IRS NEWS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES April 2025

► UPCOMING WEBINARS

Currently, There Are No Upcoming Webinars Scheduled for April.

► HOT TOPICS

Your account | Internal Revenue Service

• Individuals, Businesses, and Tax Professionals can use an IRS account to check and manage tax information.

► HAVE YOU SEEN THIS?

Tax Withholding Estimator | Internal Revenue Service

- Individual taxpayers can use this tool to estimate the federal income tax they want their employer to withhold from their paycheck.
- For more complex tax situation, see Publication 505, <u>Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax</u>. Estimated tax is the method used to pay tax on income that isn't subject to withholding. This includes income from <u>self-employment</u>, interest, dividends, rent, gains from the sale of assets, prizes, and awards. You may also have to pay estimated tax if the amount of income tax being withheld from your salary, pension, or other income isn't enough.

Frequently asked questions about the Employee Retention Credit | Internal Revenue Service

 There are recent FAQs dated March 20, 2025, that were either added as new FAQs or updated. These FAQs relate to wage expense on the income tax return and reporting fraud. Just look for the March 20th date at the end of the questions to see the new FAQs.

► BEWARE OF TAX SCAMS

False Fuel Tax Credit claims: A major concern during the past year involved taxpayers who were misled into believing they were eligible for the Fuel Tax Credit. The credit is meant for off-highway business and farming use and is not available to most taxpayers. However, unscrupulous tax return preparers and promoters, including people on social media, continue enticing taxpayers into inflating their refunds by erroneously claiming the credit. The IRS has seen an increase in the promotion of filing certain refundable credits using Form 4136, Credit for Federal Tax Paid on Fuels. The IRS urges people to get more information and ensure they are properly claiming this credit.

Dirty Dozen tax scams for 2025: IRS warns taxpayers to watch out for dangerous threats

• The Internal Revenue Service announced its annual Dirty Dozen list of tax scams for 2025 with a warning for taxpayers, businesses and tax professionals to watch out for common schemes that threaten their tax and financial information.

► TAX TIPS and FACT SHEETS

Errors taxpayers should watch out for when preparing a tax return

• Mistakes can happen when preparing a tax return — and that can cause delays or even rejected returns. Knowing what to lookout for can help taxpayers be better prepared when they file their federal tax return.

Myth-busting federal tax refunds

• Many taxpayers file their federal tax returns and then eagerly anticipate details about their refund.

How to file when taxpayers have incorrect or missing documents

• Taxpayers should make sure they have all their documents before filing a federal tax return.

Taxpayers can request a copy of previous tax returns

• Taxpayers can access their personal tax records in several ways. Those records are useful and can help with future tax filing.

► NEWS RELEASES

Taxpayers should act now to claim more than \$1 billion in refunds for tax year 2021 with the April 15 deadline fast approaching

• The Internal Revenue Service announced that over 1.1 million people across the nation have unclaimed refunds for tax year 2021 but face an April 15 deadline to submit their tax returns.

Tax Time Guide: Use IRS electronic payment options for fast, safe service; avoid penalties and interest

• The Internal Revenue Service encouraged taxpayers to file a tax return or pay taxes they owe using electronic options on IRS.gov by April 15.

Earned Income Tax Credit celebrates 50 years of helping working families

• The Earned Income Tax Credit has played a crucial role in helping millions of low-tomoderate income workers out of poverty. Saturday, March 29, 2025, marks the 50th anniversary of this important credit.

► DISASTER INFORMATION – NEW OR EXPIRING

The below articles may impact your clients or customers in neighboring states.

West Virginia storm victims qualify for tax relief; various deadlines postponed to Nov. 3

- The Internal Revenue Service announced tax relief for individuals and businesses in parts of West Virginia affected by severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides and mudslides that began on Feb. 15, 2025.
- These taxpayers now have until **Nov. 3, 2025**, to file various federal individual and business tax returns and make tax payments.

IRS announces tax relief for taxpayers impacted by severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, and landslides in Kentucky; various deadlines postponed to Nov. 3

- The Internal Revenue Service announced tax relief for individuals and businesses in the entire state of Kentucky affected by severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, and landslides that began on Feb. 14, 2025.
- These taxpayers now have until **Nov. 3, 2025**, to file various federal individual and business tax returns and make tax payments.

IRS reminder to disaster area taxpayers with extensions: All or parts of 14 states, 2 territories need to file 2023 returns by Feb. 3; others have until May 1

• The Internal Revenue Service reminded disaster-area taxpayers who received extensions to file their 2023 returns that, depending upon their location, their returns are due by Feb. 3 or **May 1, 2025**.

Tax relief is available for people living in areas affected by federally declared disasters. To find out whether an area qualifies taxpayers can visit <u>Around the Nation</u>.

See <u>FAQs for Disaster Victims</u> for information about the definition of an affected taxpayer. See the Disaster Page for all other declarations: <u>Tax relief in disaster situations | Internal Revenue</u> <u>Service (irs.gov)</u>

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 - Website e-Newsletter Other Social Media (Twitter/Instagram)

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