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## **Tax Deadline One Week Away**

*Request an Extension if You Cannot File by April 15*

The income tax deadline is only a week away. State income tax returns must be received or postmarked by midnight on April 15. If you can't file on time, Wisconsin Department of Revenue officials encourage you to request an extension.

"If you haven't filed your state tax return yet, use WI e-file to meet the tax filing deadline. It's easy, fast and accurate and your information is protected on our secure website. The program does the math for you, and you will get confirmation that your return has been received so you know you made the tax filing deadline," said Secretary Richard G. Chandler. "However, if you can't meet the deadline, request an extension by April 15 to help avoid any late filing penalties."

### **How to Request an Extension**

If you will not meet the tax filing deadline, you must request an extension from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) by April 15 to avoid penalties. Go to the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for more information (keyword: extension).

*Taxpayers who file an extension request with the IRS automatically receive a state extension.* You do not need to submit a separate extension request with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

With an extension, you have until October 15, 2013, to file your state income tax return and pay your taxes without penalty. However, 1% interest will accrue each month on the amount due until it is paid in full. You can avoid the interest charges by making estimated tax payments (online or using 2012 Form 1-ES) for the amount you expect to owe.

If you file electronically, keep a copy of the IRS' federal extension application (Form 4868) for your records which shows that you filed an extension request. If you file on paper, attach a copy of the IRS' federal extension application to your Wisconsin tax return.

### **If You Cannot Pay in Full**

If you cannot pay your taxes in full, you can request a payment plan online. It's easy, secure, and available from our website at [revenue.wi.gov/html/payplan.html](http://revenue.wi.gov/html/payplan.html). You can request a payment plan, update an existing plan, or request an automatic withdrawal from your bank account.

### **Free Tax Assistance Sites**

- Located across the state to help low-to-moderate income residents, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities prepare their tax returns for free.
- Call 2-1-1 to find a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) site in your area.
- VITA site: call 1-800-906-9887 (toll-free) or go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) (Keyword: VITA)
- TCE site: call 1-888-227-7669 (toll-free) or go to [www.aarp.org/applications/VMISLocator/searchTaxAideLocations.action](http://www.aarp.org/applications/VMISLocator/searchTaxAideLocations.action)