

What to Do if You Haven't Filed Your Tax Return

For various reasons, you may not have filed your federal income tax return for this year or past years. You may not have known you were required to file. You may not have filed because you owe tax that you cannot afford to pay. You may not have filed because you expect a refund and just have not taken the time to complete the return.

Regardless of your reason for not filing, file your tax return as soon as possible. If you need help, the IRS is ready to assist you.

If you cannot pay all of the tax due on your return, the IRS may be able to assist you with that as well.

If you do not file your return on or before the due date, you may be charged penalties and interest. If your return was not filed by the due date, you may be subject to the failure to file and failure to pay penalties. However, if you filed on time but did not pay in full, you will be subject only to the failure to pay penalty. Interest is charged on taxes not paid by the due date, even if you have an extension of time to file. Interest is also charged on penalties.

For answers to your tax questions, information about payment arrangements, or any other tax-related inquiry, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.