

Extension for Federal Income Tax Filing and Payments due April 15

April 14, 2020

We issued an explanatory letter on March 20 as to a possible extension of time for filing and paying 2019 taxes originally due April 15, 2020. At that time, we mentioned we were awaiting further guidance on the due dates and to expect a follow-up memo from us.

As expected, that guidance has been formalized and the new filing and payment due date for 2019 Form 1040 filers is confirmed as July 15, 2020 for Federal, Missouri and Illinois taxpayers. This new due date also applies to 2020 quarterly estimates originally due April 15, 2020 (for Federal and Missouri taxpayers). Illinois has not followed this lead though for 2020 quarterly estimated payment filers (certain Illinois taxpayers still have a 1st quarter 2020 Illinois estimated payment due April 15, 2020).

More recently, the Federal government has announced their decision to postpone due dates for certain tax returns and payments originally due in May or June 2020. This extension includes a variety of tax form filings and payment obligations that are due between April 1, 2020 and July 15, 2020, including estimated tax payments due June 15. The notice also suspends associated interest, additions to tax, and penalties for late filing or late payment until July 15, 2020.

We expect certain states will not abide by this extra postponement (of May and June requirements). Missouri has also agreed to extend the June 15 estimated payment due date to July 15. We do hope for more clarifying information as to whether Missouri will agree to extend the other returns due originally due in May or June; however, it seems most taxpayers will be interested in that extended estimated payment date. Illinois has previously stated they were not going to change the due dates of the 2020 estimated payments (and payments are still due as originally scheduled - April 15 and June 15). Tax filers need to be aware of their respective state tax requirements also.

Original post as follows....

March 20, 2020

On March 18, the Internal Revenue Service issued guidance (Notice 2020-17) providing that it would waive penalties and interest on tax payments for 90 days, effectively moving the "payment date" for April 15, 2020 tax liabilities. This guidance did not postpone the due date for "filing" a 2019 tax return, which had an original due date for most taxpayers of April 15, 2020.

On March 20, 2020 Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin announced via Twitter that the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Treasury have delayed the due date for filing 2019 tax returns to July 15, 2020. Note that the Senate's draft of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES ACT) released on March 19, 2020 also included a delay of the filing deadline to July 15, 2020.

As of the time of this release, there is no formal guidance on the extension of the April 15, 2020 filing deadline but we fully expect that the deadline will be moved to July 15, 2020.

Once guidance is officially released and we have had a chance to review the impacts, we will make sure to keep you apprised of the developments.

Above all, we hope that you and your families are safe and healthy.

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