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## Tax Day Pushed Back to May 17

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Good news for tax procrastinators—the IRS has just announced that the deadline for filing 2020 individual tax returns—and paying any balance due—has been pushed back a month from April 15. Because May 15 falls on a Saturday this year, Tax Day is now Monday, May 17. This extended deadline gives taxpayers—and their return preparers—additional time to incorporate retroactive tax rules in the recently passed American Rescue Plan (ARP).

For example, the ARP made the first \$10,200 of 2020 unemployment benefits tax free for most taxpayers. Extending the tax filing deadline allows the new rule to be incorporated into tax preparation software, avoiding the need for manual calculations and the resulting errors. Still, the IRS urges taxpayers who can file early to do so. Most taxpayers receive tax refunds, and early filing speeds up those refunds.

Be aware of deadlines that have NOT been extended. The IRS specifically states that 2021 estimated tax filing dates have not changed—if you pay estimated taxes, your 2021 first quarter payment is still due on April 15. State tax filing deadlines have not changed, although some states may follow suit. There is already a bill in the New Jersey state legislature to push back the filing deadline, though no action has been taken. Finally, the IRS has said nothing about other items tied to April 15, such as the due date for 2020 IRA contributions. It has promised to provide additional guidance; until then, it may be best to proceed as though other deadlines remain in place.

The situation is fluid; we'll keep you informed as things change.

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