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One Week To Tax Filing Deadline

Request an Extension if You Cannot File by April 15

The April 15th state income tax deadline is quickly approaching. State income tax returns must be received or postmarked by midnight on April 15. If you can't file on time, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) encourages you to request an extension.

"If you haven't filed your taxes yet, you can use WI e-file to meet the tax filing deadline," said Secretary Richard Chandler. "WI e-file is fast, easy and accurate. 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."

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 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, 2014, to file your state income tax return and pay your taxes without penalty. However, 1 percent 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 2013 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 to show 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 Owe Taxes and Cannot Pay in Full

You can request a payment plan if you cannot pay your taxes in full. It's easy, secure, and available from our website at 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 (Keyword: VITA)
- TCE site: call 1-888-227-7669 (toll-free) or go to www.aarp.org/applications/VMISLocator/searchTaxAideLocations.action