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If tax debt goes ignored, interest and penalties will continue to accumulate and put you at risk of receiving a bank levy, wage garnishment or having assets seized and sold at auction. The IRS has the legal right to take any of these actions if a tax debt cannot be collected.



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This month from Crabb Tax Services:



[IRS Releases New Not-Quite-Postcard-Sized Form 1040 For 2018, Plus New Schedules](#)

Remember those postcard-sized tax returns? They're here. Sort of. They're not exactly postcard-sized, but the new form 1040 is smaller than before. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has made the new form 1040 and the...[read more](#)



[Tax Trends Heading Into 2019](#)

Key Findings

- State tax changes are not made in a vacuum. States often adopt policies after watching peers address similar issues. Several notable trends in tax policy have emerged across states in recent years, and policymakers can benefit from taking note of these developments.
- The enactment of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) expanded...[read more](#)



[White House Says IRS Will Pay Tax Refunds During Government Shutdown](#)

Traditionally, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has not issued refunds to taxpayers while the government is shut down. That appeared to be the case this time when the Department of Treasury posted its Lapsed Appropriations Contingency Plan for the IRS last month. That plan, which noted that tax refunds would not be issued, described the actions...[read more](#)



[AICPA and NCCPAP ask IRS to suspend tax penalties](#)

The American Institute of CPAs and the National Conference of CPA Practitioners are separately asking the Internal Revenue Service to refrain from imposing underpayment and under withholding penalties on taxpayers in response to some extensive changes in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act...[read more](#)

TAX CHUCKLE:

"What's the most famous tax return of all time?" (*The Return of the Jedi*)



[Alert: IRS waives penalty for many whose tax withholding & estimated tax payments fell short in 2018](#)

IR-2019-03, January 16, 2019

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service announced today that it is waiving the estimated tax penalty for many taxpayers whose 2018 federal income tax withholding and estimated tax payments fell short of their total tax liability for the year...[read more](#)



[How To Analyze Your Annual Credit Report And Spot Errors](#)

Nobody really likes to think about his or her credit report. Even if you're 99% certain that your credit is in good standing, requesting your annual credit report can be an exercise in anxiety. Imagine if you're wrong. Maybe, all along, you didn't really understand your report in the first place.

If you've never requested your credit report before, the...[read more](#)

IRS TAX TIP:

These videos will help taxpayers learn more about how tax reform affects their taxes



IRS Tax Reform Tax Tip 2018-196, December 19, 2018

The IRS has several videos that can help individual and business taxpayers learn more about the tax reform legislation. The IRS posts these videos on the IRS Video Portal and to their YouTube channel. Aside from these sites, the IRS offers tax reform information on its other social media channels, such as Twitter and their new Instagram account. Taxpayers can visit the Multimedia Center on IRS.gov for links to all the agency's social media sites.

IRS Video Portal

The IRS continues to produce and post videos to post on the Video Portal. These videos can help individual and business taxpayers better understand how the tax reform law affects them and their taxes. Taxpayers can check back throughout the year to find new videos.

- [Tax Reform Basics for Employers](#) This provides an overview of tax reform changes for employers. Topics covered include changes to employer credit for family and medical leave, employee achievement awards, and qualified transportation fringe benefits.
- [Tax Reform Basics for Individuals and Families](#) Addresses tax reform changes that affect individual taxpayers. Topics include standard deductions, personal exemptions, itemized deductions, and the child tax credit.
- [Understanding How to Use the IRS Withholding Calculator to Check & Correct Withholding](#) This video explains why many taxpayers may need to change their withholding. It also helps tax professionals understand how to use the IRS withholding calculator to help taxpayers change their withholding.

IRS YouTube Channel

These videos are all in English, with several also being offered in Spanish and American Sign Language.

- Paycheck Checkup: [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [ASL](#)
- Taxpayers can watch this video to find out why they should do a Paycheck Checkup after tax reform legislation changed how much tax is taken out of individuals' paychecks.
- IRS Withholding Calculator Tips: [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [ASL](#) This video gives taxpayers tips for using the calculator, including what documents to have on hand before starting their Paycheck Checkup.
- Paid Family and Medical Leave: [English](#) If employers provide paid family and medical leave for their employees, they may be eligible for a tax credit. This video has more information about this credit.

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