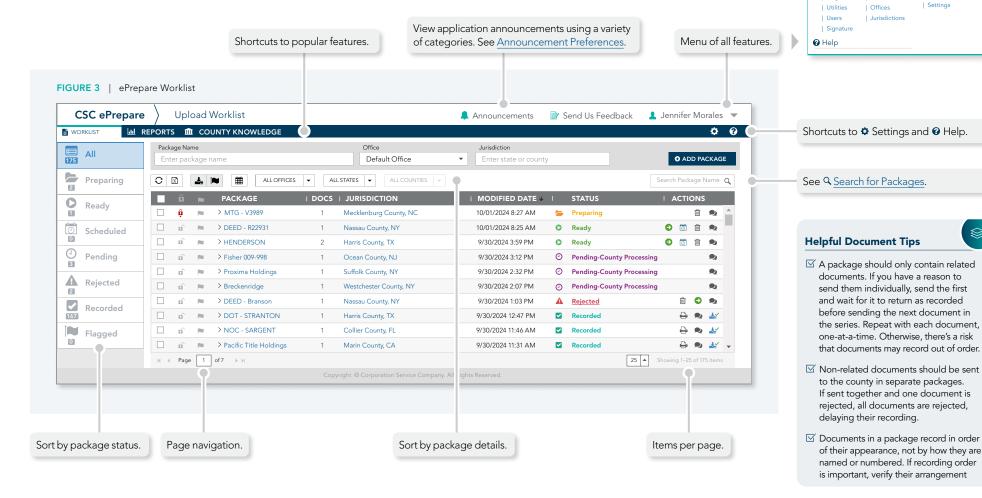
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| Logout | Change Worklist

Worklist View

Below is an example of a typical worklist, or your document library. Documents are sent to counties in virtual envelopes called packages, which are created and managed here. Sort your worklist by package status, package details, or by clicking on a column header.

There are other customization options — and shortcuts to additional pages — to help you manage your eRecording experience. Below are some key points for navigating the worklist, so take a moment and see what Worklist View offers you!

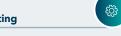


Unable to Find a Package?

An ePrepare setting called **Days to Wait Before Archiving Documents** (page 20) determines how many days recorded or rejected¹ packages appear on your worklist. The default is 30 days and it improves the responsiveness of very large worklists. If you can't find a package, it

may lie outside of this visibility window. Try increasing the value of the setting, or search for the package name directly. If someone inadvertently deletes a package, contact us — we can restore it for you.

Related Setting

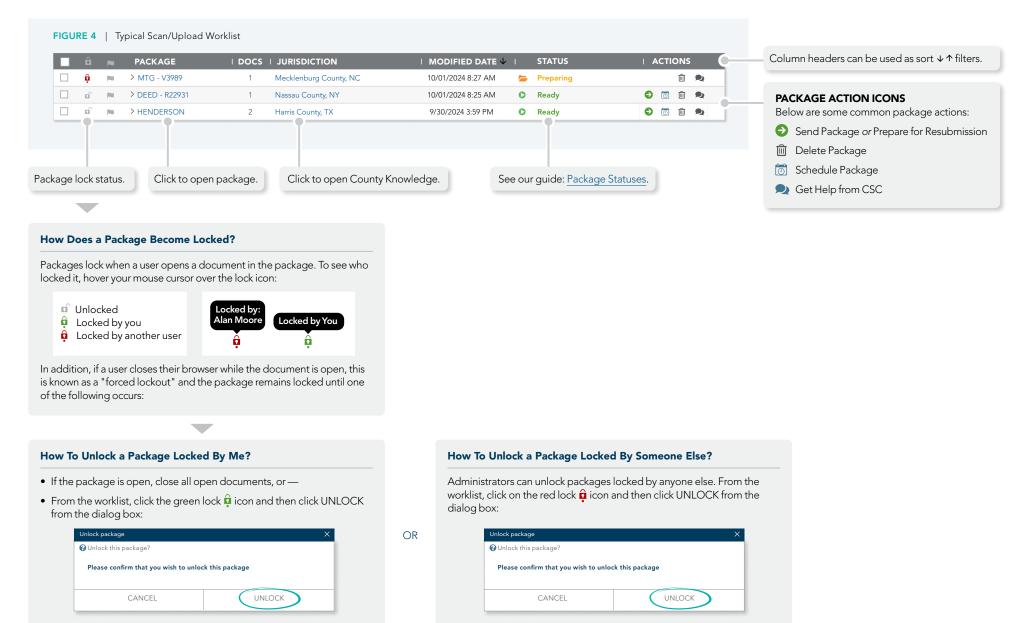


¹ Archive Rejected Packages? is a global setting that determines whether rejected packages also adhere to the archive setting. Only administrators can manage global

Worklist Contents

Below is an example of a typical worklist, or your document library. Documents are sent to counties in virtual envelopes called packages, which are created and managed here. Sort your worklist by package status or details, and click on a column header to use it as a sort filter.

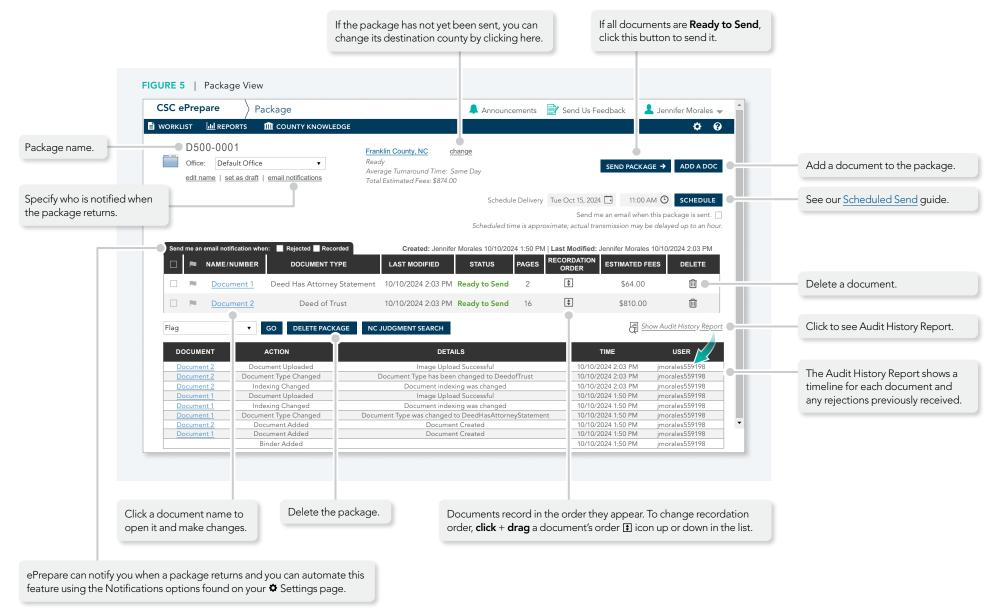
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Package View

To open a package from your worklist, click on the package's name. Package View appears (below) and displays the package contents. The fees shown here are our estimates, based on the document type, number of pages in each document, and completed indexing.

If the estimate is significantly different than your expectations, first double-check the documents and your indexing. If you are unable to resolve the discrepancy, call or chat with our Support Team before you send the package. Below are some highlights of Package View:



Creating New Packages

Drag and drop a document (or a folder of related documents) onto your worklist. This is the preferred method, and offers the fastest results when using ePrepare's ability to predict document-types:

Method #1 — Drag and Drop a Document or Document Folder

All documents must be in .PDF or .TIF format.

- **1.** From File Explorer, drag and drop a single document or a folder of related documents ...
- 2. ... onto your main worklist area ...
- **3.** From the *Create Package* dialog, enter the package name, choose an optional office, and enter a valid county ...
- 4. Click ADD PACKAGE

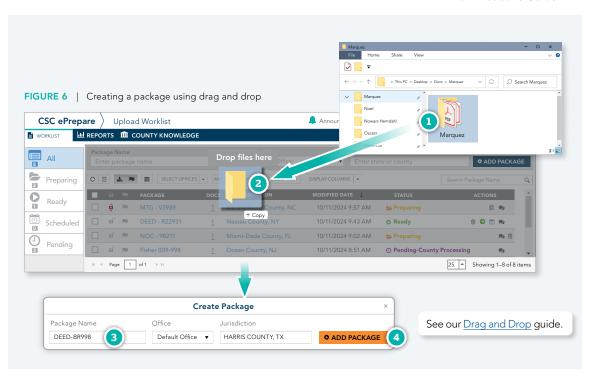
— OR —

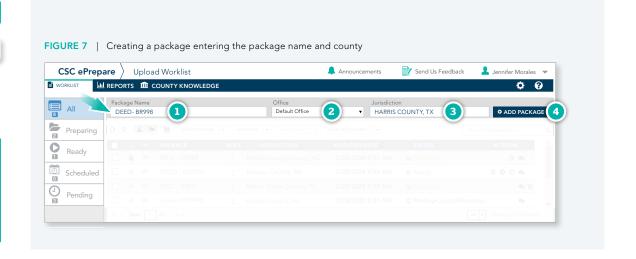
METHOD #2 — Manually Enter Package Name and Destination

All documents must be in .PDF or .TIF format.

You may also enter the package name and destination directly onto the worklist, but this method for creating packages is a little slower when used with ePrepare's ability to predict document-types:

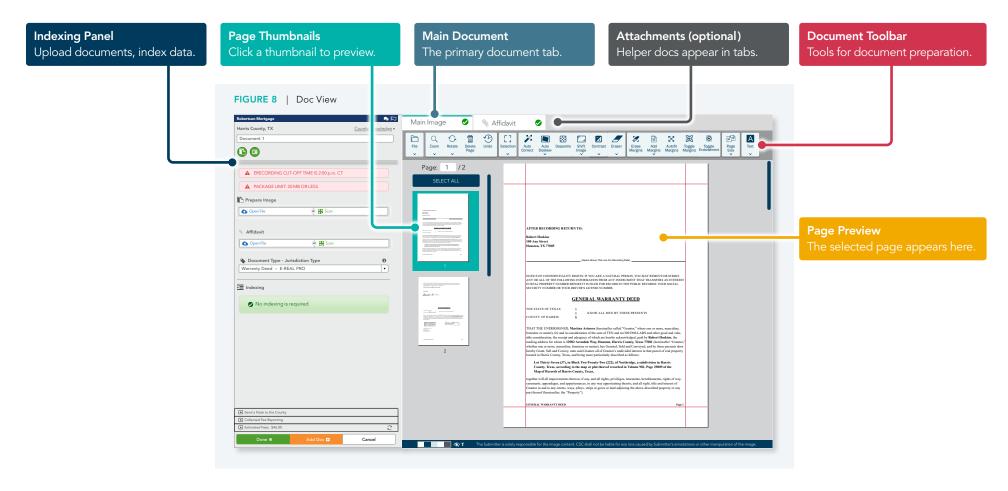
- 1. Enter a package name ...
- 2. Enter an optional office ...
- **3.** Enter an valid county ...
- 4. Click ADD PACKAGE





Document View

Document View is where documents are prepared for submission. This is where you upload, edit, or replace document images. And it is where helper documents are added and indexing is done. It appears when you click on a document name to open it. Below are some highlights:



Document Preparation Includes Several Steps



- Optimization removal of scanning artifacts and image enhancement. A few counties do not permit this and insist that uploaded images match their paper counterparts exactly. In these situations, the document toolbar may offer limited functionality.
- ✓ Managing Helper Documents required attachments like tax forms, cover pages, etc.
- Indexing Some counties require indexing of party names, consideration or loan amounts, document references, etc. This data may be used to calculate recording fees and to facilitate public searches for land records on county websites. Recording fees are often calculated on indexed information, so be accurate!

Document Editing Toolbar

Our document editing toolbar is automatically available in any internet browser, and it appears during document preparation. Some buttons expand to display additional options, and a widget at the bottom of the document preparation window offers several color

variations, including icon- and text-only versions. A small number of counties do not permit changes to uploaded documents, including image enhancements — so in these situations, the toolbar may offer limited functionality. We offer additional information below:

FIGURE 9 | The default document editing toolbar

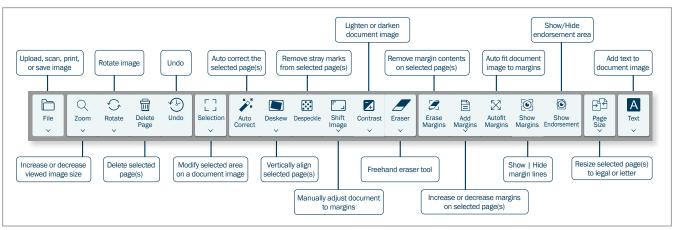


FIGURE 10 | Some toolbar buttons expand to offer applicable options

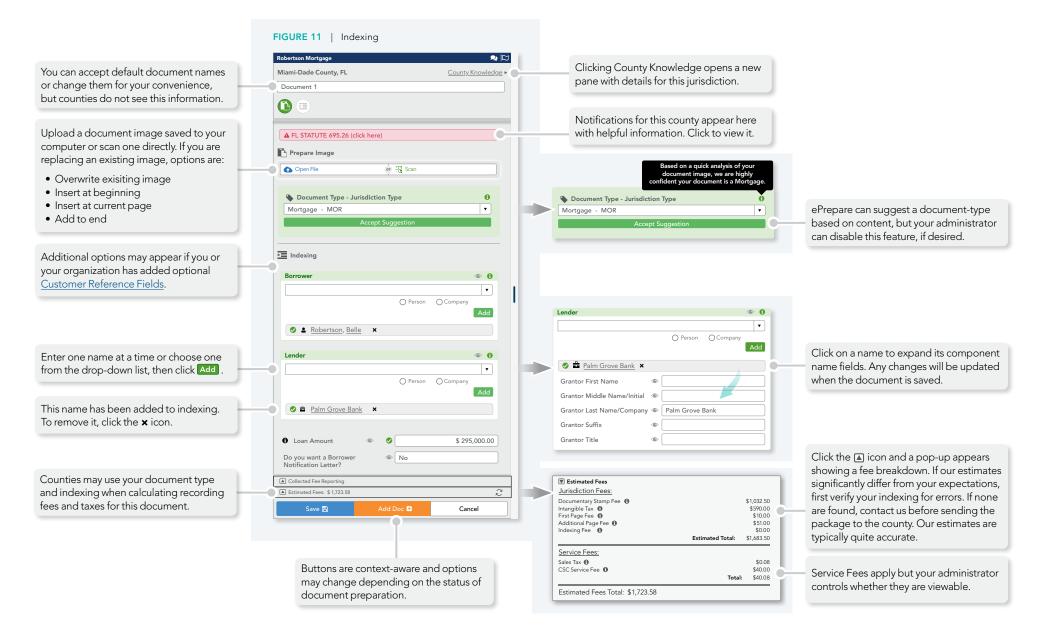


Important Notice About Manipulating Scanned Document Images Affected Counties 05/15/2025 - Subject to Change Some counties have expressed concerns about the potential use of editing tools to modify scanned documents California improperly. They emphasize that eRecording submissions should exactly match the paper originals in every detail. All Counties As an eRecording vendor, CSC understands that county recorders are the final authority in determining what is Missouri acceptable for recording. In response to these concerns, we have proactively disabled certain editing toolbar All Counties functionalities for some counties in Ohio and New Hampshire, as well as for all counties in California and Missouri. New Hampshire Rockingham County When submitting documents to these counties, CSC kindly requests that our customers refrain from using their own tools to alter scanned document images. Counties reserve the right to temporarily or permanently suspend Ohio your organization's ability to submit documents if they suspect any violations. Defiance County Mercer County Wyandot County Fulton County Paulding County For quidance on the legal implications of modifying scanned images, please consult with your in-house legal team Henry County Williams County

Indexing Documents

Indexing requirements are determined by the county or their software provider. The data may be posted on the county's website to facilitate online searches for recorded documents.

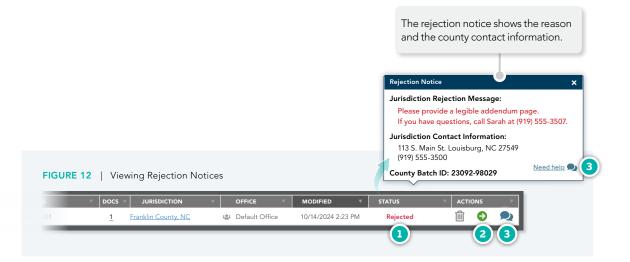
The contents of the indexing panel may change, depending on the selected document-type and how you respond to some questions, and a general example is shown below:



Handling Rejection

Rejections occur for a variety of reasons. Typically, an explanation is included when the package is returned to you. Once you understand the reason for the rejection, prepare the package for resubmission, make any needed corrections, and then successfully resubmit it.

- **1.** Locate the rejected package on your worklist and click the status **Rejected** to view the rejection message ...
- 2. Click the Prepare for Resubmission icon. The package opens, allowing you an opportunity to make corrections before resubmitting the package ...
- 3. Or click the **Chat** icon to ask us for assistance. Choose from one of the three options illustrated below.



Requesting Help From CSC

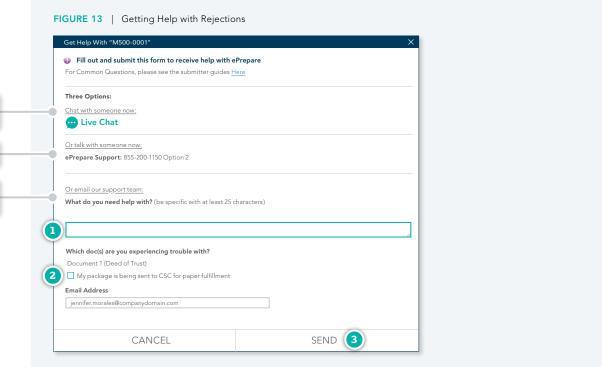
If you want our assistance, there are three available options:

Chat with a member of our Support Team. Your administrator can disable this option if your organization does not allow chat communications.

For urgent matters, please call us.

Email your question and we'll reply as soon as possible — usually within 10–60 minutes during business hours.

- **1.** If you choose the **email option** for assistance, please let us know what you need help with ...
- **2.** If you are sending the package to CSC for paper fulfillment be sure to check the appropriate box ...
- **3.** To send us your email request, click **SEND**.



County Knowledge

ePrepare offers a county knowledge page offering information about each available county in our eRecording network. You may search by county name or by state abbreviation, as illustrated below:

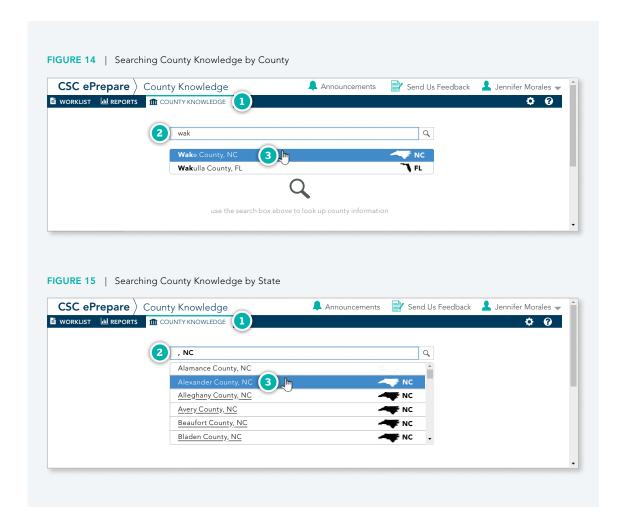
Searching by County Name

- 1. From the shortcuts bar, click m COUNTY KNOWLEDGE ...
- **2.** Begin typing a county name. For this example, we'll type "wak" ...
- **3.** Select a county from the matching pop-up list.

or

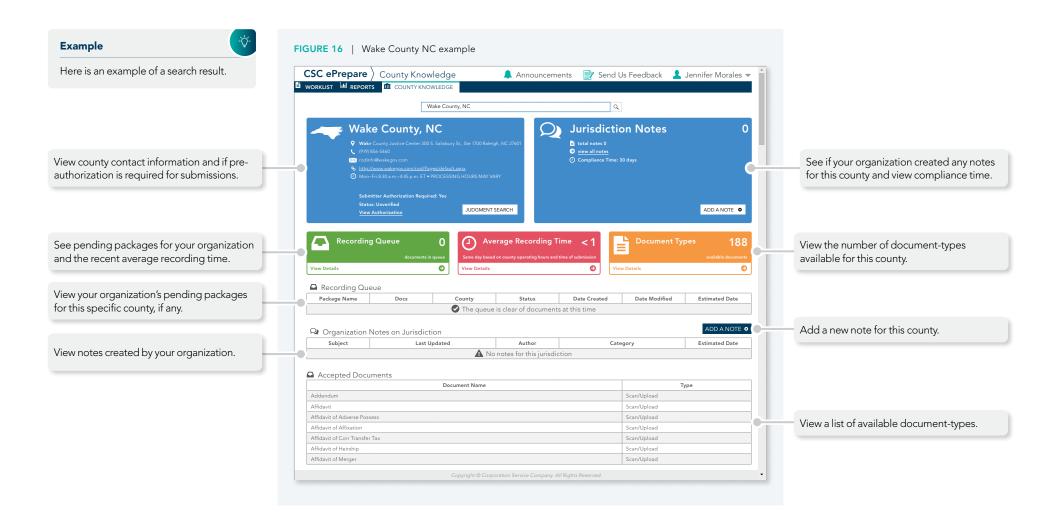
Searching by State Abbreviation

- 1. From the shortcuts bar, click m COUNTY KNOWLEDGE ...
- 2. Type a comma, a space, and a valid state abbreviation. For this example, we'll type ", NC" and then wait for a moment for the search matches to appear ...
- **3.** Select a county from the matching pop-up list.





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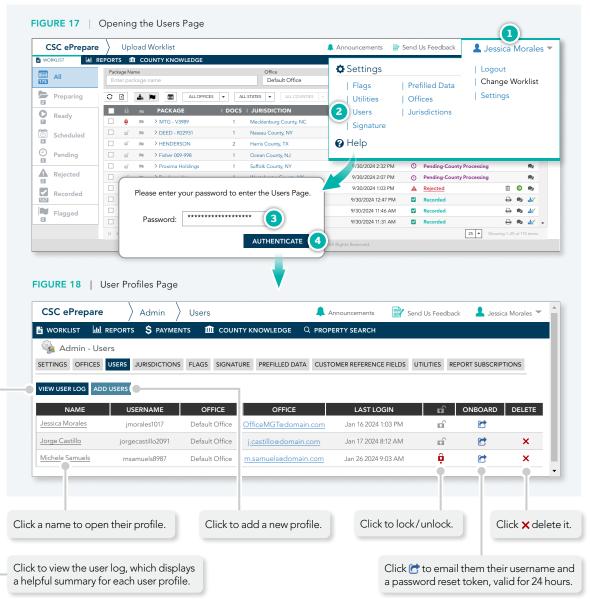


Managing User Accounts

User profiles are created and managed from ePrepare's Users page. To open this page, follow the illustrated steps below:

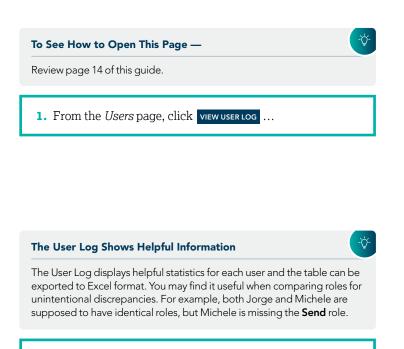
Who Can Manage User Profiles? Any user assigned the Organization Admin or Access Admin user role. Login to ePrepare. In the upper-right corner, hover the mouse cursor over your name ... When the user menu appears, click Users or User Info ... For security purposes, enter your ePrepare login password when prompted ... Click AUTHENTICATE ...



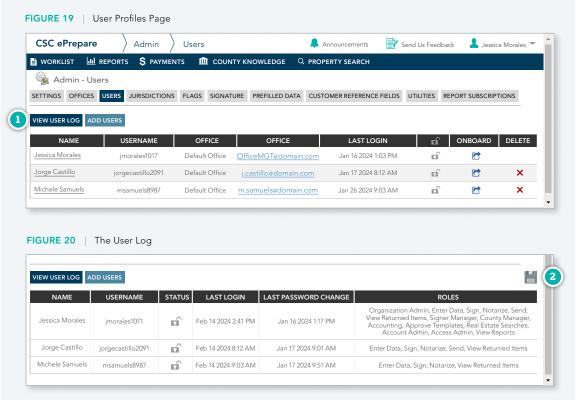


Viewing User Log

The User Log displays helpful statistics for all of your user profiles, such as lock status, last login and password change, and assigned roles.

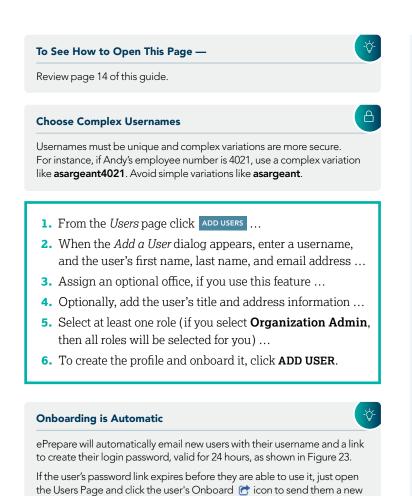


2. Click the download icon to export the table to Excel.



Adding User Accounts

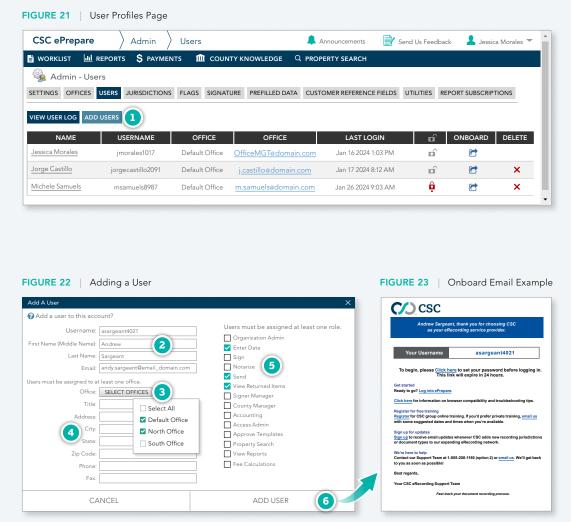
The following steps illustrate how to add user profiles to your account:



Onboarding emails do not invalidate current passwords nor force a user to

onboarding email, valid for another 24 hours.

action — users are free to ignore this email.



Each user profile must have at least one role associated with the profile. Roles define the abilities of each user. Assign as many roles as needed and ignore any that do not apply to your workflow or organization.

FIGURE 23 | ePrepare's User Roles

| User Role | Description | Notes |
|---------------------|--|---|
| Organization Admin | Automatically selects all roles. | The Sign and Notarize roles appear but must be manually selected, if they are needed. |
| Enter Data | Permits indexing data for documents. | Counties often use this data to calculate recording fees, applicable transfer or stamp taxes, etc. |
| Sign | Permits digitally signing applicable documents. | Requires a CSC digital signature file. For more information, see <u>Digitized Signature Form</u> . |
| Notarize | Permits digitally notarizing applicable documents. | Requires a CSC digital signature file. For more information, see <u>Digitized Signature Form</u> . |
| Send | Permits sending packages to a county. | Sending a package implies your organization's consent to pay any recording fees and applicable taxes. |
| View Returned Items | Permits viewing returned packages. | This includes both rejected and recorded documents. |
| Signer Manager | Permits managing digital document signers and notaries. | |
| County Manager | Permits viewing ePrepare's Jurisdictions page. | For more information, see Managing Jurisdictions and CSC County Authorization Guide. |
| Accounting | Permits access to your CSC eRecording financial reports. | Click the In Reports virtual tab found on the shortcuts bar to view a list of available reports. |
| Access Admin | Permits managing user profiles for your organization. | For more information, see this guide. |
| Approve Templates | Permits approving L3 templates for your organization. | This feature applies to submitters who prepare virtual document images rendered from data sources. |
| Property Search | Permits real estate searches for your organization. | This is a fee-based service. For more information, see <u>Property Search</u> . |
| View Reports | Permits viewing available reports for your organization. | Click the In Reports virtual tab found on the shortcuts bar to view a list of available reports. |
| Fee Calculations | Permits access to a county fee calculator service. | This is a fee-based service. For more information, see <u>Calculator</u> . |

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Locking | Unlocking User Profiles

Administrators can lock any user profile, preventing the user access to ePrepare. For additional information, review the material below:



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From ePrepare's *Users* page, administrators can lock a user profile by clicking the profile's lock icon, changing it from \mathbf{n} to \mathbf{n} .

WHEN TO LOCK • Consider locking user profiles for short-term absences such as maternity or short-term medical leave and notify the user.

WHEN TO DELETE • Consider deleting profiles that are no longer used.

Unlocking User Profiles



From ePrepare's Users page, unlock a user profile by clicking the profile's lock icon, changing it from $\hat{\mathbf{Q}}$ to $\hat{\mathbf{M}}$.

If you encounter problems, contact our Support Team at 1-855-200-1150 $\times 2$ or email csc-help@cscglobal.com. To expedite your request, be prepared to provide us with:

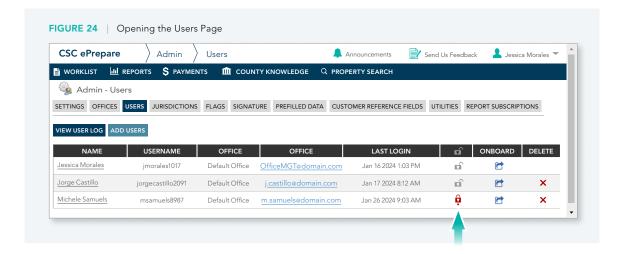
- Your ePrepare account name
- Your administrator username
- The username of the account to be unlocked

When emailing us, please use the email account found in your user profile.

Profiles Lock Automatically After 6 Failed Login Attempts



- User profiles become locked after six consecutive unsuccessful login attempts, and then must be manually unlocked by an administrator.
- Locked accounts cannot be unlocked by the user resetting their login password, nor by an administrator sending a password reset token via an Onboarding email.
- To thwart possible attempts by third parties phishing for account names or passwords, our website discloses minimal information for failed login attempts, whenever feasible.



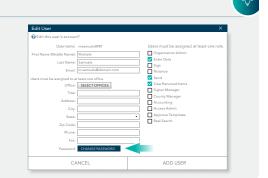
Administrators Can Request or Force Password Changes

Requesting Password Changes

Open the user's profile and click CHANGE PASSWORD. An email is sent to the user with a password reset token, valid for 24 hours. This does not invalidate the current password so users are free to ignore these requests.

Forcing Password Changes

Password changes can be forced but only at specified intervals. On your *Settings* page, scroll to the *Security* section and find "Password Expiration" (select 30, 45, or 90 days — see page 21).



User Settings

Each user customizes ePrepare through application settings. To open this page, follow the steps below:

User settings are local policies and affect only each individual user.

Figure 26 shows what a non-administrator sees for available settings.

- 1. Click the **Settings** icon in the upper-right corner ...
- **2.** Use the scrollbar or the mouse wheel (if available) to scroll up or down the settings list ...
- **3.** If a section is collapsed and the contents are not visible, click the divider bar to expand its contents ...
- 4. To confirm any changes, click SAVE CHANGES

User Settings

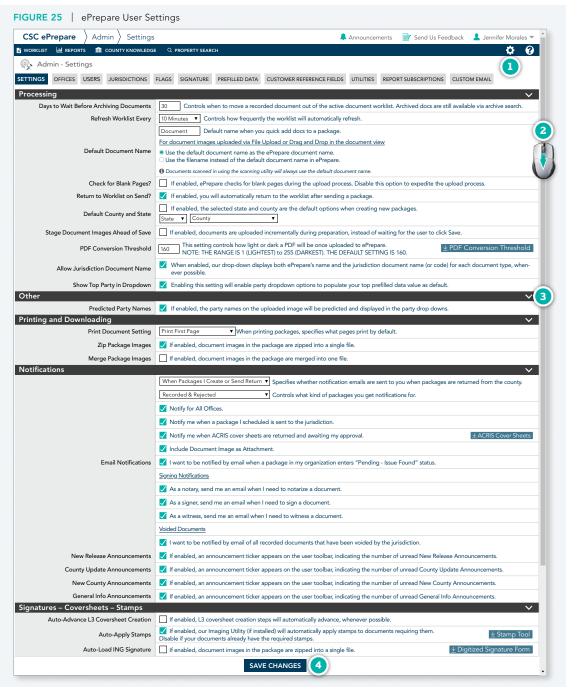


These are local policies and affect only the individual user.

Settings Are Subject To Change



While we make every effort to keep this guide up-to-date, available settings are subject to change. Settings may also vary, depending on the specific configurations and requested features applied to your account.



Global Settings

Administrators also customize ePrepare through application settings. To open this page, follow the illustrated steps below.

Administrators have their own user settings, which are local policies that affect only the individual administrator.

Administrators also see Global settings, which are global policies that affect all users on the account, including other administrators.

Figure 27 shows what an administrator sees for available settings.

- 1. Click the 🌣 Settings icon in the upper-right corner ...
- **2.** Use the scrollbar or the mouse wheel (if available) to scroll up or down the settings list ...
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- 4. To confirm any changes, click SAVE CHANGES

User Settings



Account administrators have the same user settings as everyone else. These are considered local policies that affect only the individual user.

Global Settings



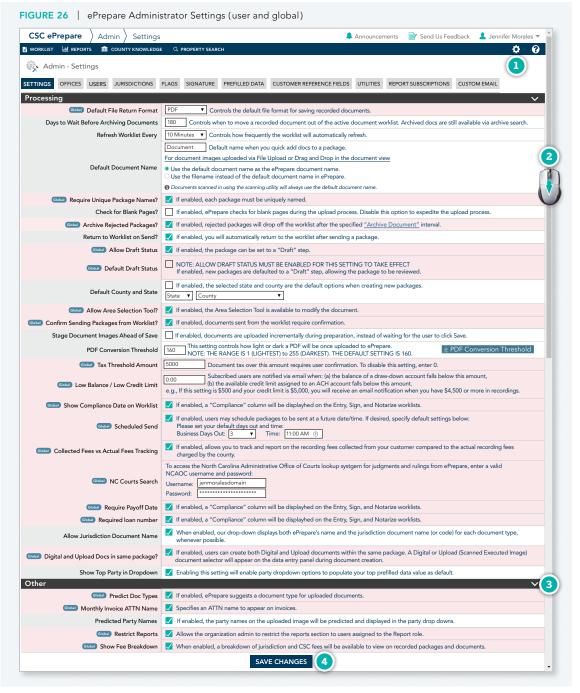
Account administrators also see Global settings. These are considered global policies which affect all users, including other administrators.

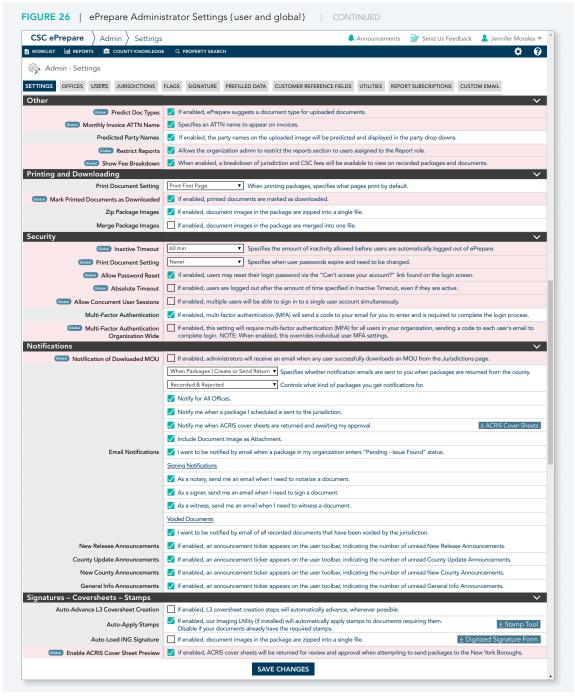
For your convenience, global settings are highlighted at right.

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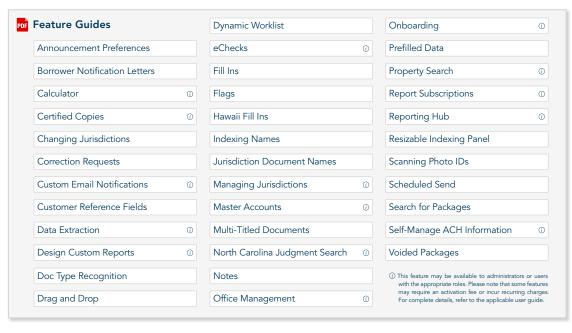
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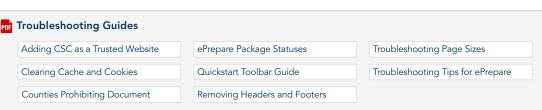








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| Active County List | County Authorization Guide ① |
| Active County List (Excel format) | ePrepare Administrative User Guide © |
| CeRTNA SECURE Document | ePrepare User Guide |
| ePrepare User Guide for Contractors | Important Information for New Users |





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We're ready to talk.



