Step- By-Step Guide for Online IRS Payments

Electronic payment is now mandatory for all IRS payments as of September 30th, 2025. To pay your personal Federal IRS (Federal Internal Revenue Service) tax online follow the steps below:

1. **Visit www.IRS.gov/payments** : Navigate to the official payment page

2. **Select Payment Method:** Choose "Direct Pay with bank account" (recommended) or "Pay by card or digital wallet".

3. **Enter Details:** Select "Pay Individual Tax" then "Make a Payment"

4. Fill out your Tax Information: Select "Reason for Payment" and "Apply Payment" information (e.g., balance due or Estimated Tax, Income Tax – Form 1040 or 1040 ES) and choose the tax year (2025 or 2026). Select Continue.

Direct Pay

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Tax Information

Select the appropriate payment type and reason for your payment. Information about payment types can be found by clicking the help icon (?). If you are making more than one type of payment or making payments for more than one tax year, submit each of them separately.

Business Taxes?
All business tax payments should be made through the IRS Direct Pay Business Payments Portal.

Reason for Payment ?
Select Reason ▼

Apply Payment To ?

Tax Period for Payment ?

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5. Verify Identity: Fill out the form with personal information from a previously filed tax return.

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All fields with * are required.

Verify Identity

Direct Pay verifies your identity using information from your 1040 filing history. Please provide the following information from a 1040 tax return you filed for one of the years listed in the Tax Year for Verification drop down menu.

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

Tax Year for Verification * ?
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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 *

6. Submit Payment: Enter bank information, schedule the date, and save the confirmation number.

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