

Sample article for organizations to use to reach customers (298 Word Count)

Post the following article on your websites and/or use in other communication vehicles to help your customers get the facts about filing an automatic extension by making an electronic payment with Direct Pay, EFTPS and debit or credit card.

Make an electronic payment and get an automatic extension of time to file

An extension of time to file will automatically process when you pay all or part of your taxes electronically by April 18. There's no need to file a paper or electronic [Form 4868](#), Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return.

However, an extension of time to file is not an extension to pay. You can file up to six months later when you have an extension, but your taxes are still due by your original due date. You can get an automatic extension when you make a payment with [Direct Pay](#), the [Electronic Federal Tax Payment System](#) or by debit or credit card.

When paying electronically, you must select Form 4868 as the payment type and the payment date in order to get the automatic extension. Keep the confirmation you receive as proof of your payment.

Another way to make a payment is through the [IRS2Go](#) phone app. It provides an easy way for you to make a payment, check the status of your refund and other helpful functions. Download IRS2Go from Google Play, the Apple App Store or Amazon to make payments anytime, anywhere. IRS electronic payment options are quick, easy and secure.

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NOTE TO EDITOR: Below are links to help taxpayers find more information about payments.

IRS.gov

- [Payment Options: Pay Online, Installment Plans and More](#)
- [Publication 5034, Need to make a tax payment?](#)