

Federal Income Tax Payment Instructions

Link to IRS online payment system: <https://www.irs.gov/payments>

Sign In to Pay and See Your Payment History

For individuals only.

- View the amount you owe, your payment plan details, payment history, and any scheduled or pending payments.
- Make a same day payment from your bank account for your balance, payment plan, estimated tax, or other types of payments.

[Go to Your Account](#)

Make a Guest Payment from Your Bank Account

For individuals only. No registration required. Schedule payments up to a year in advance.

[Pay Now with Direct Pay](#)

Pay by Debit Card, Credit Card or Digital Wallet (e.g., PayPal)

For individuals and businesses (not for payroll tax deposits). Processing fees apply.

[Pay Now by Card or Digital Wallet](#)

Make Business Payments or Schedule Estimated Payments with the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS)

For businesses, tax professionals and individuals. Make payments from a bank account. Enrollment required.

[Go to EFTPS](#)



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Use this secure service to pay your taxes for **Form 1040 series, estimated taxes** or [other associated forms](#) directly from your checking or savings account at no cost to you.

You can easily keep track of your payment by signing up for email notifications about your tax payment, each time you use IRS Direct Pay.

- Email notification will contain the confirmation number you receive at the end of a payment transaction.
- The IRS continues to remind taxpayers to watch out for [email schemes](#). You will only receive an email from IRS Direct Pay if you've requested the service

If you have already made a payment through Direct Pay, you can use your confirmation number to access the Look Up a Payment feature. You can also modify or cancel a scheduled payment until two business days before the payment date.

You can also view your payment history by accessing your online account with the IRS.

[Make a Payment](#)

[Look Up Payment](#)

- [Answers to common questions](#)
- [Types of payments](#)
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Availability

Direct Pay is available during the following hours:

- Monday to Saturday: Midnight to 11:45 p.m. ET
- Sunday: 7 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. ET

Other outages may occur, and we'll let you know whether Direct Pay is available before you start your session. Thanks for your patience.

Please note that Direct Pay availability has no bearing on your due date, so plan ahead to ensure timely payment.

How to Pay Estimates & Balances Due to the IRS

- Once you are on the IRS website, there are several payment options:
 - **Go to Your Account** – allows you to create an account to easily keep track of all your payments
 - **Pay Now with Direct Pay** – pay balances due and estimates using your bank account information
 - **Pay Now by Card or Digital Wallet** – pay balances due and estimates using your credit/debit card or digital wallet such as Apple Pay
- **Note: Use of the Debit or Credit Card feature includes fees associated with this option*

Pay Now with Direct Pay Guest Payment Instructions

- Select **Make a Payment**
- Select Reason for Payment:
 - **Balance Due** if you are paying a balance due
 - **Estimated Tax** if you are paying an estimate for a future tax year
- Select Apply Payment To:
 - **Income Tax – Form 1040** if you are paying a balance due
 - **1040ES (for 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ)** if you are paying an estimate for a future tax year
- Select Tax Period for Payment:
 - **2021** for Balance Due
 - **2022** for Estimated Tax

The screenshot displays three dropdown menus for selecting payment details. Each menu has a question mark icon in the top right corner. The first menu, 'Reason for Payment', is set to '"Balance Due" OR "Estimated Tax"'. The second menu, 'Apply Payment To', is set to '"Income Tax-Form 1040" OR "1040ES (for 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ)"'. The third menu, 'Tax Period for Payment', is set to 'Select Year' and is highlighted with a green border and a green arrow on the left side.

***Note: It is important to verify you have the correct tax year for balance due or estimate purposes to ensure the payment is applied to the appropriate year*

- Once you click 'Confirm', you will be brought to the Identity Verification screen
 - Direct Pay verifies your identity using information from your 1040 filing history which you will provide based on one of the tax years from the drop-down menu (**Tax Year for Verification**)
 - DO NOT select the current return year, select a prior year to verify such as 2020

Note: the Tax Year for Verification you enter here does not have to match the tax year for your payment.

Tax Year for Verification * ?

The information you enter must match the information from your tax return for the tax year you selected above.

Filing Status * ?

First Name *

Last Name *

Confirm Last Name *

SSN or ITIN * ?
(example: 000112222)

Confirm SSN or ITIN *

Date of Birth *

Month Day Year

- Enter your bank account information and verify all inputs are correct before hitting the **submit** button
- **Print the confirmation page for your records**

If you made an error and the payment submission has been processed, call IRS e-file Payment Services 24/7 at 1-888-353-4537 to inquire about or cancel your payment.