

IRS Removes Amount Thresholds on Income Tax Payments that can be Deferred to July 15th **Updated 4/9/2020**

After previously announcing a 90-day extension for taxpayers making federal income tax payments up to certain limits (\$1M for individuals and \$10M for corporations), the IRS has now announced that taxpayers can postpone payments without penalties or interest “regardless of the amount.”

According to [Notice 2020-18](#), any person with a federal income tax return or payment originally due April 15th now has until July 15th to file the return(s) and/or make the payment(s). Specifically, a “person” includes an individual taxpayer, trust, estate, partnership, association, company or corporation. Taxpayers can defer payment of federal income tax (including any self-employment tax) owed for the 2019 tax year, as well as defer their initial quarterly estimated federal income tax payments for the 2020 tax year (including any self-employment tax), until July 15th.

Previously, the IRS had issued guidance (in Notice 2020-17) stating that corporations could postpone tax payments up to \$10 million and all other taxpayers could postpone payments up to \$1 million without penalties or interest. In Notice 2020-18, the IRS now states: “There is no limitation on the amount of the payment that may be postponed.”

Taxpayers need not file any additional forms to qualify for this automatic federal tax filing and payment extension. However, if you’re expecting a refund, consider filing your return(s) as soon as possible to receive your money. The IRS indicates that “most tax refunds are still being issued within 21 days.”

Note that on March 27, 2020, the IRS issued Notice 2020-20 which extends the April 15, 2020 filing deadline for Form 706 (United States Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Return) and any related tax payment to July 15, 2020.

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