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SUBJECT: **TAX DAY CHANGES & INDIVIDUAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS
PAYMENTS AS A RESULT OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

The devastating impact caused by the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has been felt by everyone around the world. To help ease the financial burden this pandemic has created, the Federal and State governments have extended the deadlines to file tax returns and make the corresponding tax payments. Outlined below are highlights for some of these changes. As these developments are constantly changing, please be sure to check often both the [IRS](#) and [New York State Department of Taxation](#) websites for additional updates as well as consult with your professionals for assistance.

IRS Extends Filing and Federal Tax Payment Deadline:

The IRS has moved Tax Day from April 15, 2020 to **July 15, 2020**. The IRS has also extended the date by which taxpayers must make their federal tax payments to July 15, 2020. Taxpayers can now defer their federal income tax payments which were due on April 15, 2020, without penalties and interest, to July 15, 2020. These **changes will apply to all taxpayers, which include individuals, trusts and estates, corporations and other non-corporate tax filers as well as those who pay self-employment tax.**

These extensions are automatic and taxpayers DO NOT need to file additional forms or make a formal request to qualify for the federal tax filing and payment deadline of July 15, 2020. However, if an individual needs to file after July 15th, he or she must file Form 4868 and request an extension. If a business needs additional time, it must file Form 7004 in order to make the extension request. An extension to file beyond

July 15th does not extend the payment deadline of July 15th. Be sure to contact your tax professional for filing assistance.

Source: IRS.gov - [Tax Day now July 15: Treasury, IRS extend filing deadline and federal tax payments regardless of amount owed](#)

New York State Extends State Filing and State Tax Payment Deadline:

The Governor and the Commissioner of the Department of Taxation and Finance have moved the State filing deadline from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. Tax payments can also be deferred, without interest and penalties, to July 15, 2020. These **changes will apply to all personal income tax and corporate tax returns which would have otherwise been due on April 15, 2020.**

These extensions are automatic and taxpayers DO NOT need to file additional forms or make a formal request to qualify for the State tax filing and payment deadline of July 15, 2020. However, if taxpayers need to file after July 15th, they must request an automatic extension to file their returns by October 15, 2020. An extension to file beyond July 15th does not extend the payment deadline of July 15th. The Department of Taxation and Finance has indicated that interest, penalties, and additions to tax with an extension past July 15th will start to accrue on July 16, 2020.

Exception for Fiduciary Tax Returns:

Fiduciary tax returns are due September 30, 2020 (NOT October 15, 2020) for calendar-year taxpayers who file an extension to file past July 15th.

Direct Debits not automatically extended to July 15, 2020:

If you have filed your 2019 state tax return and arranged to have your tax payment automatically debited from your bank account, the direct payment will NOT be changed to July 15th. If you would like to change the direct payment date you must cancel and schedule a new direct debit payment. Be sure to contact your tax professional for assistance.

Source: tax.ny.gov - [N-20-2, Announcement Regarding Relief from Certain Filing and Payment Deadlines due to the Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19](#)

Federal Economic Impact Payments:

On March 27, 2020, the President signed into law the largest emergency aid package in United States history. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, better known as the CARES Act, puts forth a \$2 trillion economic relief package, which includes **direct payments to individuals**. Eligible taxpayers can receive up to \$1,200 for individuals or \$2,400 for married couples and up to \$500 for each qualifying child.

Am I Eligible to receive the economic relief payment?

Individuals with an adjusted gross income of up to \$75,000 and married couples filing jointly with an adjusted gross income of up to \$150,000 **will receive the full payment**. Filers with an adjusted gross income that exceeds the \$75,000/\$150,000 limits, will have their payments reduced by \$5.00 for every \$100 they are over the thresholds.

Accordingly, individuals with an adjusted gross income of \$99,000 or more and married couples filing jointly with an adjusted gross income of \$198,000 or more, without qualifying children, will not qualify for a relief payment.

What action do I need to take to receive the relief payment?

Most people do not need to take any action. The IRS will calculate the relief payment owed to taxpayers using their 2019 tax return. If a taxpayer has not filed their 2019 tax return, the IRS will calculate the relief payment due based on his or her 2018 tax filings.

What if I am not required to file a tax return?

The Treasury Department and the IRS dispensed with the previous requirement that would have required Social Security beneficiaries to file an abbreviated tax return in order to receive the economic relief payment. **Senior citizens, Social Security recipients and railroad retirees who are not otherwise required to file a tax return, now do not need to take any action to receive the relief payment.**

The IRS will use the information on Form SSA-1099 or Form RRB-1099 for individuals who do not need to file a tax return and did not file a return for 2018 or 2019. These individuals will receive the \$1,200 per person relief payment, as the IRS does not have information regarding any dependents.

How will I receive my payment?

The IRS has indicated that they will use the bank account information provided on the taxpayer's 2018 or 2019 tax filings to directly deposit the money into the taxpayer's bank account. The Treasury Department has indicated that they are developing a web-portal for taxpayers to provide their banking information to the IRS to avoid waiting to receive a paper check in the mail.

When will I receive my relief payment?

As of March 30th, the Treasury Department and IRS anticipate that taxpayers will receive the direct deposit relief payment within three weeks. However, it is currently not clear how long it will take for taxpayers who do not provide bank account information to receive a paper check in the mail.

Sources: IRS.gov - [Economic impact payments: What you need to know](#)

Treasury.gov - [Social Security Recipients Will Automatically Receive Economic Impact Payments](#)

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