

How & When To Pay Any 2021 Tax Due with Your US Tax Return

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We are a week away from April 18, 2022, the US tax payment deadline. If you are a US taxpayer outside of the United States on April 18, 2022, you will receive an automatic tax-filing deadline through June 15, 2022. **Important!** This is an extension to file, NOT an extension of time to pay.

Should I Consider Making a Payment?

Consider making a payment if any of the following apply to your 2021 situation:

- Significant increase in any type of income (wages, interest, dividends, capital gains, self-employment income, etc)
- You had a balance due in 2020 and have not made any estimated tax payments
- You moved to a country with tax rates that are lower than the [US tax rates](#)

How Much Should My Payment Be?

Review your previously filed US tax return (2020), and if there were no significant income or foreign tax changes you can safely use 110% of the total tax due in 2020 to make a payment now.

If your situation changed significantly in 2021, work with your tax preparer or run a simulation using tax software to better estimate your 2021 tax liability.

How Can I Make My Payment?

- [Online, via IRS.gov/payments](https://www.irs.gov/payments), this is the easiest method and allows you to pay by US bank account, debit or credit card
- [Same-Day Wire Transfer](#)
- [Check or Money Order](#) through the mail (not recommended due to the current IRS backlog)

What If I Overpay the IRS?

Making an overpayment now will result in a refund or credit, you can choose to:

- Receive a refund via check
- Receive a refund via US bank account direct deposit (recommended)
- Have your overpayment applied to the 2022 tax year (recommended)

State Tax Considerations

The Federal & US State tax authorities are separate. If you recently moved abroad or have US state-sourced income, you may need to consider making a separate estimate tax payment to the state. Federal overpayments made to the IRS will not transfer to a state tax balance.

Estimated Tax Payments

If you owe a balance in 2021, this is a great time to be thinking about making 2022 estimated tax payments. The first 2022 estimated tax payment is due on April 18, 2022, the remaining payments are due as follows:

- June 15, 2022
 - September 15, 2022
 - January 17, 2023
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