

Sample article for organizations to use to reach customers (420 word count)

Provide the following article on your website or other communications vehicles to inform your customers about what to do if they missed the tax deadline.

Tips from the IRS for people who missed the tax filing deadline

Did you miss the tax filing deadline? Here is some advice from the IRS about what to do now.

- **File as soon as possible.** If you owe federal income tax, you should file and pay as soon as you can to minimize any penalty and interest charges. There is no penalty for filing a late return if you are due a refund.
- **Penalties and interest may be due.** If you missed the April 15 deadline and you owe taxes, you may have to pay penalties and interest. The IRS may charge penalties for late filing and for late payment. The law generally does not allow a waiver of interest charges. However, the IRS will consider a reduction of these penalties if you can show a reasonable cause for being late.
- **E-file is your best option.** [IRS e-file programs](#) are available through Oct. 15. E-file is the easiest, safest and most accurate way to file. With e-file, you will receive confirmation that the IRS has received your tax return. If you e-file and are due a refund, the IRS will normally issue it within 21 days.
- **Free File is still available.** Everyone can use [IRS Free File](#). If your income is \$57,000 or less, you qualify to e-file your return using free brand-name software. If you made more than \$57,000, and are comfortable preparing your own tax return, use [Free File Fillable Forms](#) to e-file. This program uses the electronic versions of paper IRS forms. IRS Free File is available only through IRS.gov.
- **Pay as much as you can.** If you owe tax but can't pay it all at once, you should pay as much as you can when you file your tax return. Pay the remaining balance due as soon as possible to minimize penalties and interest charges.
- **Installment Agreements are available.** If you need more time to pay your federal income taxes, you can request a payment agreement with the IRS. Apply online using the [IRS Online Payment Agreement Application](#) tool or file [Form 9465, Installment Agreement Request](#).
- **Refunds may be waiting.** If you're due a refund, you should file as soon as possible to get it. Even if you are not required to file, you may be entitled to a refund. This could apply if you had taxes withheld from your wages or you qualify for certain tax credits. If you don't file your return within three years, you could forfeit your right to the refund.

To learn more, visit [IRS.gov](#).

NOTE TO EDITOR: below are links to IRS.gov information and publications about tax payment options.

Additional IRS.gov resource:

- [Payment Options](#)

IRS YouTube Videos

- *Do Your Taxes for Free: Taxes Made Less Taxing* - [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- *Online Payment Agreement* - [English](#)

IRS Podcast

- *Online Payment Agreement* - [English](#)

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