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Topics for Today















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House Ways and Means Committee Passed Bills – American Families and Jobs Act

Tax Cuts for Working Families Act (H.R. 3936)

renames and additional standard deduction

Small Business Jobs
Act
(H.R. 3937)
- Form 1099K

- Form 1099K \$20,000/200, Sec. 1202 stock changes, Sec. 179 expensing increase, op. zones Build it in America Act (H.R. 3938)

- Sec. 174 expensing '22 thru '25, interest expensing '23 thru '25, bonus depreciation '23 thru '25, repeals 4 energy credits



Moderate House Democrats May Push for Year-End Deal on Child Tax Credit (CTC) and R&D Fix

- New Democrat Coalition to Leadership: Prioritize enhanced CTC in any year-end package
- Letter mentions need for R&E fix



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The Honorable Steny Hoyer

U.S. House of Representative

Majority Leader

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jim Clyburn Majority Whip U.S. House of Representative Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader Hover, and Whip Clyburn

Over the past two years, Democrats and President Biden have delivered on our promises to the American people with historic investments in our families, communities, innovators, economy, and global alliances. From day one of his Congress, the New Democrate Codition (NDC) has led the charge for one of the most critical and importful policies of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) the enhanced Child Tax Credit (CTC). The enhanced CTC lithed millions of children out of poverty, gave parents the flexibility to return to work, and provided families a stronger opportunity to succeed. As Members of the New Democrat Coalition, we write today to ask that you prioritize the channed CTC in an end-of-vera prokach.

New Dems are committed to supporting American families and strengthening the middle class. We know that when our children and families have the resources to succeed, America succeeds. New Dems believe in evidence-based policymaking, and the evidence couldn't be clearer American families and our economy benefit from the enhanced CTC. According to recent data from the Census Bureau, the child poverty rate fell from 9.7 percent in 2020 a. 52 percent in 2021, a 46 percent decide with the channel of CTC was in place. The 2021 child poverty was the lowest on record. Without the American Rescuer Plan's CTC expansion, child poverty would have been 8.1% and more than 2 million additional children would have been in poverty.

In order to build an economy that ensures every American has the opportunity to succeed, we must invest in policies that support our workers and families and help American businesses

The Administration's Fiscal Year 2024 Green Book Revenue Proposals

Key revenue proposals in the Greenbook would:

- Ensure the wealthy and large corporations pay their fair share, by:
 - Implementing a global minimum tax that will strengthen the taxation of corporations' foreign income by ensuring that all multinationals pay at least the minimum rate on their earnings in each jurisdiction, thereby stopping the race to the bottom on corporate tax rates and leveling the playing field for U.S. businesses.
 - Implementing a Billionaire Minimum Tax of 25 percent on the wealthiest taxpayers to ensure the top 0.01 percent pay taxes as they go, just like everyone else who earns a paycheck.
 - Raising the tax rate on corporate stock buybacks to help reduce the differential tax treatment between buybacks and dividends and encourage businesses to reinvest profits in their workers or in the company's growth.
 - Closing Medicare tax loopholes and making the Medicare Trust Fund solvent for another quarter century by expanding the Net Investment Income Tax on income over \$400,000 to cover all pass-through business income not otherwise covered by the Net Investment Income Tax or self-employment taxes, and by increasing the additional Medicare tax rate and the Net
 Investment Income tax rate by 1.2 percentage points above \$400,000 for a total.

- Provide relief to workers and families, by:
 - Expanding tax credits for health insurance premiums that were first enacted
 in the American Rescue Plan and extended in the Inflation Reduction Act. As a
 result of these efforts to make health insurance more affordable, a record
 number of Americans have enrolled in insurance coverage through the
 Affordable Care Act marketplace and last year, the uninsured rate dipped to its
 lowest level in history.
 - **Expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit** to cover more workers without children.
 - Expanding the Child Tax Credit and making it fully refundable and available in advance monthly, a more practical solution to ensure that families can receive relief when they need it most instead of in one lump sum at the end of the year. In 2021, an expanded CTC lifted 2.1 million children out of poverty and helped bring about a historic low in child poverty.
 - Expand and enhance the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, the largest federal
 incentive for affordable housing construction and rehabilitation, to boost the
 supply of housing that is affordable for low-income renters.



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AICPA Tax Legislative Compendium

On 2/7/23, AICPA suggested over 60 simplification and technical legislative proposals that were <u>submitted</u> to Congress, hoping some are included in the tax legislation.

AICPA proposed legislative changes to tax provisions:

- Needing attention
- Technical in nature
- Can be readily addressed
- Correcting technical problems in the Internal Revenue Code
- Simplifying existing provisions
- Promoting simplicity
- Making the tax code fairer
- Effectively promoting important policy objectives
- Improving tax administration
- That are generally noncontroversial



AICPA Tax Legislative Compendium

- General
 - Standardize definitions to avoid multiple meanings for the same term
- Corporations and shareholders
- Employee benefits
- Individuals
 - Harmonize and simplify education related tax provisions
 - Harmonize standard mileage rates for business, medical, armed forces moving expense, and charitable contribution purposes
- International tax

- Partnerships
- S corporations
- Tax administration
- Tax methods and periods
- Trust, estate, and gift tax
 - Modify the deadline for estate basis reporting to 2/15 after the year of distribution
 - Allow administrative relief for late portability, inter vivos qualified terminable interest property, and qualified revocable trust elections

Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return

2022

Part I Identification

Part II Individual Income Tax

Creating a Prior Year Safe Harbor for Extensions – H.R. 3566 – Simplify Automatic Filing Extensions (SAFE) Act

Interest still runs

on any taxes not paid by

April 15

Bipartisan House legislation -Introduced with Republican and Democrat co-sponsors

No Failure to Pay Penalty for Individuals who pay 125% of prior year tax

Extension automatically valid (no penalties)

Does not change or remove any existing rules

Flexibility for individual taxpayers and practitioners





Filing Flexibility Task Force

Considering a number of advocacy-related changes, such as:

- Expedited and reimagined extension process
- Simpler safe harbor choices
- Easier approach to "information perfection"
- Broader penalty relief
- Expansion of IRS "tax-pro" accounts
- Optimizing IRS/tax practitioner communication
- Creation of an IRS practitioner services unit
- Changes to information reporting (Form 1099) processes



Tax Practice Resiliency Task Force

Tasked with providing guidance in the ever-changing professional environment. Looking at:

- IRS service issues
- Compressed work deadlines
- Unrealistic client expectations
- Technology enhancements
- CPA pipeline concerns



118th Congress AICPA Tax Legislative Priorities and Outlook



Extenders

R&E amortization/ expensing



Form **1099K**

Increase \$600 threshold



Natural Disasters

Improve IRS
authority to
provide federal
tax relief after a
natural disaster



IRS Service

Improve IRS taxpayer service



SAFE Act

Increase flexibility and ease filing process



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Section 174 Research and Experimentation Costs

 Current section 174 R&E costs treatment (enacted in TCJA) starting in 2022

5-year amortization instead of immediate expensing

- AICPA supports retroactive extension of R&E expensing
 - S. 866, American Innovation and Jobs Act and H.R. 2673 American Innovation and R&D Competitiveness Act of 2023 retroactively repeals TCJA provision (<u>Letter 5/9/23</u>)
 - H.R. 3938 section 101 4-year delay of R&E amortization 2022 until tax years after 12/31/25 and recommends a permanent extension of expensing (<u>Letter</u> 2/14/23 and letter <u>10/1/21</u>)
- AICPA continues to advocate



May 9, 2023

The Honoruble Maggie Hassan United States Senate 324 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ron Estes United States House of Representatives 2411 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honoruble Todd Young United States Senate 185 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Larson United States House of Representatives 1501 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20510

RE: Repealing Section 174 amortization requirement - S. 866, American Innovation and Jobs Act and H.R. 2673 - American Innovation and R&D Competitiveness Act of 2023

Dear Senator Hassan, Senator Young, Representative Estes, and Representative Larson:

The AKPA greatly appreciates your continued leadership on legislative efforts to repeal the Internal Revenue Code section 174 amortization requirement of the research and experimental expenditures (R&E) provision. We have previously <u>supported</u> efforts to either defer the capitalization requirement until 2026 or permanently extend the deductibility of R&E costs, and now also support S. 866 and H.R. 2673 which fully reverse the change that was signed into law as part of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA).

The TCJA required, for tax years starting January 1, 2022, amounts defined as specified research and experimental expenditures, including any software development costs, to be capitalized and amortized ratably over a five-year period rather than immediate expensing. For tax years starting January 1, 2022, those expenditures that are attributable to research that is conducted outside of the United States (U.S.) are required to be capitalized and amortized ratably over a period of 15 years. Confusion related to identifying relevant costs that should be capitalized versus expensed and hope that Congress will act this year prior to the extended filing due dates of September 15, 2023, and October 16, 2023, likely contributed to an increase in filing extension requests ahead of the original return due date. Allowing businesses to continue expensing research and development costs would improve simplicity in tax compliance. We urge Congress to act prior to the extended filing due dates to significantly reduce the burden of filing amended returns and refund claims, specifically for pass-through entities subject to the Bipartisan Budget Act (BBA) Centralized Partnership Audit regime who are not be able to amend their tax returns to allow tax refunds for the 2023 tax year unless Congressional or administrative refeir is provide relief is provided.

We appreciate your leadership on this issue and look forward to helping you advance this legislation.

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Section 174 R&E Expenditures IRS Guidance - IRS Notice 2023-63

IRS Notice 2023-63 was issued on 9/8/23, providing clarification under section 174 as amended by TCJA.

The Notice is not a fix to the current law amortization treatment, and it is still requiring taxpayers to amortize these costs.

- Treasury and IRS intend to issue proposed rules that will be consistent with this Notice.
- Taxpayers can rely on the Notice until proposed regulations are issued.
- The AICPA section 174 working group is drafting comments on the Notice (due to IRS 11/24/23).
- Proposed regulations possible in Spring 2024.



Advocacy and Resources on Section 174 Research Costs Expensing

AICPA submitted comments to Congress on section 174

May 9, 2023, February 14, 2023, and October 1, 2021

AICPA resources on section 174

- Ask the experts How to handle section 174 research and development costs for 2022 taxes
- JofA article on guidance on amortization of R&E costs (Sept. 2023)
- The Tax Adviser article outlining the changes (July 2022)





SECTION 473 LIFO RELIEF

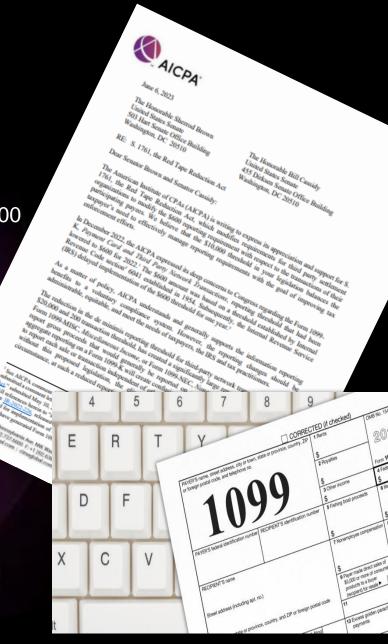
- Due to COVID, the supply chain for many U.S. companies was disrupted and inventory levels have been reduced. Therefore, many companies using LIFO will have additional taxable income due to this decrease in their inventory.
- The AICPA has put forth several efforts to help advance this relief:
 - March 8, 2023 AICPA <u>letter</u> support <u>S. 443</u> and <u>S. 700</u> bipartisan Supply Chain Disruptions Relief Act
 - May 3, 2022 and April 14, 2022 AICPA letters support S. 4105, bipartisan Supply Chain Disruptions Relief Act
 - April 28, 2022 AICPA comment letter requesting general relief
 - On August 17th, AICPA <u>second comment letter</u> with detailed examples
 - On November 9th, AICPA endorsed bipartisan Congressional letter to Treasury
 - On November 29th, AICPA and National Automobile Dealer's Association (NADA) <u>letter</u> to meet with Treasury
 - On December 16th, AICPA and NADA met with Treasury to discuss the issues. Treasury is currently further
 analyzing the facts and scope.



Form 1099-K Threshold

American Recovery Plan Act lowered threshold from \$20,000 & 200 transactions to \$600

- Starting 1/1/22
- AICPA with Coalition for Form 1099-K Fairness
- After AICPA and others' advocacy, 12/23/22 IRS announced 1 year delay of \$600 threshold
- 1/3/23 IRS updated Fact Sheet FAQs on Form 1099K
- AICPA letters to Congress
 - June 6, 2023, May 10, 2023, December 22, 2022, and December 16, 2022
 - COLA for \$600 reporting threshold from 1954 is \$6,500, supported \$5,000 for simplicity
 - S. 1761 increases to \$10,000 threshold
 - <u>H.R. 190</u> and <u>H.R. 3937</u> section 2 increase to \$20,000 and 200 transactions
 - Continue to advocate





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AICPA Disaster Relief Efforts

Support the Filing Relief for Natural **Disasters Act** – H.R. 3861, <u>S.</u> 1815 submitted letter 6/9/23

Support the **Casualty Loss Deduction** Restoration **Act** (H.R. 4539) submitted letter 7/12/23

Requested IRS provide lookback period for refunds and credits for all disasters submitted letter 3/17/23

AICPA Disaster Relief Resource Center IRS Website: IRS Tax Relief in Disaster Situations



Filing Relief for Natural Disasters Act

H.R. 3861 – Judy Chu (D-CA) & David Kustoff (R-TN) S. 1815 – Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), John Kennedy (R-LA), and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

AICPA support letter 6/9/23 - to improve IRS authority to provide federal tax relief after a disaster

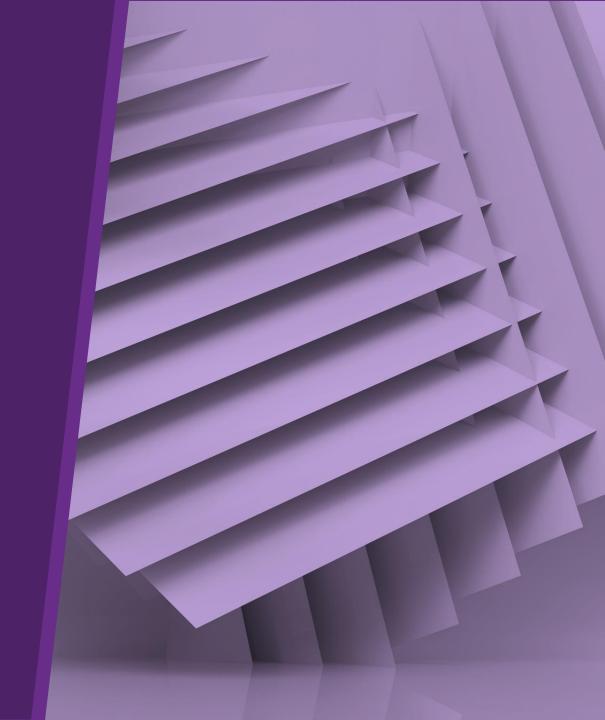
- State emergency declaration trigger for authority for IRS to issue tax deadline extensions
- 120 days instead of 60 days
- Bipartisan, Bicameral Stand-Alone Bills
- Flurry of Annual Disasters Brings Congressional Interest to Bills
- Focus on Building Cosponsor Lists in Balanced Fashion



Disaster tax relief resources

- Casualty loss FAQ
- Disaster tax relief FAQ and latest developments
- Disaster tax relief procedures and processes

Visit the Disaster Relief Resource Center →





Tax Legislation Proposed to Simplify Individual Estimated Tax Payments - Quarterly

AICPA submitted **letter** of support (June 20, 2023)

H.R. 3708, the Tax Deadline Simplification Act

- Support changing the due dates for individuals for the second and third quarter estimated federal income tax payments to have all quarterly payments due 15 days after the end of the quarter.
- Changing the June 15 date to July 15 and the September 15 date to October 15 would consistently schedule the dates to three months apart and tie to the normal quarter date (15 days after the quarter end) making it easier for taxpayers to meet their tax obligations in a timely matter.



The Honorable Debra K. Lesko United States House of Representatives 1214 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Bradley S. Schneider United States House of Representatives 300 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 3708, the Tax Deadline Simplification Ac

Dear Congresswoman Lesko and Congressman Schneider:

The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) commends your efforts to simplify the quarterly installments for estimated income tax payments by individuals. Specifically, we support changing the due dates for the second and third quarter estimated federal income tax payments to have all quarterly payments due 15 days after the end of the quarter.

Currently, quarterly estimated tax payments for individuals (including small business owners) are due April 15, June 15, September 15, and January 15. The spacing between these dates does not tie to normal quarters, which can be confusing to self-employed individuals (and others) and even challenging to compute and timely pay.



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IRS Mailbox Rule to Electronic Submissions

AICPA submitted <u>letter of</u> support (May 3, 2023)

S. 1338, Legislation to Treat Electronically Submitted Tax Payments and Documents as Timely If Submitted on or Before the Applicable Deadline Introduced by Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)

IRS National Taxpayer Advocate's Recommendation



AICPA-Endorsed Tax Legislation

Simplify Automatic Filing Extensions (SAFE) Act – H.R. 3566, bipartisan bill that would allow individual taxpayers filing for a federal extension to rely on a safe harbor payment of 125% of prior year tax.

Tax Deadline Simplification Act – H.R. 3708, bipartisan bill that would set the estimated tax installment deadlines to 15 days after the end of each quarter, moving the deadlines to January 15th, April 15th, July 15th, and October 15th.

Filing Relief for Natural Disasters Act - S. 1815 / H.R. 3861 bipartisan bills would give the IRS the authority to extend federal tax filing deadlines following state-declared disaster instead of waiting for a federally-declared disaster.

Electronic Communication Uniformity Act – S. 1338, bipartisan bill giving IRS authority to treat e-submitted tax payments and documents as submitted on the day they are transmitted, even if the IRS processes them at a later date.

The Red Tape Reduction Act – S. 1761, bipartisan bill increasing Form 1099-K reporting threshold from \$600 to \$10,000 for third-party payment platforms.

American Innovation and Jobs Act - S. 866 / H.R. 2673, bill reversing 2017 TCJA change limiting companies from fully deducting R&E investments each year.

Freedom to Invest-in Tomorrow's Workforce Act - H.R. 1477 / S. 722 - 529 bill

Supply Chain Disruption Relief Act – S. 443 / H.R. 700 - LIFO relief for auto dealers bill

Book Minimum Tax Repeal Act - S. 1559 / H.R. 3210 - repeals IRA enacted CAMT



Congressional Tax Activity: Year End Bill or Waiting Until 2025?



Ways and Means Tax Legislation

- Bipartisan items in a partisan package
 - Section 174
 - Form 1099K
- DOA in Senate
- House GOP marker for 2025

2024 Election Significant Factor in Future Tax Legislation

- Year-end tax bill hinges on political appetite to compromise and depends on November spending debate
- TCJA and IRA provisions expire end of 2025 creates tax cliff
- "Deal" for grand tax bargain remains the same



The Optimistic Case: Piecing Together a Year-End Deal





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FY2024 Appropriations Package, Tax Extenders

Disaster Relief

Corporate Tax Fixes in Exchange for Child Tax Credit Expansion

LIFO Relief for Auto Dealers

What to Watch in 2023

Implementation guidance on CAMT, energy credits

Notices, regulations



Oversight of IRS and Strategic Operating Plan



More details, updates, implementation

Extenders – R & E

Year-end bill possible?



Possible Federal Shutdown?



Next funding deadline is mid November 2023



Key state tax issues for the profession: Looking ahead to 2024 and beyond



Pass-through entity (PTE) taxes – more states likely to enact and refine as workaround to federal SALT deduction cap

Tax on professional services – governors looking to eliminate personal and corporate taxes

Mobile and remote workforce – more states may enact 30-day threshold for nonresidents and may clarify rules and guidance



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IRS ADVOCACY ISSUES UPDATE



What Would Mid-November Shutdown Mean for IRS?

AICPA 9/28/23 letter to Treasury & IRS

- Called upon Treasury to expeditiously announce contingency plan
- Broadly interpret Executive Branch guidance on essential employees
- September shutdown would have impacted processing of extended tax returns due in October, tax exempt organization returns due in November, and expatriate tax returns due in December
- If November shutdown, will IRS be ready for filing season to start on time?



September 28, 2023

The Honorable Janette L. Yellen Secretary of the Treasury Department of the Treasury 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20220 The Honorable Daniel I. Werfel Commissioner Internal Revenue Service 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20224

RE: IRS Contingency Plan for Current 2023 Extended Filing Season and Upcoming 2024 Filing Season and Possible Government Shutdown on October 1, 2023

Dear Secretary Yellen and Commissioner Werfel

The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) urges the Internal Revenue Service (IRS or "Service") to amounce as soon as possible the contingency plan that would be in effect in the event of a government studdown on Crober 1, 2023. We also urge the Service to base any deciration to fitudopia IRS employees on a broader interpretation of the Office of Management and Budget guidance to include not only the government's safety of human life and protection of property but also for the taxpayer, thereby excepting IRS employees. We believe that tax practitioners, a critical stakeholder and partner with the IRS, should have the opportunity to provide feedback on, as well as prepare for, the IRS's plan, and possibly advise their clients on potential consequences of a shutdown.

We are concerned that an October government shutdown will likely impact the timely processing of extended 2022 tax returns due by October 16, 2023, tax-exempt organization returns due November 13, 2023, and expatriate tax returns due December 15, 2023, as has happened previously with prior government shutdowns. In addition, the upcoming 2024 filing season, which normally would start mid-Jamuny 2024, may also be delayed due to a shutdown.

The AICPA would welcome an opportunity to provide the Service input in its consideration and prioritization of issues, services, and functions that taxpayers and practitioners are likely to need during the extended 2023 and upcoming 2024 tax filing season. For example, we are deeply concerned that a government shutdown with the IRS operating at only a fraction of what is deemed to be its essential workforce's would result in a huge strain on toxpayers and practitioners. The shutdown may affect a taxpayer's and a tax practitioner's ability to timely file tax returns, pay taxes, obtain refunds, address automated collection notices, audit issues, or contact the IRS with questions.

We hope that, in the event of an October 2023 government shutdown, the government is able to retain more essential IRS employees during the extended and upcoming filing season than occurred in prior

NTEU amounced that the IRS fulloughing some of its workforce. Under the fixed 1002 shardown plan (the most recent prior to the Inflation Reduction Act, Approximately 3.000 employees were deemed essential and the IRS projected it would furlough about 50,000 of its approximately \$2,000 employees through a powerment shardown. If a shardown continued, IRS indirected it would bring book about 15,000 employees to they with the filing assets.

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IRS Contingency Plan (non-filing season) if Government Shutdown

On 9/28/23, IRS issued its IRS FY2024 Lapse Appropriations Contingency Plan soon after AICPA letter requested IRS issue it.

- Non-filing season not furlough/continue to work 30,063 employees (33.4%) of 89,944 total employees
- Continue preparations for the upcoming filing season, including updating tax forms and IT systems, hiring, and training
- Continue implementation of the green energy credit provisions of Inflation Reduction Act and direct file pilot program
- · Receive but not process or respond to mail, will process remittances, correspondence response delays with likely backlog
- Only issue e-filed, error-free returns where refunds can be direct-deposited automatically
- Process requests for transcripts following disasters and will provide income verification to mortgage lenders & banks
- Stop taxpayer services not answer phone calls
- No audits or examinations
- Close taxpayer assistance centers (TACs) and Taxpayer Advocate Service
- Taxpayer Advocate <u>blog</u> and Journal of Accountancy <u>article</u>
- 9/30/23 Congress passed a Continuing Resolution through 11/17/23 so no shutdown at 10/1/23, but possible 11/18/23 shutdown if Congress does not pass appropriations bills or another Continuing Resolution





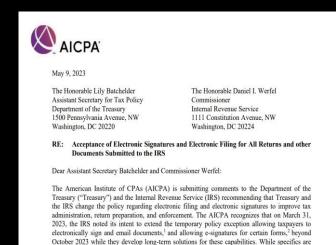
IRS Electronic Signatures and Electronic Filing

IRS e-signature temporary relief expires 10/31/23 (IRS policy issued 11/18/21)

AICPA submitted a letter to IRS on electronic filing and electronic signatures (May 9, 2023)

On 10/17/23, IRS updated IRM Exhibit 10.10.1.2 to PERMANENTLY allow electronic signatures.





still forthcoming as of the date of this letter, this development is welcome as the current policie



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IRS Tax Pro Account Updates





Do you have a Tax Pro Account? If not, you should. With the recent improvements and additional functionality coming in the next year, the Tax Pro Account will finally start to provide tax professionals with online tools to assist their clients more efficiently. The recent improvements include the ability to link a Centralized Authorization File (CAF) number to their Tax Pro Account, view a list of their active authorizations with authorization details, and manage authorizations. This is only the beginning and I eagerly await more functionality going forward.

The IRS rolled out Tax Pro Account in 2021, but it provided minimal functionality and was severely limited in scope – essentially only allowing electronic filing of Form 2848, Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative, or Form 8821, Tax Information Authorization, and transcript retrieval through a single sign on link to the Transcript Delivery System.

In my 2022 Annual Report to Congress, I identified online access for taxpayers and tax professionals as one of the ten Most Serious Problems facing taxpayers. Tax professionals play a key role in tax administration, preparing more than half of all filed returns in 2021 and 2022, and representing taxpayers in over 57,000 of the audits closed in fiscal year 2022, all while lacking the ability to access their clients' data within Tax Pro Account. Providing tax professionals with convenient access to their clients' data and allowing them to electronically communicate with the IRS and take actions authorized by the taxpayer is invaluable in helping tax professionals better assist taxpayers. When tax professionals lack digital service and upload options, they must resort to paper,

New Features of IRS Tax Pro Account

- Link a <u>CAF number</u> and Tax Pro Account using a personal identification number
- · View active authorizations associated with a CAF number
- · View client's tax information, including balance due amounts
- · View authorization list & details such as authorization type, tax matters, periods, etc.
- Manage authorizations: Withdraw authorizations and provide notice to taxpayers
- Tax practitioners can use the Tax Pro Account to send power of attorney and tax information authorization requests directly to a taxpayer's individual IRS online account.
 - After the taxpayer approves and the information is validated, the authorization is recorded immediately in the CAF database. No need to fax, mail, or upload the information.
- Need a CAF number to use a Tax Pro Account and cannot request it through the account.
- Digital authorization for individual taxpayers now, not yet for businesses or other entities.
- NTA blog outlines recent and upcoming improvements to Tax Pro Accounts
- AICPA has been advocating for these improvements.



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Future Improvements outlined in IRS Strategic Operating Plan for tax professionals

- Improve self-service options
- . Make payments easy
- Build status-tracking tools for taxpayers
- Develop taxpayer-centric notices

AICPA continues to advocate for these improvements.



IRS Paperless Processing Initiative

On Aug. 3, 2023, IRS announced its Paperless Processing Initiative

First phase – by filing season 2024

 Taxpayers able to digitally submit all correspondence, non-tax forms, and responses to notices

Second phase – by filing season 2025

IRS will begin digitizing paper-submitted returns and documents

AICPA has advocated for many year for the IRS to improve customer service, and to increase electronic submissions and efiling options specifically. This announcement is welcome news!



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2024 filing season could be paperless, IRS says

By Martha Waggo August 4, 2023

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IRS Practice & Procedure

Former IRS Commissioner Mark Everson compares the efforts of the IRS to go paperless to the interstate highway system of the 1960s, when he was a child

"You would drive from New York, where we lived, and I-95 ended in Providence," he said in an interview with JofA. "You'd be doing great an then, all of the sudden, binoo, there was no more interstate.

"That's how the IRS has been operating. It's got certain forms and activities that have been automated and others have not."

Until this week, that is. With much fanfare, the IRS announced Wednesday that by filing season 2024, taxpayers will be able to file most returns and documents electronically. And by filing season 2025, the IRS will digitize all paper-filed returns when they are received.

the IRS can meet these goals, the Service will cut the deluge of papervork that overwhelms it each year. The IRS receives about 76 million paper tax forms and 125 million other pieces of paper correspondence each year. Scanning those paper returns will put an end to the work of entering the information by hand, keystroke by keystroke by

This is a big watershed moment that's approaching," said Everson, who served as IRS commissioner from 2003 to 200 and now is a vice chairman of alliantgroup, a tax and business consulting group that works with over 4,000 CPA firms nationwide. "And it will make a difference to the taxpayer service."

Freasury Secretary Janet Yellen and IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel emphasized the improved taxpayer service when hey provided details of what they have dubbed paperless processing initiative during a visit Wednesday to an IRS facility in McLean, Va.

The inflater "is the key that uncloss other customer senice improvements," Yellens and in prepared remarks. "It will enablit taxpayers to see their documents, securely access their data, and save time and money. And it will allow other parts of the IRS to rely on these digital copies to provide faster refunds, reduce errors in tax processing, and deliver a more seamless and responsive outstormer service experience."

The amouncement by Yellen and Werfel was not the first word of a paperless IRS. National Taxpayer Advocate Erin Collins told participants at the AICPA & CIMA ENGAGE 2023 in June that the IRS would be paperless by 2025. The Service will convert any paper files from taxpayers to digital before processing them, she said.

Besides the electronic filing and digitization of incoming paper forms that are part of the initiative, older documents will also be digitized, which will give taxpayers access to their data and save the IRS about \$40 million in annual storage costs, officials said.



IRS Expands Secure Digital Correspondence for Taxpayers

- IR-2023-29 Feb. 16, 2023 and IRS Fact Sheet FS-2023-05
- New online option (Document Upload Tool) to upload documents to irs.gov securely
- Instead of mailing to respond to 9 CP series notices to help resolve issues faster
- Receive nearly instant confirmation that documents were received by the IRS
- Regardless of whether have an IRS <u>Online Account</u>
- Notice will provide a url link and time-limited unique access code to respond within 30 days of the date of the notice
- Can open link in any browser and input unique 10-digit alphanumeric code, first and last name, SSN/ITIN/EIN, and securely upload scans, photos, or digital copies of documents (max of 15MB per file, up to 40 files of JPEGs, PNGs or PDFs – each PDF limited to 120 pages)
- IRS employee assigned to the case can manage the transmitted documents
- The taxpayer's documents are available to the IRS employee assigned to the case who can manage the transmitted documents
- The documents remain available indefinitely until the employee retrieves them, at which time they are archived for 180 days and then deleted from the system
- Access originates with the IRS, and it is NOT available for certain documents (i.e, those requiring physical signatures)





IRS Expands Secure Digital Correspondence for Taxpayers

Nine notices added to project; more to come

In early 2023, the IRS began including online correspondence as an option on nine of the CP series notices, potentially affecting more than 500,000 taxpayers each year. Taxpayers who receive one of the following notices with the link and access code can choose to upload their documents:

- CP04, relating to combat zone status.
- CP05A, information request related to a refund.
- <u>CP06</u> and <u>CP06A</u>, relating to the Premium Tax Credit.
- CP08, relating to the Child Tax Credit.
- CP09, relating to claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit.
- <u>CP75</u>, relating to the EITC.
- <u>CP75A</u>, relating to the EITC.
- <u>CP75D</u>, relating to the EITC and other credits.

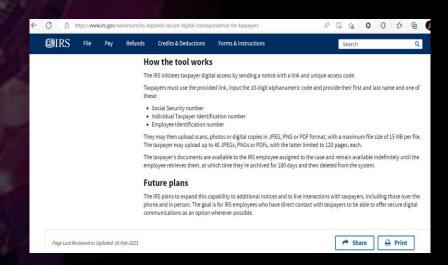
In addition, the IRS has identified 53 other notices that could be appropriate for this type of secure digital communications. The IRS will be assessing the viability of including these notice as well as I continuing to look for additional suitable notices to provide this online feature.



IRS Expands Secure Digital Correspondence for Taxpayers

Future Plans

- During 2021 testing on certain exam-related notices, 38% used document upload tool
- IRS plans to expand this digital correspondence capability to:
 - Additional (at least 53 other) notices
 - Other taxpayer interactions live interactions with taxpayers, including those over the phone and in person
- During live interactions, such as phone calls with taxpayers, IRS employees with direct contact with taxpayers will
 be able to offer secure digital communications and grant upload access by providing the link and unique access code
- Can help 500,000 taxpayers each year time saving initiative more efficient way to submit requested information
- For taxpayers and tax professionals, this new capability reduces the correspondence burden, ensures tax compliance and improves the customer experience by providing quality service in a timely manner and enhancing a taxpayer's right to be informed throughout any IRS processes
- For IRS employees, this reduces paper correspondence,
 decreases processing time and speeds case resolution



IRS Services: Developments

Ramped up IRS service levels – many employees put on phone lines before 4/15/23

Post-4/15/23, longer wait times

Influencing IRS' strategic direction

Implementation of IRS <u>Strategic Operating Plan</u>

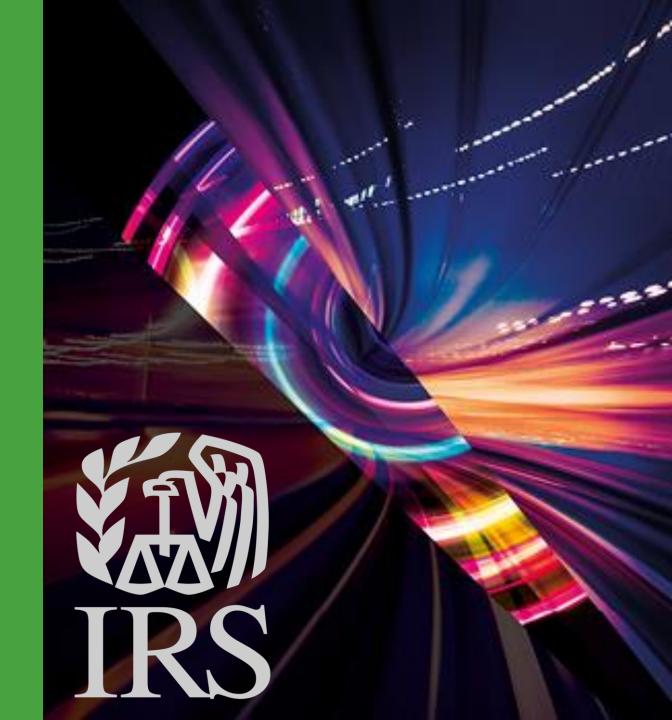
5,000 customer service representatives hired

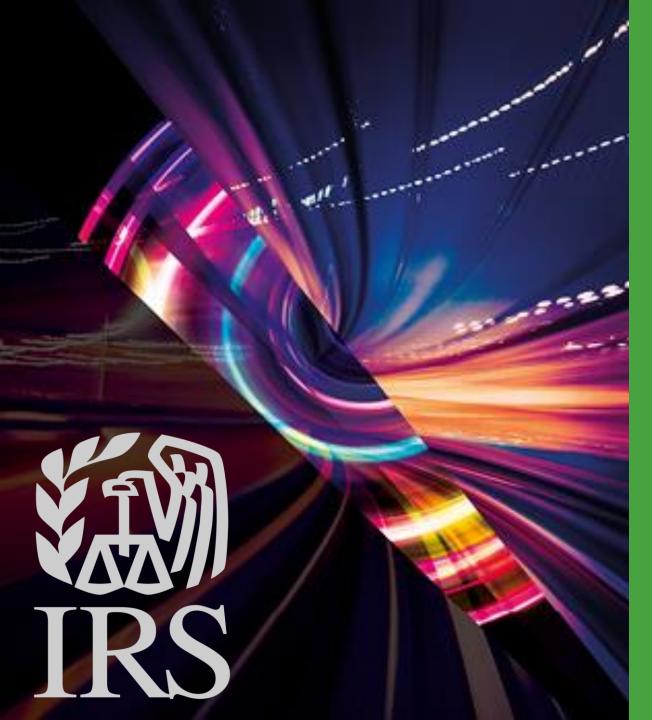
Ended unannounced visits

IRS pilot for PPS line – no robot line waiters

Chatbots for FAQs

IRS Free-File Pilot with 13 states





IRS Services: Developments

- AICPA Suggestions for Improving IRS Taxpayer Service
 - Adjust Individual Estimated Tax
 Payment Deadlines
 - Improve Practitioner Priority Service (PPS)
 - Revitalize IRS Oversight Board
 - Create IRS Third Party Relations Office
 - Provide Limited Authority to IRS to Regulate Paid Tax Return Preparers



IRS Tidbits

IRS status of operations link – What is open, what to expect, etc.

• https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-operations-during-covid-19-mission-critical-functions-continue

IRS special 2023 and 2024 filing season alerts -

https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/help-for-taxpayers-and-tax-professionals-special-filing-season-alerts

Local Taxpayer Advocate – First line of defense when IRS can't help

https://www.irs.gov/advocate/local-taxpayer-advocate

E-signature relief <u>permanent</u>

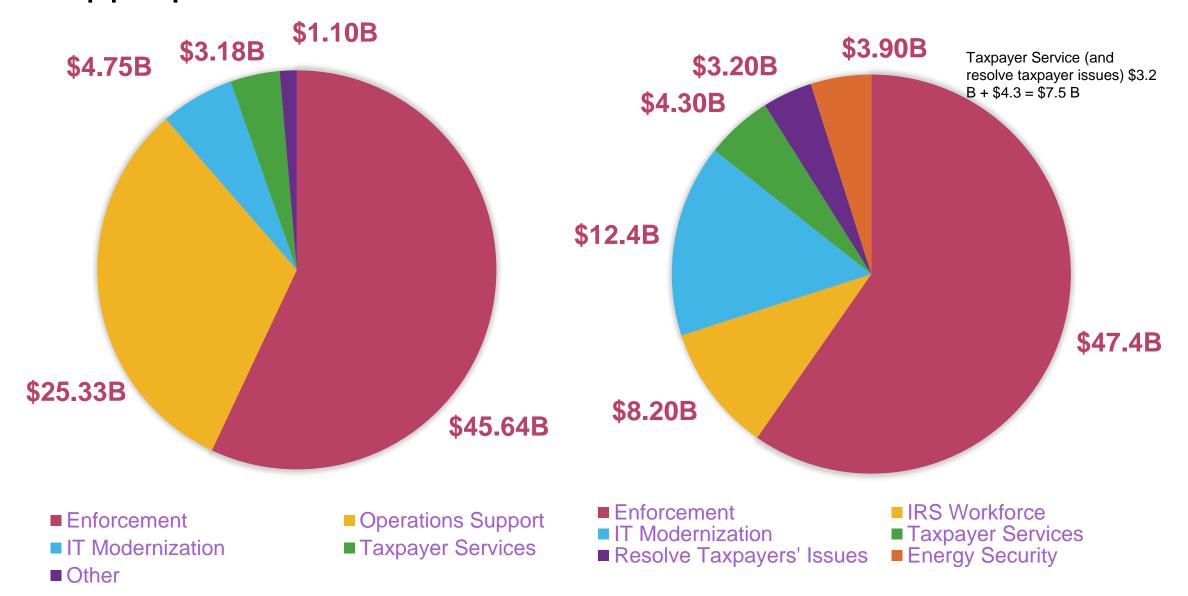
Quarterly estimated payment due dates

H.R. 3708, The Tax Deadline Simplification Act



IRA '22 \$80B Budget appropriations to IRS

IRS Strategic Plan \$80B Budget





Reallocation of \$21.4B in Funds

- Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 explicitly rescinded \$1.39B
- Additional \$20B in funds to be reallocated to "non-defense priorities"
- \$10B each in fiscal year 2024 and 2025
- Effect on IRS Strategic Operating Plan unclear
- White House official will not "fundamentally change" what IRS does
- IRS no immediate impact to customer service



IRS Strategic Operating Plan (FY2023-2031)

Five Main Objectives:

- 1. Dramatically improve services to help taxpayers
- 2. Quickly resolve taxpayer issues
- 3. Expand enforcement
- 4. Deliver cutting-edge technology
- 5. Attract and retain diverse workforce

Timeline to achieve objectives is through 2027

JoA article: IRS unveils \$80 billion spending plan

AICPA comments:

- Pre-release comments on suggestions (3/28/23)
- Post release statement (4/12/23)
- Comments on plan (7/14/23)





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requires multifactor authentication starting 10/19/23 https://www.eftps.gov/eftps/

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New to our site?

The Electronic Federal Tax Payment System® tax payment service is provided free by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. After you've enrolled and received your credentials, you can pay any tax due to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) using this system.

MAKE A PAYMENT

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You asked, we listened!

The EFTPS® Web site was recently updated based on feedback from users like you. You can now:

- · Receive your confirmation by email.
- Verify the bank account that will be used when making a payment
- Change the bank account used for a payment
- · Self-select your PIN when creating an additional enrollment
- · Terminate an enrollment you are no longer using

See What's New for complete details.

Notice to Website users:

What is happening?

Fiscal Service is requiring Multifactor Authentication (MFA) for system access. The new authentication process supports Executive Order 14028, requiring all federal agency applications to implement MFA. This will provide an additional layer of security, protecting against unauthorized access threats. EFTPS is partnering with third-party credential service providers Login.gov and ID.me for MFA services.

- When is it happening?
 Secure sign-in via Login.gov or ID.me will be required on October 19, 2023.
- How do I register?
 Upon logging in to this site, you will be prompted to register and/or authenticate with either Login.gov or ID.me, prior to the normal process of inputting your EIN or SSN, PIN, and password.
- Where can I go for help?
 For assistance with Login.gov please call the Login.gov help desk at (844) 875-6446.
 For assistance with ID.me visit help.ID.me.

Please note: Your tax payment is due regardless of this Web site's availability. You can always make a tax payment by calling our voice response system at 1.800.555.3453. Follow the prompts to make your payment.



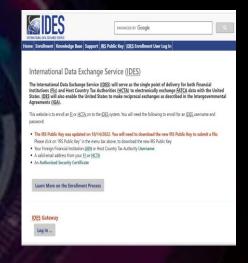
FATCA Filings after 10/13/23 and Qualified Intermediary applications after 10/27/23

Update on IRS Public Key for FATCA Filing

For FATCA filings after 10/13/23, taxpayers will need to download the new <u>IRS Public</u> <u>Key</u> from International Data Exchange Service (IDES) to file FATCA Reports.

Update on Qualified Intermediary (QI) including Qualified Derivatives Dealer(QDD), Withholding Foreign Partnership (WP) and Withholding Foreign Trust (WT) applications for the 2023 year

- All applicants that want to have an agreement in effect for 2023 must submit their applications through the Qualified Intermediary, Withholding Foreign Partnership, Withholding Foreign Trust Application & Account Management System (QAAMS) no later than October 27, 2023 to allow sufficient time for processing by year end. I
- Applications submitted after October 27, 2023 will not be processed.
- Prospective applicants, unable to submit an application before the October 27, 2023 deadline, should wait until January 1, 2024 to submit the application for the 2024 year.







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E-File shutdown after 11/15/23

Around November 26, 2023 shutdown e-filing

IRS - annual "cutover" period to prepare for next filing season

Can impact filings for taxpayers impacted by disaster declarations

Once E-file reopens in 2024, can file previous years electronically

Reminder for 2024 information returns: e-filing threshold reduces from 250 to 10 information returns



IRS guidance and resources

- Collection appeal options chart
- Formal written protest issue response letter
- Letter to request installment agreement
- Payment agreements guide
- Penalty abatement templates
- Third-party authorization guidance





Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA) and the FTC Safeguards Rule

- Key components for a written information security plan
- GLBA Information Security Plan Template
- Best practices for data security and cybersecurity incident mitigation
- Sample Sec. 7216 Consent Forms
- Tax Identity Theft Toolkit
- Tax Practice Quality Control Guide and Template





Written information security plan

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Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act — Safeguards Rule Written Information Security Plan (WISP) Template

All tax return preparation firms (regardless of size) are considered financial institutions and are therefore subject to the <u>Standards for Safecuarding Customer Information</u>, more commonly known as the Safeguards Rule, contained the Gramm-Leach-Billey Act (OLBA) of 1999 that requires use of a written data security plan. In recent years, the IRS and Federal Trade Commission have heightened their attention to remind preparers of this rule (by asking on the PTIN application and renewal about the preparer's legal obligation to have a data security plan) and providing template plans (IRS Pub 5708).

The following pages contain a written information security plan (WISP) template to use to comply with the Safeguards Rule, which took effect in 2003 and was <u>amended in 2021</u> to keep pace with current technology. The WISP must describe how the business is prepared to protect consumers' nonpublic personal information.

Note: The Federal Trade Commission has exempted financial institutions that "maintain customer information concerning fewer than 5,000 consumers" from certain provisions of the Safeguards Rule. See the amendment for more information.

As part of a business's WISP, it must

- . Designate a qualified individual (an employee, affiliate or a service provider) to oversee, implement and enforce its WISP.
 - If this requirement is met using an affiliate or a service provider, the business must:
 - Retain responsibility for compliance
 - Designate a senior member of personnel responsible for the direction and oversight of the affiliate/service provider
 - Require the affiliate/service provider to maintain a WISP that meets the requirements of the Safeguards Rule
- Identify and assess the risks to customer information in each relevant area of the company's operation and evaluate the
 effectiveness of the current safeguards for controlling these risks.
- Design and implement a safeguards program to help control risks related to the security, confidentiality and integrity of customer information.
- · Regularly monitor and test the effectiveness of safeguards.
- Train personnel.
- Select and monitor service providers to ensure they maintain appropriate safeguards to help protect customer information
- Evaluate and adjust the plan considering relevant circumstances, including changes in the business or operations or the results of security testing and monitoring.
- Establish a written incident response plan designed to respond to a security event.
- Require the qualified individual to report to the company's governing body at least annually regarding compliance with its WISP.

Customize the following template for the specific needs and requirements for your business. For assistance, <u>see IRS Publication 5708</u>.

Reviewed May 26, 2023

Safeguards Rule - Written Information Security Plan Template | 1

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ERC & BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP INFORMATION (BOI) UPDATES



ERC IRS Announcement

ERC moratorium



Withdrawal program



Settlement program





IRS Unprecented Announcement Regarding ERC Claims

Moratorium

- The moratorium is effective 9/14/23 through at least the end of year.
- Not reviewing or processing any <u>new</u> claims.
- More stringent process will increase review time from 90 to at least 180 days.

Withdrawal Process (instructions to come soon)

- The withdrawal process is for anyone who has submitted a claim but has not been processed
- The IRS is encouraging people to review and consider withdrawing their claim if not eligible.

Settlement Program

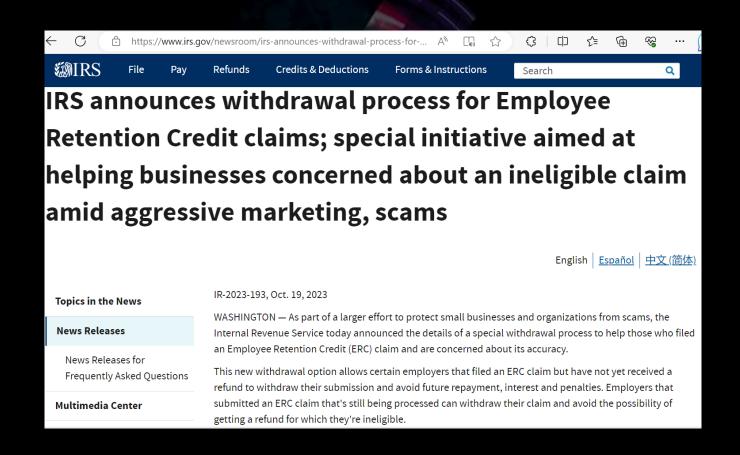
- We don't have specifics for the settlement program.
- We expect instructions for the Settlement Program to be available in the coming weeks – maybe late Fall.

IRS alarmed at the pace of the ERC claims coming in.
Currently have 600K claims

95% of the current claims may be ineligible



ERC Withdrawal Process

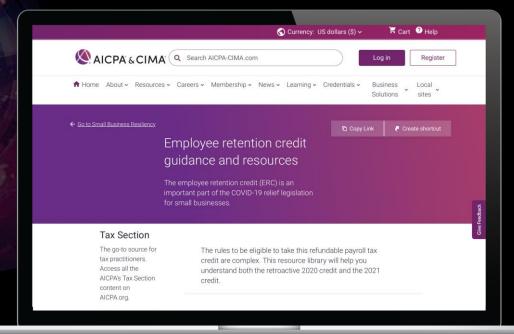




Employee Retention Credit Tax Advocacy Update

AICPA submitted written statement for the July 27, 2023, House Ways & Means Subcommittee on Oversight Hearing

- Aug. 9, 2023 IRS National Tax Forum Commissioner Werfel indicates:
 - Devoting extra staff to process claims
 - Employing auditors and investigators from the Criminal Investigation division for businesses filing dubious claims and promoters
 - "We know that this issue is putting a lot of tax professionals in a tough spot,"
 - Tax professionals should review the <u>ERC claim due</u> <u>diligence checklist</u> from Office of Professional Responsibility
- Reminder: Check out the <u>AICPA Employee retention</u> credit guidance and resource library





Employee retention credit

- AICPA <u>statement</u> on IRS announcement
- Podcast: ERC suspended: What happens next
- ERC: Fact or Fiction?
- ERC FAQs
- Employee Retention Credit Client Documentation Memo Template
- Employee Retention Credit Decision Tree
- Webcast: Navigating the Uncertainty with Your Clients



Employee retention credit:

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Employee Retention Credit (ERC)

Decision tree for practitioners

The Employee Retention Credit (ERC) can be claimed for qualifying quarters from 2020 and 2021 on a Form 941X, Adjusted Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return or Claim for Refund. For determining the three-year statute of limitations, Forms 941 for a calendar year are considered filed on April 15 of the succeeding year if filed before that date. Therefore, for each quarter of 2020, Form 941X will be due to be filed by April 15, 2024. For each quarter in 2021, Form 941X will be due to be filed by April 15, 2025.

The IRS has issued several warnings related to ERC claims, specifically calling out promoters of the credit who may be misleading people and businesses about their eligibility for the credit. The IRS has also noted it is actively auditing and

This resource is meant to assist with the different decision points while working with your clients related to ERC claims

After evaluating the business' eligibility and potential credit for ERC, did you/your firm prepare an ERC claim (on Form 941X) for the client?



Practitioner considerations may include:

- Signed engagement letter for the ERC study and preparation of amended returns
- Discussing with client that the business returns (and underlying individual returns if applicable) should be amended for the proper period
- Documentation of work performed to include eligibility criteria and applicable worksheets with support used to prepare Form 941X
- Consider professional standards applicable to tax return positions (including but not limited to the Statement on Standards for Tax Services No. 1).
- Documentation of communication to client of the following as applicable
- IRS may examine and dispute ERC claim
- · If the ERC claim is disallowed, additional payroll taxes, penalties and interest will be
- · IRS statute of limitations on the examination of claim has been extended for certain quarters (and could be extended further). This could cause the claim to be disallowed after the time of the business income tax return's statute of limitations (meaning the deduction of wages due to the disallowed credit will be lost)
- Discussion with your professional liability insurance carrier. See AON's risk alert for more
- See IRS Office of Professional Responsibility Issue Number 2023-02 for more professional esponsibility considerations.



Practitioner considerations may include:

- Maintain documentation of work prepared to determine ERC eligibility
- Consider billings based on prior agreement with client,
- Document the discussion with client about your conclusion



EMPLOYEE RETENTION CREDIT SUSPENSION

Navigating the Uncertainty with Your Clients

Understand how you can help your clients in the wake of the IRS moratorium on ERC claim processing.

Register \rightarrow





FinCEN Recent Guidance

Effective 1/1/2024



FinCEN BOI Home Page





BOI

Part of the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) of 2021

An anti-money laundering initiative

Administered by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN)

AICPA Advocacy Efforts

- AICPA <u>Statement for the Record</u> of the House Financial Services Committee hearing 7/18/23.
- AICPA endorsed bipartisan delay legislation in House/Senate (H.R. 4035, S. 2623) until effective date of all 3 FinCEN final regulations.
- State societies letters for cosponsors.
- AICPA pushing for inclusion in possible November appropriations bills or a must-pass year-end bill.



Managing Liability

- Risk tolerance
- Level of service
- Steps you can take to mitigate unwanted outcomes

CONSIDERATIONS



IF ACCEPTING BOI SERVICES

- Maintain thorough documentation
- Have thorough acceptance procedures
- Provide separate and concise engagement letter
- Keep up-to-date with technical developments
- Talk to legal counsel depending on nature of the work



AICPA BOI Guidance & Resources

AICPA BOI Resource Center

- Updated FAQs
- Client letter
- Client facing flyer

- JoA articles
- Podcasts
- Comment letters

Starting Jan. 1, 2024, most companies created in or registered to do business in the U.S. will need to report information on their beneficial owners to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) under the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA).





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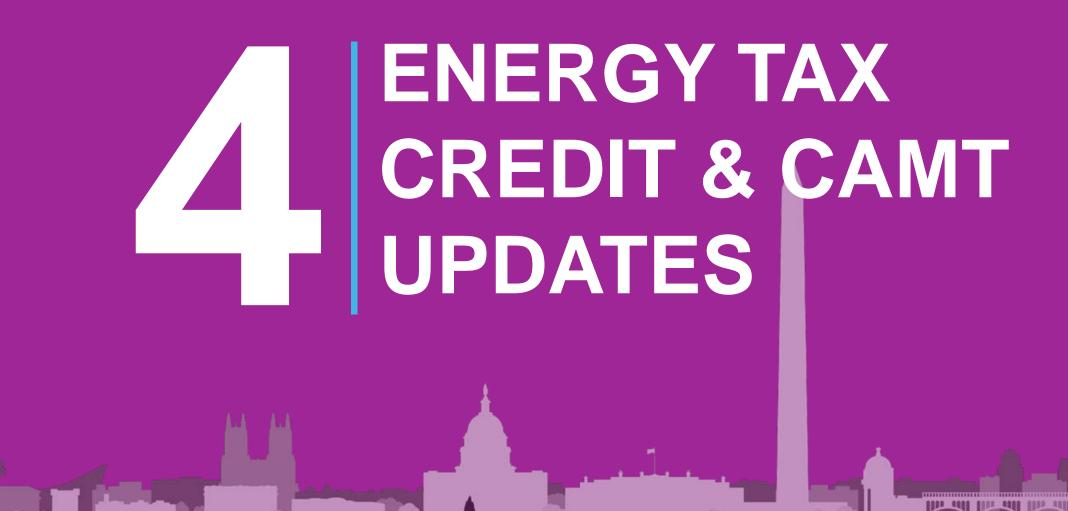
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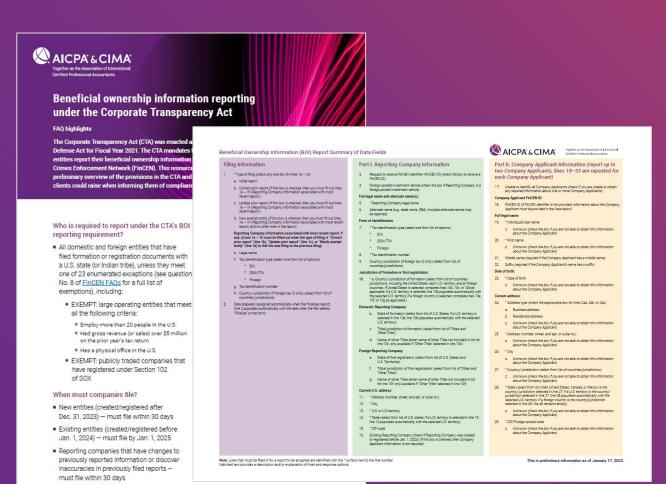
Beneficial ownership information (BOI) reporting

Starting Jan. 1, 2024, most entities created or registered to do business in the U.S. will need to report information on their beneficial owners to FinCEN under the Corporate Transparency Act.

Visit the BOI resource center →

Tax Section

Access free resources to learn more.



Tax Section members can access an expanded FAQ guide.



AICPA Comments on IRA Implementation Guidance

- Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax IRS Notice 2023-7
 - 3/27/23 comments, 10/14/22 pre-release comments
 - <u>Supports</u> repeal legislation, <u>H.R. 3210/S. 1559</u> <u>5/11/23</u>
- Excise Tax on Repurchases of Corporate Stock IRS Notice 2023-2
 - <u>3/28/23 comments</u>
- Energy Credits
 - Sections 48D, 6417, and 6418 Proposed and Temporary Regulations
 - <u>8/14/23 comments</u>
 - IRS Notices <u>2022-51</u> and <u>2022-61</u> on prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements of certain energy credits
 - 1/25/23 comments
 - IRS <u>Notice 2022-50</u> on elective payment of applicable credits and transfer of certain credits
 - <u>12/20/22 comments</u>
- IRS Funding Strategic Operating Plan Recommendations
 - 7/14/23 comments and pre-release 3/28/23 comments and 4/12/23 statement post-release



Energy Tax Credits - Developments

Recent guidance

- Proposed regulations on increased credit or deduction on certain prevailing wage and registered apprenticeship requirements.
- Proposed regulations on transfer of clean vehicle credits under section 25E and section 30D





Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax IRS Guidance Needed

Corporate alternative minimum tax (CAMT) enacted in the Inflation Reduction Act:

- CAMT of 15% on adjusted book income for tax years beginning after Dec. 31, 2022.
- Generally, only applies if average annual adjusted financial statement income is \$1 billion+ for three consecutive tax years.
- Does not include S corporations, regulated investment companies or real estate investment trusts.

IRS guidance issued and AICPA comments:

- AICPA pre-release comments (10/14/22)
- Notice 2023-7 (12/27/22) interim guidance until proposed regulations issued
 - AICPA <u>comments</u> (3/27/23)
- Notice 2023-20 (2/17/23) additional interim guidance to help avoid unintended consequences to insurance industry from application of CAMT.
- Notice 2023-42 (6/7/23) given the challenges with computing the CAMT liability, IRS will waive the penalty for a corporation's estimated income tax with respect to its CAMT for a taxable year that begins after 12/31/22 and before 1/1/24.
- Notice 2023-64 (9/12/23), clarifies and supplements prior notices.
 - Forthcoming proposed regulations to be consistent with this interim guidance.
 - AICPA drafting comments on several areas requested in the Notice.

Energy Tax Credits – AICPA Advocacy

- Recommendations on Sections 6417 & 6418
 Proposed Regulations
 - Consider expedited process for issuance of quick refunds for applicable entities eligible for direct pay.
 - Provide clarity & simplify the pre-registration process.
 - Remove section 469 from proposed regs §
 1.6418 in its entirety.
- AICPA comments:
 - August 14, 2023
 - December 20, 2022
 - January 25, 2023



Energy Tax Credits – IRA Changes

Changes from the Inflation Reduction Act

- Extended and expanded expiring credits
- Created new credits
- Emphasis on:
 - Prevailing wages
 - Apprenticeship programs
 - Domestic content
- Provided alternative credit monetization methods
 - Section 6417
 - Section 6418







Environmental, social and governance (ESG) Tax Task Force

Advocacy

- Sections 48D, 6417, and 6418 proposed regulations
- Apprenticeship and wage requirements proposed regulations
- Notice 2022-50 and 2022-51
- Procedural guidance related to the Inflation Reduction Act

Resources

- ESG-Tax landing page
- Energy Tax Credits and ESG Client Letter
- Summary of Inflation Reduction Act Energy Credits

AICPA's Sustainability/ESG resource center



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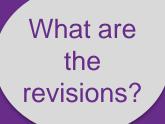
- Enforceable tax practice standards
- Foundation for reputational integrity

Revised Statements on Standards for Tax Services (SSTS)

Effective Jan. 1, 2024



- Align to the current state of the tax profession
- Address emerging needs
- Reinforce member reputation



- Reorganize SSTSs by type of work performed
- Three new standards related to
 - Data protection
 - Reliance on tools
 - Tax representation

Learn more →



Statements of Standards for Tax Services (SSTS)

- SSTSs are enforceable tax practice standards for AICPA members
- In 2022, AICPA issued an exposure draft of proposed revisions to modernize the SSTSs.
- An invitation to comment was also issued to members
- Comments were received and incorporated into the final SSTS, which was approved by the AICPA's Tax Executive Committee in May 2023.
- Changes are effective January 1, 2024
- AICPA SSTS <u>webpage</u>



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IRS Priority Guidance Plan (PGP) and AICPA Comments

- IRS plan for issuing guidance in the year
- AICPA submitted <u>comments</u> of suggestions of needed guidance
- AICPA Technical Resource Panels discussions with IRS on needed guidance
- On 9/29/23, 2023-2024 PGP issued

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September 29, 2023
Department of the Treasury
2023-2024 Priority Guidance Plan

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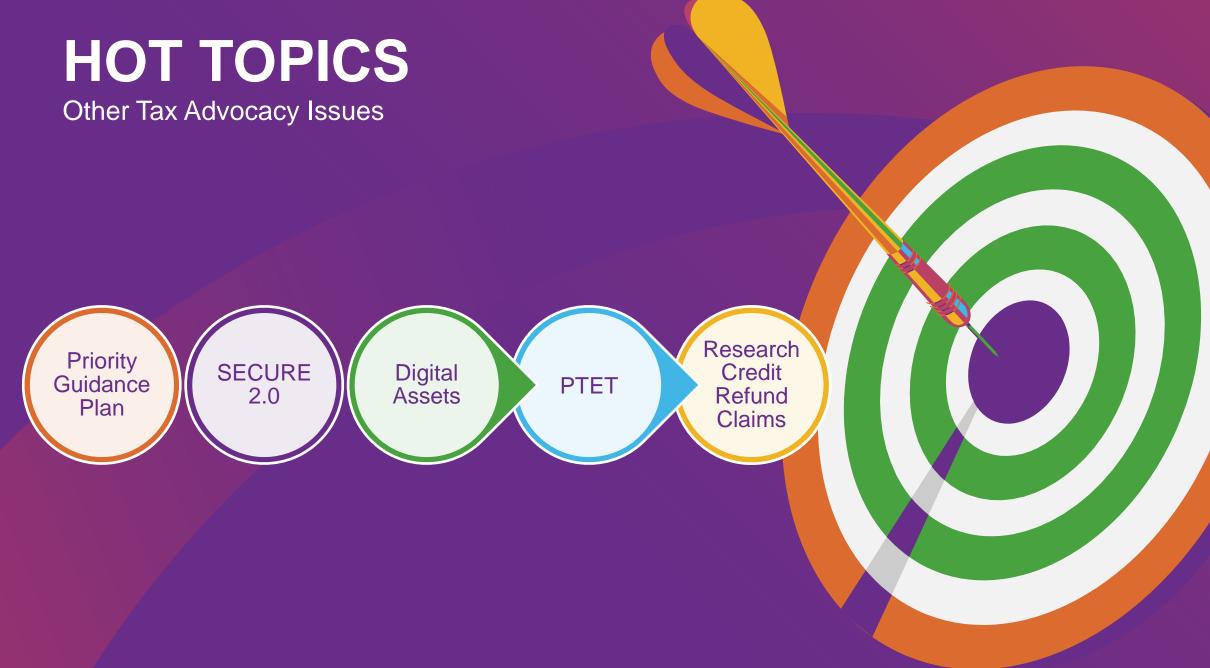
Lily Batchelder
Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy
US. Department of the Treasury

Danny Werfel
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service

William M. Paul
Acting Chief Counsel and Deputy Chief Counsel (Technical)
Internal Revenue Service

We are pleased to announce the release of the 2023–2024 Priority Guidance Plan.

In Notice 2023-36, the Department of the Treasury (Treasury Department) and the Internal Revenue Service (Service) solicited recommendations for items to be included in the plan from





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SECURE 2.0 (P.L. 117-328 enacted 12/29/23)

- **Priority Guidance**
 - AICPA comments April 27, 2023
- **Technical Corrections**
 - AICPA comments September 13, 2023
- SECURE Act proposed regs
 - AICPA comments
 - 12/22/22 on Notice 2022-53/RMDs
 - 7/11/22 on RMDs
 - 6/14/22 on trust and estate issues
- Journal of Accountancy article

An Act

Making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, and for providing emergency assistance for the situation in Ukraine, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Consolidated Appropriations" Act, 2023".

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

Sec. 1. Short title.

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Sec. 3. References.

Sec. 4. Explanatory statement.

Sec. 5. Statement of appropriations.

Sec. 6. Adjustments to compensation.

DIVISION A—AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2023

Title I—Agricultural Programs
Title II—Farm Production and Conservation Programs

Title III—Rural Development Programs
Title IV—Domestic Food Programs
Title V—Foreign Assistance and Related Programs
Title VI—Related Agency and Food and Drug Administration
Title VII—General Provisions

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Title IV—Research, Development, Test and Evaluation
Title V—Revolving and Management Funds
Title VI—Other Department of Defense Programs

Title VII—Related Agencies



Virtual Currency/Digital Assets AICPA Tax Advocacy Efforts

- AICPA recently submitted comments on:
- Section 6045 and section 6050l guidance needed (10/28/22) and drafting on proposed regs
- <u>Needed guidance on Form 1040 virtual currency question</u> and instructions (<u>8/29/22</u>), draft 2022 Form 1040, <u>suggestions</u> on 2022 Form 1040 question draft instructions (<u>12/16/22</u>), <u>proposed FAQs</u> (<u>2/17/23</u>),
- Treatment of losses (4/14/23)
- Taxation of Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs) (6/16/23)
- Taxation of digital assets legislation for Senate Finance Committee (9/8/23)
- AICPA considering drafting comments on IRS guidance needed on:
- Staking rewards and transition from Proof of Work to Proof of Stake
- How to transfer virtual currency for a valid gift
- Lending virtual currency
- Additional issues and prior AICPA recommendations (6/10/16, 5/30/18, 2/28/20)



Digital asset tax comments

- AICPA Virtual Currency Task Force comments to IRS
 - <u>9/8/23</u> on digital assets tax for Senate Finance Committee
 - <u>7/28/23</u> on draft Forms 1040, 1065, 1120, 1120-S digital asset question
 - 6/17/23 on Notice 2023-27 on non-fungible tokens (NFTs)
 - 4/14/23 on needed guidance on treatment of losses of digital assets
 - 2/17/23 suggested FAQs for 2022 Form 1040 digital asset question
 - <u>12/16/22</u> on draft Form 1040 instructions
 - 10/28/22 requesting guidance and delay on section 6045 and 60501 broker reporting requirements
 - <u>8/29/22</u> on Form 1040 and instructions
 - 2/28/20, 5/30/18, and 6/10/16 on needed virtual currency guidance & IRS Notice 2014-21



Virtual Currency/Digital Assets 2022 and 2023 Proposed Federal Legislation

AICPA monitoring and analyzing legislation

- S. 2281, Responsible Financial Innovation Act (a/k/a Lummis-Gillibrand bill)
 - Introduced July 12, 2023
 - Section by Section bill overview
- H.R. 7614, Digital Commodities Exchange Act of 2022
 - Introduced April 2022
 - Bill summary
- <u>S. 4760</u>, Digital Commodities Consumer Protection Act of 2022
 - Introduced August 2022



Virtual Currency – State Tax Guidance

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Tracking list of state guidance on taxation and reporting of digital assets

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

State cryptocurrency 2023 legislation page

Multistate Tax Commission (MTC)

- MTC Sales Tax on Digital Products Project
- Draft of detailed outline of white paper on sales taxation of digital products (8/2/23)
- Research update (6/1/23),
- <u>Draft matrix</u> (10/5/23)



Digital assets and virtual currency tax guidance and resources

- Crypto Loss Tax Reporting : Fact or Fiction?
- State guidance on taxation and reporting of digital assets
- Tax season pulse check ChatGPT, 1099-K and digital assets | Tax Section Odyssey





IRS Ruling Related to Proof-of-Stake Validation Rewards

July 31, 2023 IRS issues Rev. Rul. 2023-14

FMV of proof-of-stake validation rewards includible in gross income for the tax year in which dominion and control over the validation rewards is gained

- Proof of stake is a way to decide which user or users validate new blocks of transactions and earn a reward
- FMV is determined as of the date and time the taxpayer gains dominion and control
- Applies to cash-method taxpayers

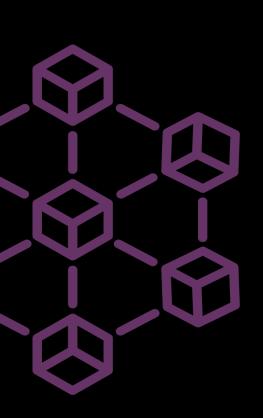
Reminder: In Notice 2014-21, IRS stated that a digital asset that has an equivalent value in real currency is treated as property for federal income tax purposes

AICPA Virtual Currency and Digital Assets Tax Task Force has been advocating for guidance

Task force will continue to review and consider what related issues remain

See <u>Journal of Accountancy</u> for more information

Stay tuned for an AICPA Town Hall update on digital assets in the fall



RESEARCH CREDIT REFUND CLAIMS

- On 10/15/21, IRS released field attorney advice (FAA 20214101F) dated 9/17/21 (and IR-2021-203), requiring compliance with the memo.
- In a 11/18/21 letter, AICPA requested a delay of implementation of the new requirements.
- On 1/3/22, IRS released interim guidance and a set of FAQs.
- The new requirements took effect on 1/10/22. Specifically, an R&D credit refund claim on an amended return must contain certain specified items of information by containing sufficient information concerning the grounds and facts upon which the claim is based.
- On 9/21/22, AICPA submitted comments on section 41 research credit refund claims.
- On 9/30/22, IRS extended the delay of transition period for another year (through 1/10/24).
- On 9/15/23, IRS requested comments on the draft updated Form 6765, Credit for Increasing Research Activities, with proposed changes for 2024. AICPA to submit comments by 10/31.
- AICPA is advocating for formal guidance with a proper notice and comment period.
- AICPA is concerned in particular that the new requirements are very burdensome and voluminous, and AICPA will be commenting further on the review process and insights and the essential pieces of information required to determine the validity of refund claims.
- IRS website and TTA article for more information.

R&E Credit Claim Transition Period Extended

As AICPA suggested, on 9/30/22, IRS announced

R&D credit claim transition period extended until Jan. 10, 2024

- Provides 45 days to perfect a refund claim involving a section 41 research and experimentation (R&E) credit to comply with new information requirements
- AICPA had advocated for an extension (9/21/22 letter and 11/18/21 letter)

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IRS sets forth required information for a valid research credit claim for refund

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- Updated September 30, 2022: The IRS is extending for another year (through January 10, 2024) the transition period during which taxpayers are provided 45 days to perfect a research credit claim for refund prior to IRS's final determination on the claim.
- Updated April 19, 2022: Taxpayers who file a claim for refund that includes an IRC Section 41 research credit must comply
 with the requirement to provide the five items of information when the claim for refund is based on an IRC Section 41
 research credit from a pass-through entity. For more information on IRC Section 41 research credit claims for refund
 involving BBA partnerships and non-BBA pass-through entities such as a TEFRA partnership, S corporation, estate, trust,
 cooperative, or other non-TEFRA or non-BBA pass-through entities, and their partners, shareholders, beneficiaries, or
 member-patrons, please see the <u>Research Credit Claims frequently asked questions</u>.
- Updated January 5, 2022: The timeframe for perfecting research credit claims has been modified to 45 days. For further
 information, see the Research Credit Claims frequently asked guestions.



September 21, 2022

Ms. Nikole Flax Commissioner LB&I Division Internal Revenue Service 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20224 Ms. Holly Paz Deputy Commissioner LB&I Division Internal Revenue Service 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20224

RE: Section 41 Research Credit Refund Claims

Dear Ms. Flax and Ms. Paz:

The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) would like to outline concerns related to the significant changes the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") announced in IR-2021-203¹ (IRS News Release) and the accompanying Field Attorney Advice memorandum² that were issued on October 15, 2021, which outline the IRS's new requirements to treat a refund claim for research credits as valid (collectively referred to as the "FAA"). The claim for refund is filed by attaching a Form 6765, Credit for Increasing Research Activities, to an amended return such as the Form 1120X, Amended U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return, Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1065, US Return of Partnership Income, or Form 1065X, Amended Return or Administrative Adjustment Request (AAR), as appropriate. Specifically, the FAA states that an amended return claiming a refund of research and development (R&D) credits³ will not be a valid claim for refund under section 6402⁴ unless the taxpayer complies with new collection of information requirements that have never been set forth in regulations or other authoritative binding guidance.



November 18, 2021

Ms. Nikole Flax Commissioner Large Business &International Division Internal Revenue Service 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20224 Ms. Holly Paz Deputy Commissioner Large Business &International Division Internal Revenue Service 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20224

Re: Internal Revenue Code Section 41 Research Credit Refund Claims

Dear Ms. Flax and Ms. Paz:

The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) provides comments and concerns related to the significant change in requirements for a valid refund claim for research credits as announced in IR-2021-2023\(^1\) (IRS News Release) and the accompanying Field Attorney Advice memorandum (FAA) that was issued on October 15, 2021\(^2\). The AICPA requests that the IRS delay the implementation of the new requirements to provide taxpayers with a meaningful opportunity to comment before the new requirements take effect.

Overview:

Other Tax Advocacy Issues



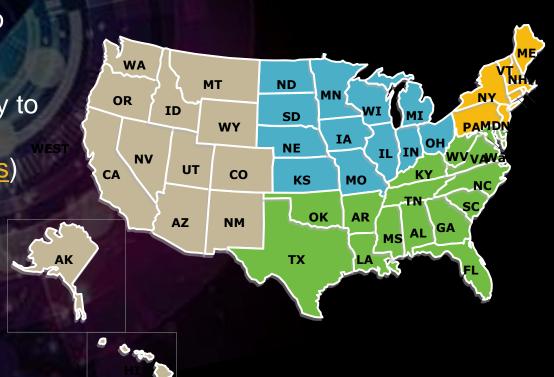


Key state tax issues for the profession: For 2023 and beyond

Tax on professional services – governors looking to eliminate personal and corporate taxes (one pager)

Pass-through entity (PTE) taxes – more states likely to enact and refine as workaround to federal SALT deduction cap (AICPA state map, links, considerations)

Mobile and remote workforce – more states may enact 30-day threshold for nonresidents and may clarify rules and guidance (AICPA <u>article</u>, <u>coalition</u>)





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Expected to continue into 2024/2025 with states continuing to introduce legislation



States seeking to eliminate income tax in exchange for taxing services



Federal funding to states is ending = will have large impact on certain states

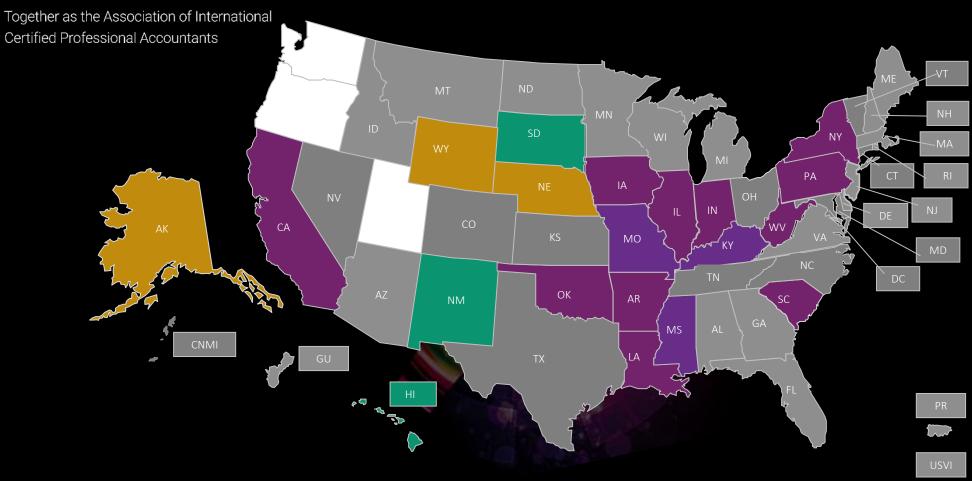


State budgets will play a key role in the future; big states like CA and NY seeing big budget issues

Continuing Threat: State Taxation of Professional Services

Taxation of Professional Services Heatmap – 2023-2025



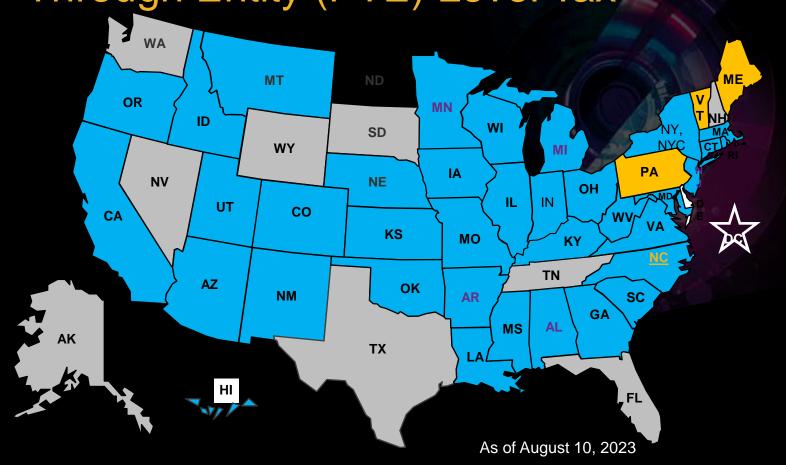


- States that considered legislation in 2023
- States that may consider a tax on professional services
- States that tax professional services



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States with Enacted or Proposed Pass-Through Entity (PTE) Level Tax



36 states (& 1 locality) that enacted a PTE tax since TCJA SALT deduction limitation, effective for 2021 (or earlier) unless noted:

AL, AR¹, AZ¹, CA, CO³, CT⁴, HI², GA¹, IA¹, ID, IL, IN¹, KS¹, KY¹ (& KY), LA, MA, MI, MD, MN, MO¹, MS¹, MT², NC¹, NE³, NJ, NM¹, NY, OH¹, OK, OR¹, RI, SC, UT¹, VA, WI, WV¹, and NYC¹

- ¹ Effective in 2022
- ² Effective in 2023 or later
- ³ Retroactive to 2018
- ⁴ Mandatory 2018-2023, elective starting 2024
- 3 states with proposed PTE tax bills:

 ME LD 1891 introduced (session ended)

 PA SB 659 and HB 1584 introduced

 VT SB45 passed Senate, in House (session ended)
- 9 states with no owner-level personal income tax on PTE income:
 AK, FL, NH, NV, SD, TN, TX, WA, WY
- 3 states with an owner-level personal income tax on PTE income that have not yet proposed or enacted PTE taxes: DC, DE, and ND

Current PTE tax workarounds (36 states and 1 locality)

State	Effective Year	State	Effective Year
Alabama Arizona Arkansas California Colorado Connecticut Georgia Hawaii Idaho Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maryland Massachusetts Michigan	2021 2022 2021 2018 (retroactive) 2018 (mandatory 2018-2023, elective starting 2024) 2022 2023 2021 2022 (retroactive) 2022 (retroactive) 2022 2022 (retroactive) 2019 2020 2021	Minnesota Mississippi Missouri Montana Nebraska New Jersey New Mexico New York New York City North Carolina Ohio Oklahoma Oregon Rhode Island South Carolina Utah Virginia West Virginia Wisconsin	2022 2022 2019 2022 2019



Passthrough Entity Tax (PTET)

- New Tax Odyssey podcast When to call an audible on the passthrough entity tax
 - S-corp issues, state crediting complications,
 AMT, Trust issues, and more
- SALT Roadmap and Resource Center
 - Interactive reference library to access state and local tax info in one central place
- The Tax Adviser Article: <u>Federal implications of passthrough entity tax elections</u> (Nov. 22)





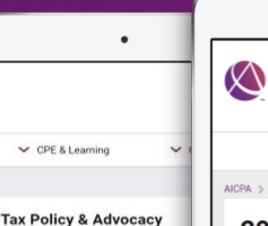
SALT Roadmap and Resource Center

Interactive reference library to access state and local tax info in one central place

- Due dates
- Tax rates
- Tax forms
- Nexus
- Passthrough entity tax



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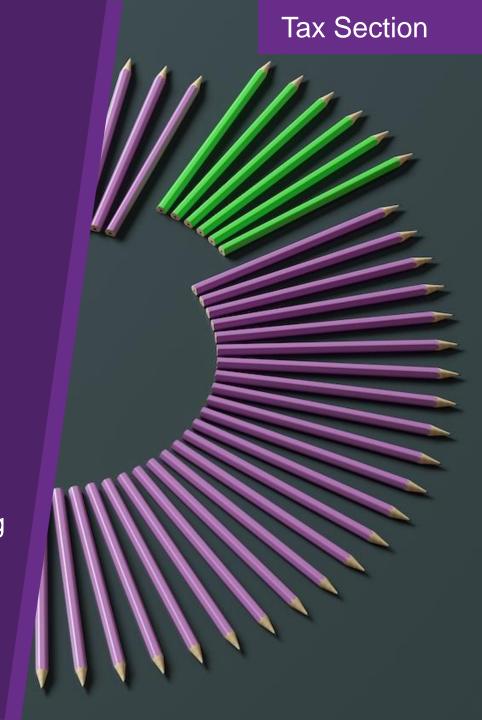


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