



IRS Practitioner Tax Center

[Disaster Relief Resource Center for Tax Professionals](#)

As a result of recent natural disasters many payroll and practitioner businesses and their clients have suffered significant losses. Our goal is to provide resources and assistance to members of the impacted payroll and practitioner community.

Getting Started

[Online Application - Form SS-4, Employer Identification Number \(EIN\)](#)

Apply online for the Employer Identification Number (EIN), also known as a Federal Tax Identification Number.

IRS Forms and Publications

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Need an IRS form or publication?

[Draft Forms and Instructions](#)

See the draft copies of a variety of forms, instructions, and publications as well as a schedule of release dates.

Office of Professional Responsibility

[Standards of Practice for Tax Professionals](#)

To better serve its customers the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) has reorganized its Web site and created a resource center for tax professionals. The site also hosts a new OPR At-a-Glance page for customer convenience. This page includes reference to Circular 230.

Electronic Filing

[e-file Made Easy - A Tax Professional's One-Stop e-file & e-Pay Shop](#)

This site was designed by the IRS to provide users with an easy to follow, one-stop resource center for IRS *e-file* and e-payment information. We hope the information contained on this Web site is just what you've been looking for. It was developed specifically for tax professionals like yourself who are interested in offering IRS *e-file* to their individual and [business](#) clients.

[Electronic Federal Tax Payments \(EFTPS\)](#)

Businesses and individuals can use the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System to pay all their federal taxes electronically, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, via the phone, personal computer (PC) software or the Internet. Visit the EFTPS web site for all the latest information! Or visit the Department of Treasury's Financial Management Services web page on EFTPS.

[e-services – On-line Tools for Tax Professionals](#)

e-services is a suite of web-based products that will allow tax professionals and payers to conduct business with the IRS electronically. These services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from just about any computer with an internet connection.

[QuickAlerts "More" e-file Benefits for EROs](#)

Get on board and be one of the thousands of tax professionals that currently receive information on "up-to-the-minute" *e-file* events.



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[IRS e-file Library](#)

The e-file library has publications, documents and electronic resources to help promote e-file services to your clients. It includes Publication 1345A (Filing Season Supplement) and other technical publications for individual and business e-file.

[Tax Pro News](#)

Visit the Tax Pro News for the latest announcements of interest to the practitioner community.

[Tax Pro Events](#)

The IRS offers a wide variety of educational events for the practitioner community including tax practitioner institute classes, phone forums, seminars, and local liaison meetings.

Talk With the IRS

[IRS Hotlines and Toll-Free Numbers](#)

A consolidated list of frequently requested phone numbers and hours of operation including Practitioner Priority Service, IRS Tax Help Line for Individuals, Business and Specialty Tax Help and e-Help.

[Contact My Local Office](#)

IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers are your one-stop resource for face-to-face tax help and solutions to tax problems, every business day.

[Stakeholder Liaison \(SL\) Local Contacts](#)

Your local Stakeholder Liaison office establishes relationships with organizations representing small business and the tax professional community and providing information about the policies, practices and procedures the IRS uses to ensure compliance with the tax laws. To establish a relationship with SL, use this list to find a contact in your state.

[Taxpayer Advocate Service](#)

The Taxpayer Advocate is an independent organization within the IRS. They help taxpayers resolve problems with the IRS and recommend changes that will prevent the problems.

[Reporting Tax Fraud](#)

If you suspect or know of an individual or company that is not complying with the tax laws, you may report this activity by completing [Form 3949-A](#). This article provides additional guidance on submitting the report.

Learning Center

[Tax Talk Today](#)

Tax Talk Today is dedicated to providing continuing education and information for tax practitioners. This series of monthly 60-minute webcasts covers current issues of interest to the tax professional community. You can participate live or review the archived programs. Tax Talk Today is a Continuing Education course provider approved by [NASBA](#), [CTEC](#), [APA](#) and the [IRS](#) for CPE Credit for tax practitioners.

Resources

[Sign up for e-News for Tax Professionals](#)

The IRS e-News For Tax Professionals provides the latest national news for the tax professional community, as well as links to resources on IRS.gov and local news and events by state.

[Tax Code, Regulations and Other Official Guidance](#)

A one-stop spot for researching publicly available versions of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), Treasury



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(Federal tax) Regulations, or other types of official IRS guidance published in the Internal Revenue Bulletin (IRB).

[Internal Revenue Bulletin](#)

The Internal Revenue Bulletin (IRB) is the authoritative instrument of the IRS for announcing all substantive ruling necessary to promote a uniform application of tax law.

[Retirement Plans for Small Businesses](#)

Are you looking for information on employee retirement plans in order to provide better service to all your clients?

[Issue Management Resolution System](#)

The IRS Stakeholder Liaison (SL) function has established the Issue Management Resolution System (IMRS), a streamlined and structured process that facilitates stakeholder issue identification, resolution and feedback.

Abusive Tax Schemes

[Tax Scams - How to Recognize and Avoid Them](#)

To help the public recognize and avoid abusive tax schemes, the IRS offers an abundance of educational materials. Participating in illegal schemes to avoid paying taxes can result in imprisonment and fines, as well as the repayment of taxes owed with penalties and interest. Education is the best way to avoid the pitfalls of these "too good to be true" tax scams.

Resources for Specific Communities

[Industries/Professions](#)

Specific tax information for Agriculture, Automotive, Construction, Entertainment, Fishing, Gas Retailers, Manufacturing, Real Estate, Restaurants, Tax Professionals, and other industries. Many of industry links include helpful Tax Tips.

[Audit Technique Guides](#)

The Audit Techniques Guides focus on developing highly trained examiners for a particular industry segment. These Guides contain examination techniques, common and unique industry issues, business practices, industry terminology and other information.

[Tax Information for International Businesses](#)

This section provides information on international taxes.

[Tax Information for Tax Professionals](#)

This section provides information for tax practitioners and other tax professionals.

[The Tax Gap](#)

Find resources on this page pertaining to the tax gap — the difference between the amount of tax that taxpayers should pay and the amount that is paid voluntarily and on time. The tax gap can also be thought of as the sum of non-compliance with the tax law. This page provides links to facts sheets that will help you and your clients close the gap.