

Coronavirus Relief – Return Filing Date AND Payments Extended

The due date for many returns is extended as well as payment of the taxes.

Earlier IRS had released Notice 2020-17 which extended the due date of any income tax payment due April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020. This did not extend other payments or the June 15, 2020 estimated tax payment due date. Nor did it extend the filing date. Notice 2020-17 is now VOID and Notice 2020-18 provides the rules.

Notice 2020-18 states:

The Secretary has determined ANY person with a Federal income tax payment or a Federal income tax return due April 15, 2020, is considered affected by the Coronavirus for purposes of this relief.

The due date for filing Federal income tax return and making Federal income tax payments due April 15, 2020, is automatically postponed to July 15, 2020. A Form 4868 or 7004 is not required.

There is no limitation on the amount of the payment that may be postponed. [Notice 2020-17 had put limits on the deferral of \$1,000,000 (\$10,000,000 for C corporations).]

This relief is available solely with respect to:

1) Federal income tax payments (including SE tax) due on April 15, 2020, and
2) Federal estimated income tax payments (including estimated SE tax). Due on April 15, 2020. **NOTICE THIS RELIEF IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR ANY OTHER ESTIMATED TAX PAYMENT, SUCH AS INDIVIDUAL'S JUNE 15, 2020 PAYMENT.**

No extension or postponement is provided in this notice for any payment or deposit of any other type of Federal tax, or for the filing of any Federal information return.

As a result of this postponement, the period from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020, will be disregarded in the calculation of any interest, penalties, and addition to tax for failure to file or failure to pay. Amounts not paid and returns not filed by July 15, 2020, will have normal interest and penalties accruing as of July 16, 2020.

Notice 2020-18 can be found by going to irs.gov/pub/, clicking on irs-drop, then clicking on n-20-18. We recommend you read the Notice in full and compare to our article. We are also posting this article and Notice 2020-18 on our web site (ataxprof.com) under the Tax Pro Newsletters tab.

Notice 2020-18 supersedes Notice 2020-17 (meaning 2020-17 is null/void and no longer exists).

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