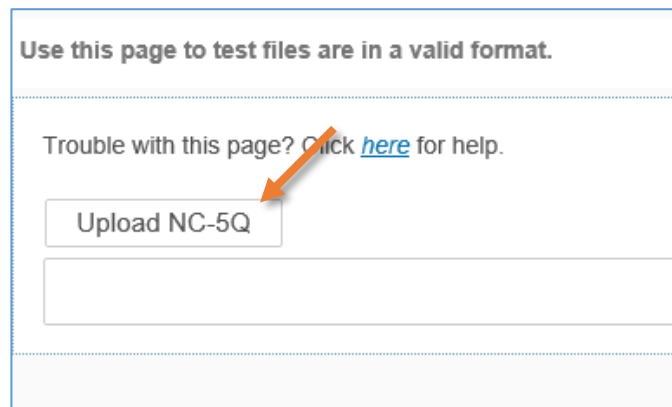# eNC5Q Test File Formats—Step by Step Guide

This section walks you through testing file formats for an NC-5Q file upload submission in the eNC5Q Application.

You can test file formats by clicking on **Test File Formats** in eNC5Q Application.
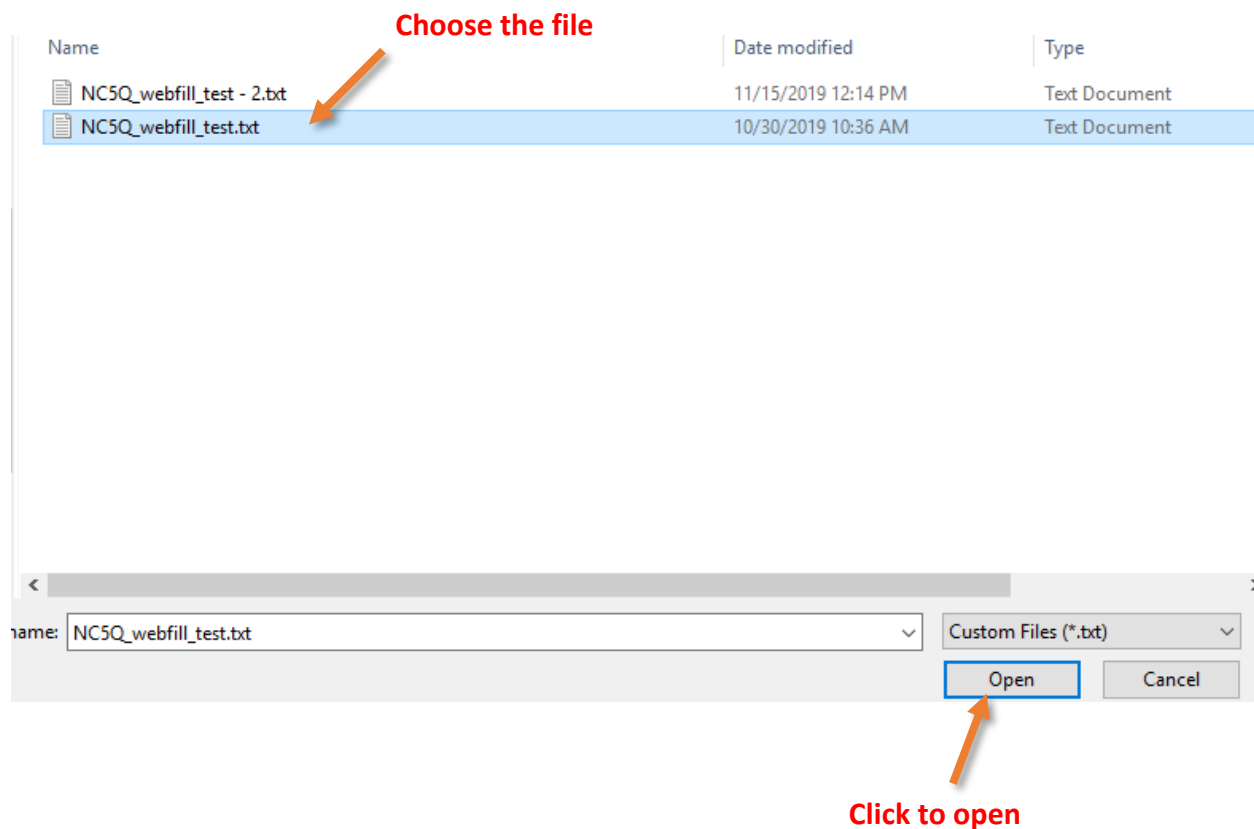

Step 1: Create a text (.txt) file using the file formats on the NCDOR website.

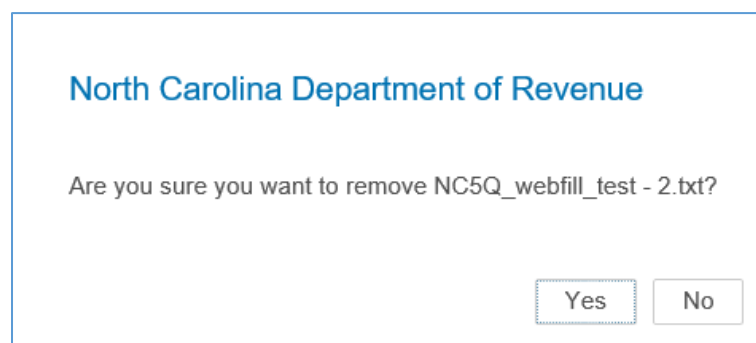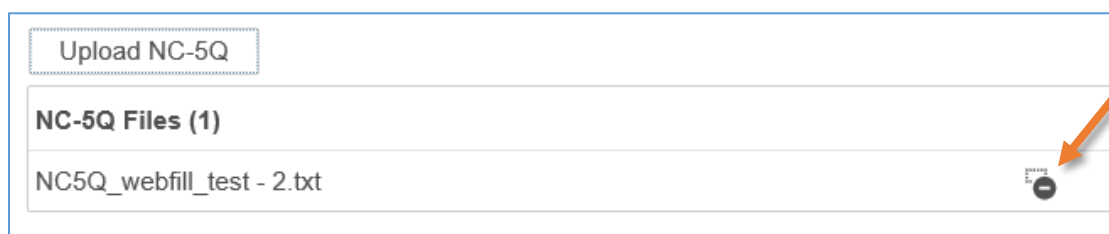**Step 2.** On the **Test Files** screen, select **Upload NC-5Q**.

Step 3. A new window will pop up. Choose the file you want to upload. Click **Open** to add the file. The files you add will appear in a table below the upload buttons. Keep in mind:
- All files must be .txt files
- There are no file size limitations for the eNC3 application, but your browser may have a 2 GB limitation

Choose the file

Click to open

Use the minus **(-)** button next to the text file to delete a file. A confirmation box will appear, select **Yes** if you want to remove the file, or **No** to keep the file.

Step 4. Click **Test Files** to test the file(s) you uploaded.

Use this page to test files are in a valid format.

Trouble with this page? Click *here* for help.

Upload NC-5Q

NC-5Q Files (1)

NC5Q_webfill_test.txt

Test Files

Step 5. If there are no errors with your file, a popup box will confirm that all your file(s) are formatted correctly.

✓ All forms formatted correctly.

If there is an error, you will receive a message explaining the error in your files. Error messages look like this:

⚠ North Carolina Department of Revenue

The following files found incorrect format. Please check the line mentioned and all subsequent lines.

NC5Q_webfill_test - 2.txt: line 1: Expected 1370 characters but found 1348

Close

If there is an error with your file you can:
- Determine where the error occurred by reviewing the error message and correct your file accordingly
- If you used software to create the file, contact the software provider
- If you are unable to resolve the issue, you can opt to manually enter form information

Use the **Back** button to return to the eNC5Q homepage when you finish. Keep in mind that the Test Files screen is only used to test your files, not upload files. Use the **New Submission** button to upload and submit files.

Additional Resources:
- How to enter submitter information
- How to make a file upload or manual entry submission
- How to review and complete your submission