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Paying your taxes has never been this easy

IRS offers several payment options for you to consider. You can pay online, by phone or with your mobile device. If you owe, it's best to pay your balance in full to avoid interest and penalties.

Here are a few electronic payment options available to you:

When you're e-filing your taxes, you can use the [electronic funds withdrawal](#) method. EFW allows you to e-file and pay from your bank account when you are using tax preparation software or a tax professional. You can file now and schedule your payment for any time before your taxes are due.

You can use [IRS Direct Pay](#) to pay your taxes directly from your checking or savings accounts at no cost to you. You receive instant confirmation when you submit your payment, and you can schedule your payment up to 30 days in advance. With Direct Pay, you can pay on the current day, view details about your payment, and change or cancel your payment up to two business days before the payment date using the "Look-Up a Payment" feature.

You can pay by [debit or credit card](#), you can pay online, by phone or with your mobile device through authorized debit and credit card processors. Though the IRS does not charge a fee for this service, there is a fee from the card processors.

There's also the [Electronic Federal Tax Payment System](#). It's free, and it takes five to seven business days to enroll before you can make a payment so be sure to plan ahead. However, this is the best method for large or business payments.

If you can't pay in full, you may want to consider requesting a payment agreement. If you owe \$50,000 or less in individual income taxes and can pay the full amount within 72 months or less, you can use the [online payment agreement](#) tool. There's no need to call or write the IRS because you make the request directly from your computer. It's easy, and your personal information is safe and secure.

If you prefer to pay with your mobile device, use the [IRS2Go](#) app. IRS2Go provides easy access to the mobile-friendly payment options Direct Pay for free, and debit or credit card payments through an approved payment processor for a fee. You can download IRS2Go from Google Play, the Apple App Store or Amazon Appstore and make your payments when it is convenient for you.

If you need to pay with cash, PayNearMe may be the answer for you. You can make a payment without the need of a bank account or credit card at more than 7,000 7-Eleven stores nationwide. Payments are limited to \$1,000 per day and a \$3.99 fee applies to each payment. To pay with cash, first visit [Pay with Cash at a Retail Partner](#) and follow the instructions. Be sure to initiate the process early to avoid interest and penalty charges.

You can find out how much you owe using the new online tool for individuals. It's safe, secure and available on the [View your account balance and payment history](#) page on IRS.gov. After logging in, you can view your federal tax account balance, 18 months of payment history and access payment options or apply for an installment agreement.

Visit [IRS.gov/Payments](#) for easy and secure ways to pay your taxes. If you normally pay by check or money order, try something new and convenient and pay using one of the safe and secure electronic payment options. Electronic payment options are secure and much faster than mailing a check or money order.

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NOTE TO EDITOR: Below are links to help taxpayers find the information they need.

On Twitter? Send these Tweets:

- Try #IRS electronic payment options. <http://go.usa.gov/3B9jk> #taxpayment
- #IRSDirectPay is free, secure and easy. Schedule a #tax payment; pay direct from your bank account <http://go.usa.gov/3B9WJ>
- Need to make a tax payment? flyer is available in English and Spanish. #IRSDirectPay #EFTPS <http://go.usa.gov/3B9Bh>