

Fall Into Financial Wellness: Tax Tips 101

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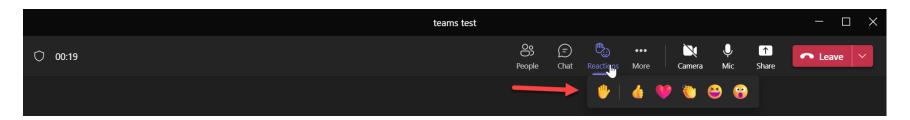
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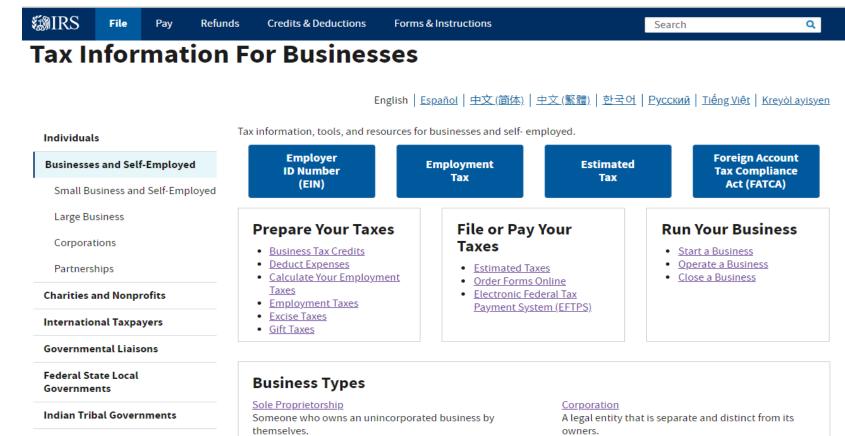
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A relationship existing between two or more persons

Foreign businesses with activities in the U.S. or

domestic businesses with activities outside the U.S.

who join to carry on a trade or business.

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Corporations that elect to pass corporate income, losses, deductions, and credits through to their shareholders for federal tax purposes.

Limited Liability Company or LLC

A corporate structure whereby the members of the company cannot be held personally liable for the company's debts or liabilities.

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Listed below are links to basic federal tax information for people who are starting a business, as well as information to assist in making basic business decisions. The list should not be construed as all-inclusive. Other steps may be appropriate for your specific type of business.

Information about specific industries can be found on the <u>Industries/Professions</u> <u>webpage</u>.

For information regarding state-level requirements for starting and operating a business, please refer to your <u>state's website</u>.

What New Business Owners Need to Know About Federal Taxes

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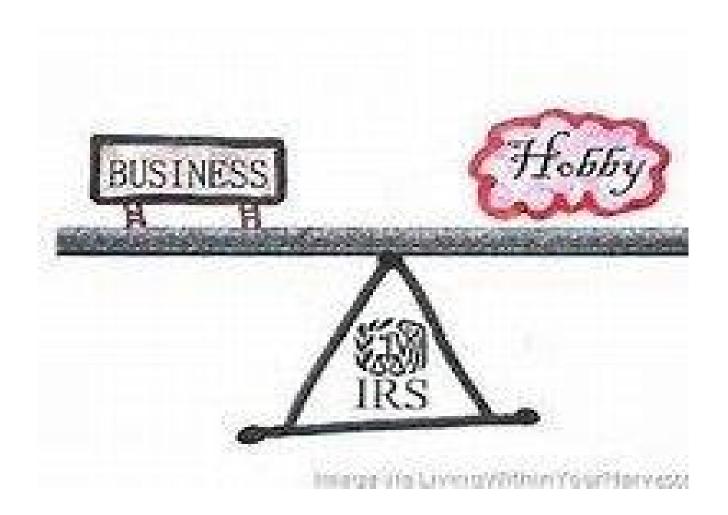
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When beginning a business, you must decide what form of business entity to establish. Your form of business determines which income tax return form you have to file. The most common forms of business are the sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, and S corporation. A Limited Liability Company (LLC) is a business structure allowed by state statute. Legal and tax considerations enter into selecting a business structure.

- <u>Sole Proprietorships</u>
- Partnerships
- <u>Corporations</u>
- <u>S Corporations</u>
- Limited Liability Company (LLC)

For additional information, refer to Small Business Administration's <u>Choose a</u> business structure **W** webpage.

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Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Step 1: Determine Your Eligibility

- You may apply for an EIN online if your principal business is located in the United States or U.S. Territories.
- The person applying online must have a valid Taxpayer Identification Number (SSN, ITIN, EIN).
- You are limited to one EIN per responsible party per day.
 - The "responsible party" is the person who ultimately owns or controls the entity or who exercises ultimate effective control over the entity. Unless the applicant is a government entity, the responsible party must be an individual (i.e., a natural person), not an entity.

Step 2: Understand the Online Application

- You must complete this application in one session, as you will not be able to save and return at a later time.
- Your session will expire after 15 minutes of inactivity, and you will need to start over.

Step 3: Submit Your Application

 After all validations are done you will get your EIN immediately upon completion. You can then download, save, and print your EIN confirmation notice.

Apply Online Now

Related Topics

- <u>State and Federal Online Business</u> <u>Registration</u>
- Online EIN: Frequently Asked
 Questions
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The form of business you operate determines what taxes you must pay and how you pay them. The following are the five general types of business taxes.

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Income Tax

All businesses except partnerships must file an annual income tax return. Partnerships file an information return. The form you use depends on how your business is organized. Refer to <u>Business Structures</u> to find out which returns you must file based on the business entity established.

The federal income tax is a pay-as-you-go tax. You must pay the tax as you earn or receive income during the year. An employee usually has income tax withheld from his or her pay. If you do not pay your tax through withholding, or do not pay enough tax that way, you might have to pay estimated tax. If you are not required to make estimated tax payments, you may pay any tax due when you file your return. For additional information refer to <u>Publication 583</u>.

Estimated tax

Generally, you must pay taxes on income, including self-employment tax (discussed next), by making regular payments of estimated tax during the year. For additional information, refer to <u>Estimated Taxes</u>.

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For recent developments, see the tax year 2021 <u>Publication 505, Tax Withholding</u> and <u>Estimated Tax</u>, and <u>Electing To Apply a 2020 Return Overpayment From a May</u> <u>17 Payment with Extension Request to 2021 Estimated Taxes</u>.

Taxes must be paid as you earn or receive income during the year, either through withholding or estimated tax payments. If the amount of income tax withheld from your salary or pension is not enough, or if you receive income such as interest, dividends, alimony, self-employment income, capital gains, prizes and awards, you may have to make estimated tax payments. If you are in business for yourself, you generally need to make estimated tax payments. Estimated tax is used to pay not only income tax, but other taxes such as self-employment tax and alternative minimum tax.

If you don't pay enough tax through withholding and estimated tax payments, you may be charged a penalty. You also may be charged a penalty if your estimated tax payments are late, even if you are due a refund when you file your tax return.

Estimated tax requirements are different for farmers, fishermen, and certain higher income taxpayers. <u>Publication 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax</u>, provides more information about these special estimated tax rules.

Who Must Pay Estimated Tax

Individuals, including sole proprietors, partners, and S corporation shareholders, generally have to make estimated tax payments if they expect to owe tax of \$1,000 or more when their return is filed.

Corporations generally have to make estimated tax payments if they expect to owe tax of 500 or more when their return is filed.

You may have to pay estimated tax for the current year if your tax was more than zero in the prior year. See the worksheet in Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals, or Form 1120-W, Estimated Tax for Corporations, for more details on who must pay estimated tax.

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IRS is offering <u>coronavirus relief</u> to taxpayers and many businesses will qualify for <u>two tax credits</u> - the **Credit for Sick** and Family Leave and the **Employee Retention Credit**.

If you are self-employed, visit the <u>Self-Employed Individuals Tax Center</u> page for information about your tax obligations.

Understanding Employment Taxes

Understand the various types of taxes you need to deposit and report such as, federal income tax, social security and Medicare taxes and Federal Unemployment (FUTA) Tax.

Calculate Your Employment Taxes

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Depositing and Reporting Employment Taxes

You must deposit federal income tax withheld and both the employer and employee social security and Medicare taxes. You also must report on the taxes you deposit, as well as report wages, tips and other compensation paid to an employee.

Employment Tax Due Dates

You must deposit and report your employment taxes on time.

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Many employers outsource their payroll and related tax duties, the 3rd party payers will:

- Administer payroll and employment taxes
- Provide assistance in meeting filing deadlines and deposit requirements
- Streamline business operations



- Everyone in business must keep records
- Good records will help you do the following:
 - Monitor progress of business activity
 - Prepare financial statements
 - Identify receipt sources
 - Track deductible expenses
 - Prepare tax returns
 - Support items reported on tax returns

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- Report all taxable income on your return
- Most income is taxable unless it is specifically exempted by law.
- You can receive income in the form of
 - Cash
 - Check
 - Credit card
 - Assignment of Income
 - Virtual Currencies
 - Non-cash exchanges such as bartering

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Your general business credit for the year consists of your carryforward of business

addition, your general business credit for the current year may be increased later

credits from prior years plus the total of your current year business credits. In

by the carryback of business credits from later years. You subtract this credit

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nd Self-Employed directly from your tax. Most of the following credits are part of the general business credit. The form you

• Form 3800, General Business Credit

use to figure each credit is shown below.

- Form 3468, Investment Credit This consists of the sum of the rehabilitation, energy, and reforestation credits.
 Form 5735, American Samoa Economic Development Credit
 Form 5884, Work Opportunity Credit
 Form 6478, Alcohol and Cellulosic Biofuel Fuels Credit
 Form 6765, Credit for Increasing Research Activities
 Form 8586, Low-Income Housing Credit
 - Form 8820, Orphan Drug Credit
 - Form 8826, Disabled Access Credit
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 - Form 8844, Empowerment Zone Employment Credit

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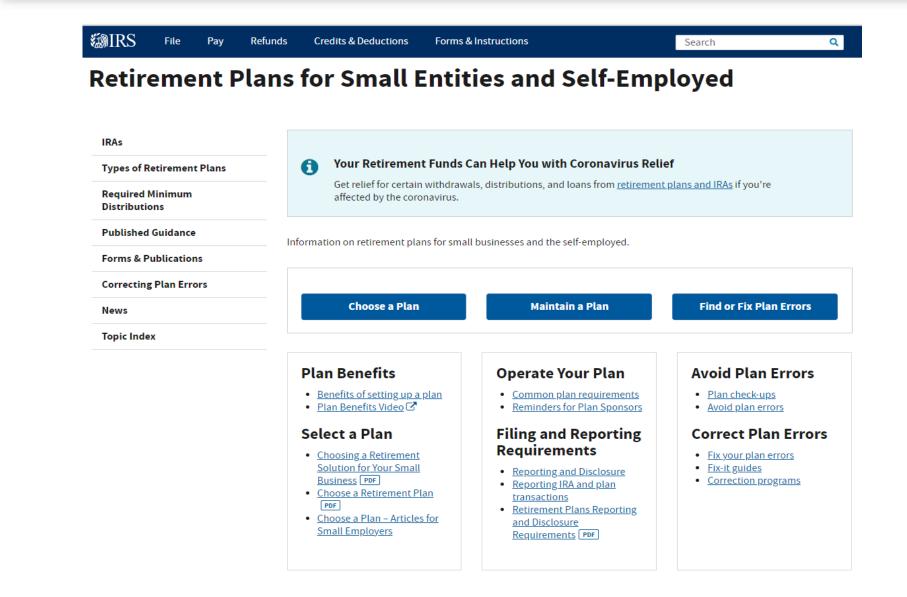
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- Planning what to do in case of a disaster is an important part of being prepared
- The following are tips on preparing for a disaster:
 - Take Advantage of Paperless Recordkeeping for Financial and Tax Records
 - Document Valuables and Business Equipment
 - Check on Fiduciary Bonds
 - Continuity of Operations Planning for Businesses
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 - Count on the IRS



- Four common tax errors for small businesses:
 - Underpaying estimated taxes
 - Not depositing employment taxes
 - Filing late
 - Not separating business and personal expenses



- Check the preparer's qualifications
 - IRS Directory of Federal Tax Return Preparers with Credentials and Select Qualifications
- Check the preparer's history
- Ask about service fees
- Ask to e-file
- Make sure the preparer is available
- Provide records and receipts
- Never sign a blank return
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- Report abusive tax preparers to the IRS



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 - Report tax-related phishing scams to: phishing@irs.gov.
 - Report monetary losses due to an IRS-related scam to: TIGA at <u>https://www.treasury.gov/TIGTA</u>



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 - Form 14039-B, Business Identity Theft Affidavit
- Protect You Business and Prevent Data Loss
 - Take basic steps to protect business data
 - Follow a Data Security Plan
 - Publication 4457, Safeguarding Taxpayer Data
 - Educate Your Employees
 - Keep EINs current and Safe
- Check out the "Business" section on IRS Identity Theft Central at IRS.gov/identitytheft

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The IRS uses social media to share the latest updates on tax changes, scam alerts, initiatives, products and services. Connect with the IRS through the following social media platforms.

Facebook

The IRS Facebook pages in English and Spanish post useful information, event announcements and tips for the general taxpaying public and tax professionals.

YouTube

Tune in to the IRS YouTube channels to watch short, practical videos in English and ASL. You can also see our video tips in Spanish and Chinese in our Multilingual channel.

Twitter

IRS tweets include tax-related announcements for individuals, businesses, tax professionals and people looking for #IRSjobs. This platform is also a good way to stay up to speed on the latest scam alerts. We share updates in English and Spanish.

Instagram

The IRS shares taxpayer-friendly information on Instagram covering a variety of topics to help people navigate tax law changes, provide the latest tax scam information and help combat tax-related identity theft, as well as periodically share information in Spanish and other languages.

LinkedIn

The IRS LinkedIn page posts agency updates, tax information, and job announcements.

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Calendar Reminders

You can have your Calendar reminders sent to your email inbox via RSS Feeds one or two weeks in advance of when a form or payment is due.

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Subscribe to or Import into Your Calendar Program

You have the option to Subscribe to the Small Businesses calendar using Outlook 2007, Outlook 2010 or Mac iCal. Outlook 2003 does not have the ability to subscribe but you can download the tax events from the calendar.

Subscribe

Subscribing adds Web calendar data to your calendar program.

The Web calendar data will be updated automatically, but you will not be able to make manual changes to it.

Download

Downloading lets you add a one-time "snapshot" of the calendar events to your calendar program (e.g. Outlook). Outlook will allow you to edit this imported calendar data but will not automatically refresh it when data is updated by IRS. View the Instructions to Subscribe to or Import the Tax Calendar (?) (en Español ?)

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- Publication 1, Your Rights as a Taxpayer
- Publication 15, Circular E Employers Tax Guide
- Publication 225, Farmers Tax Guide
- Publication 334, Tax Guide for Small Business
- Publication 463, Travel, Entertainment, Gift, and Car Expenses
- Publication 525 Taxable/Nontaxable Income



Here are some of our top recommended sources for you to review.

- Publication 5557, A Guide to Starting a Small business
- Publication 583, Starting a Business and Keeping Records
- Publication 535, Business Expenses
- Publication 587, Business Use of Your Home
- Publication 594, The IRS Collection Process
- Publication 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax
- Publication 463, Travel, Gift and Car Expense







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