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How to Pay Your Balance Due - IRS/Federal

Pay electronically on your tax return

If you provide us your bank account number and routing number, we will tell the IRS to draft your bank account. The payment date can be scheduled for anytime between the e-file date and April 15.

Pay by bank draft

Go to https://www.irs.gov/payments/direct-pay to make a payment.

Note: You will be asked to verify the information from a previous tax return (such as the address shown on the prior year tax return). Contact us if you have questions.

You can schedule the payment for today's date or in the future.

(This is also our recommended way to pay your 2024 estimated tax payments.)

Mail a check or money order

Make your check payable to United States Treasury. Include your Social Security number and "2023 Form 1040" on the memo line. You can also send a money order. Even if your return is e-filed sooner, you have until April 15 to make your payment. **Mail your payment and the Form 1040V voucher to:**

Internal Revenue Service P.O. Box 1214 Charlotte, NC 28201-1214

Note: The IRS is taking between 2 weeks and 4 months to open their mail. In the meantime, you may get letters saying you have a balance due, even though you mailed a check. **Therefore, mailing a check is not recommended.**

Pay by debit or credit card

Go to https://www.irs.gov/payments/pay-your-taxes-by-debit-or-credit-card for a link to an IRS-approved payment processor. Note: A processor fee will be added to your charge.

If you can't pay it all now, but you can pay it within a few months

Pay what you can now and wait for the bill. Pay what you can when the bill comes. If you still haven't paid it all, try to pay it off when the second bill comes. You can also call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 or go to https://www.irs.gov/payments/online-payment-agreement-application to file for a short-term (180 days or less) payment plan without any setup fee. Note: You will owe penalties and interest if the tax isn't paid in full by April 15.

If you can't pay it within a few months

Ask us about setting up a monthly installment plan with the IRS, or call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to request an Installment Agreement. Note: You will be charged an application fee, as well as penalties and interest. However, if you stay in compliance with the agreement, they generally will not take any other collections actions against you such as levying your bank account.

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How to Pay Your Balance Due - State/AL

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Give us your bank account number and routing number, and we will tell the IRS when we e-file to draft your bank account. The payment date can be scheduled for anytime between the e-file date and April 15.

Mail a check or money order

Make your check payable to Alabama Department of Revenue. On the memo line, include your Social Security number and "2023 Form 40". Even if your return is e-filed sooner, you have until April 15 to make your payment. **Mail your payment and the Form 40V youcher to:**

Alabama Department of Revenue P.O. Box 327467
Montgomery, AL 36132-7467

Pay by bank draft

You may pay by ACH Debit by going to https://myalabamataxes.alabama.gov. You will need to create a login on the MAT website if you don't have one already. For assistance, call the MAT Help Desk toll free at 1-800-322-4106.

Pay by credit card

Go to <u>www.officialpayments.com</u> or call 1-800-272-9829 to set up a payment. Note: A convenience fee will be added to your charge.

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Pay what you can now and wait for the bill. Pay what you can when the bill comes. If you still haven't paid it all, try to pay it off when the second bill comes. Note: You will owe penalties and interest if the tax isn't paid in full by April 15.

If you can't pay it within a few months

It's possible to set up a monthly payment plan with Alabama only after you've received several serious warning letters and your account is transferred to the Collections division of the Department of Revenue. At that point they might levy your bank account or garnish your wages. It's best to pay in full before you get to that point.

Even if your return is e-filed sooner, you have until April 15 to make your payment. Ask us now how you can avoid having a balance due next year.