

Sample article for organizations to use to reach customers (347 word count)

Customize and post the following article on your websites and/or use in other communication vehicles to alert your readers about the online payment agreement tool.

You may qualify for an online payment option. It's fast, easy and secure.

You can avoid paying penalties and interest by paying your taxes in full and on time. But if you can't pay the full amount, you may want to consider requesting a payment agreement from the IRS.

If you owe \$50,000 or less in individual income taxes and can pay the full amount within 72 months or less, you can request your payment agreement online. There's no need to call or write the IRS because you make the request online from your computer. It's easy, and your personal information is safe and secure.

You will know immediately if your request is approved, and you can arrange to make your payments hassle-free through direct debit. Direct debit means no monthly checks to write and mail, no late payments that could lead to additional penalties, and a lower setup fee. There is no setup fee at all if you set up a plan to pay what you owe in 120 days or less.

If you need more than 120 days, making your monthly payments as high as possible will keep your penalty and interest costs down. The application provides information on setup fees and examples of your total costs.

When you're ready, go to [IRS.gov/payments](https://www.irs.gov/payments) for your payment options.

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NOTE TO EDITOR: Below are links to help taxpayers find more information about their payment options

IRS YouTube

- [IRS Tax Payment Options](#)

On Twitter? Send these Tweets:

- Going to owe #IRS? File and pay what you can. Set up a payment plan for the rest <http://go.usa.gov/4F33>
- Set up a short-term #IRS payment plan of 120 days or less at <http://go.usa.gov/4F33>
- Set up a monthly #IRS payment plan at <http://go.usa.gov/4F33>
- Got a tax bill? Visit [IRS.gov/payments](https://www.irs.gov/payments) to see your options or set up a payment plan <http://go.usa.gov/4F33>