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Provide the following information in your communication vehicles on interim changes the for issuing Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers

IRS strengthens ITIN application requirements

The Internal Revenue Service announced on June 22, 2012, important interim changes to strengthen its procedures for issuing Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs) from now through the end of the year. Designed specifically for tax-administration purposes, the IRS issues ITINs only to those who are not eligible to obtain a Social Security Number.

These interim procedures apply to applicants generally seeking ITINs for the purposes of filing U.S. individual income tax returns. Because the April 17 filing deadline has passed, the IRS anticipates that a small number of taxpayers will need ITINs between now and the end of the year for these purposes.

Specifically, the procedures apply to most applicants submitting Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number. The IRS generally issues ITINs for individuals in these categories during the tax filing season with the submission of a Form 1040, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return.

You can find additional information about these ITIN changes, including the [interim procedures](#) and frequently asked [questions and answers](#), online at www.irs.gov.

NOTE TO EDITOR: Below are links to ITIN information on IRS.gov:

- **General ITIN information** – What an ITIN is, what it's used for, how it's used....
- **News Release – IR- 2012-62, June 22, 2012** – [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
IRS Strengthens ITIN Application Requirements; Interim Changes Will Protect the Integrity of the ITIN Process