

Sample article for organizations to use to reach customers (172 word count)

Publish/post the following article about Streamlined Installment Agreements and the IRS Fresh Start Program on your websites or other communication vehicles.

IRS expands access to Streamlined Installment Agreements

The recent expansion of the IRS Fresh Start Program to help struggling taxpayers includes making Installment Agreements available to more people.

Under the new Fresh Start provisions, part of a broader effort started at the IRS in 2008, the IRS is now doubling the dollar threshold for taxpayers eligible for Installment Agreements to help more people qualify for the program. These provisions also mean that more taxpayers will have the ability to use streamlined installment agreements to catch up on back taxes.

Currently, individual taxpayers can get a streamlined Installment Agreement on balances up to \$50,000, double the previous amount of \$25,000. The period to pay the full amount owed is now 72 months, up from the previous 60 months. Of course, if the person can pay in less than 72 months, they will pay less in interest and penalties. The agreement must result in full payment before the statutory period of collection expires.

For more information about streamlined installment agreements and the IRS Fresh Start Program visit IRS.gov keyword "Fresh Start."

NOTE TO EDITOR: Below are additional resources you can share with your customers.

IRS.gov

- News Release – [Fresh Start Announcement](#)
- News Release – [Expanded Fresh Start Initiative](#)

Webinar

[August 31, 2011, IRS Fresh Start Initiative webinar](#) - Learn about the IRS Fresh Start Initiative – Helping individuals and small business taxpayers get a Fresh Start with their tax liabilities including changes to Collection policy for: Lien filing threshold; Lien withdrawals; Installment Agreements; Offer in Compromise

Video Series for people who owe taxes

[Owe Taxes? Understanding IRS Collection Efforts](#) – designed to provide basic information regarding the IRS Collection Process

YouTube Videos

Fresh Start - Find out all the ways the IRS is trying to help taxpayers get a fresh start when it comes to paying back taxes. [English](#) [ASL](#) [Spanish](#)

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Are you struggling to pay your **#taxes**? The new **#IRS #Fresh_Start** program may help. y2u.be/cny6o-ahhRU