

## Sample article for organizations to use to reach customers (421 word count)

Publish/post the following article about missing the tax deadline on your websites or other communication vehicles.

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### A few tips for people who missed the tax deadline

If you missed the April 15 tax filing deadline, don't panic. Here's some advice from the IRS.

- **File as soon as you can.** If you owe taxes, you should file and pay as soon as you can. This will help minimize the interest and penalty charges. There is no penalty for filing a late return if you are due a refund.
- **IRS Free File is your best option.** Everyone can use [IRS Free File](#) to e-file their federal taxes for free. If your income was \$58,000 or less, you can use free brand-name software. If you made more than \$58,000 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 through Oct. 15 only on [IRS.gov](#).
- **IRS e-file is still available.** [IRS e-file](#) is available through Oct. 15. E-file is the easiest, safest and most accurate way to file your taxes. With e-file, you receive confirmation that the IRS received your tax return. If you e-file and choose direct deposit of your refund, you'll normally get it within 21 days.
- **Pay as much as you can.** If you owe tax, but can't pay it all at once, try to pay as much as you can when you file your tax return. Pay the remaining balance as soon as possible to stop further penalties and interest.
- **Make a payment agreement online.** If you need more time to pay your taxes, you can apply for a payment plan with the IRS. The easiest way to apply is to use the IRS [Online Payment Agreement tool](#). You can also mail [Form 9465](#), Installment Agreement Request. The tool and form are both available on IRS.gov.
- **A refund 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 still get 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.

For more information, visit IRS.gov.

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**NOTE TO EDITOR:** Below are additional resources, including YouTube videos, you can share with your customers.

#### Additional IRS Resources:

- [IRS Tax Tip 2014-58](#),
- [Electronic Payment Options Home Page](#)
- [Make a Payment](#)
- [Tax Topic 202](#) - Tax Payment Options

**IRS YouTube Videos:**

- Welcome to Free File – [English](#)
- Online Payment Agreement – [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [ASL](#)

**IRS Podcasts:**

- Online Payment Agreement – [English](#) | [Spanish](#)