

Servicewide Key Messages for Tax Professionals

Tax return preparers perform a vital function in assisting taxpayers in meeting their tax obligations. As a tax professional, you have a vested interest (as both a taxpayer and a tax preparer) in the protection of the integrity of the tax filing system. We are committed to providing tax professionals with the information and tools you need to prepare timely, accurate, and complete tax returns for their clients.

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IRS video portal

[IRS Live](#) for the tax pro in the know is a live, free webinar, broadcast online to help educate tax professionals on the most current and complex tax issues.

Can't attend an event on the date it occurs? Problem solved! Now they are stored and ready when you are, on the [IRS Video Portal](#). IRS Video Portal is a new Web page featuring video and audio files of all our outreach technology presentations, including IRS Live shows, so you'll never miss an opportunity to learn something new anytime of the day or night and best of all they are catalogued for easy identification, just click on the Tax Professionals tab for products suited just for you.

Proposed regulations discontinue paper coupons next year

In August, the IRS issued [proposed regulations](#) to eliminate the rules for making federal tax deposits by paper coupon because the paper coupon system will no longer be maintained by the Treasury Department after Dec. 31, 2010. The Electronic Federal Tax Payment System is a deposit alternative. EFTPS offers the convenience and flexibility to make all federal tax payments, including income, employment, estimated and excise taxes 24 hours a day, seven days a week from home or the office. Deposits can be made online with a computer or by telephone. Information about EFTPS, including how to enroll, can be found at www.eftps.gov or by calling EFTPS Customer Service at 800-555-4477.

Small business audits: Now accepting taxpayer records in electronic format

Electronic information management has become the standard in business and will now be used to enhance the Small Business/Self-Employed examination process. The ability to [conduct audits using electronic records](#) will be available on an increasing basis as revenue agents begin to work with the new software programs. Let your clients know of this new improvement in service for small business

customers selected for audits.

Take the anxiety out of an audit for your clients

Our newly updated [Audit](#) webpage on IRS.gov combined with the new online video series called; [Your Guide to an IRS Audit](#) can help ensure your small business clients understand the audit process. Being more knowledgeable and better prepared will help calm their anxiety allowing them to work more effectively with you and with IRS personnel.

TIGTA Office responsibilities

The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration is the sole agency responsible for overseeing the IRS and for protecting the integrity of tax administration. TIGTA investigates allegations of IRS employee misconduct and wrongdoing, as well as external attempts to corrupt or impede the internal revenue laws through bribery, the use of fraudulent IRS documentation to advance criminal activity and impersonation of the IRS in both documents and via the internet. TIGTA's efforts to protect the integrity of federal tax administration also extend to investigations of impropriety in the tax preparer community. TIGTA investigations in this area primarily include the theft of remittances intended for the IRS, theft of client refunds, and overstatement of qualifications on Form 2848. Tax professionals are the front line of defense against efforts to corrupt the integrity of tax administration. With the rollout of the IRS' Preparer Tax Identification Number program, TIGTA will work closely with the IRS to ensure the integrity of this system, including the investigation of fraudulent PTIN applications. If you witness what you believe to be wrongdoing, please contact one of TIGTA's local offices (or [TIGTA's Complaint Hotline](#)).