

TAX AND WEALTH ADVISOR ALERT: REMINDER-MAY 17 IS THE DEADLINE FOR MORE THAN JUST INDIVIDUAL RETURNS

The IRS extended the deadline for individual taxpayers to file and pay taxes to May 17, 2021 in [Notice 2021-21](#). However, Monday, May 17 is the deadline for more than just individual returns. Here is a list of some other May 17 deadline items that IRS has noted:

- Individual return extension requests. Taxpayers can extend the deadline beyond May 17, 2021 by filing Form 4868, *Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return*. Filing an extension moves the filing deadline from May 17, 2021 to October 15, 2021. You can also get an extension by paying all or part of your estimated income tax due with Direct Pay, the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS), or a credit or debit card.
- Contributions to IRAs and health savings accounts. Taxpayers only have until May 17, 2021 to make 2020 contributions to individual retirement arrangements (IRAs), Roth IRAs, health savings accounts, Archer medical savings accounts, and Coverdell education savings accounts –even if they file for an extension.
- Self-employed persons retirement plan contributions. Self-employed persons have the opportunity to fund SEP and SIMPLE IRAs as well as solo 401(k) plans through the deadline for a timely filed extension.
- Withdrawals of any 2020 contributions to an IRA. Withdrawals of any 2020 contributions to an IRA, including excess 2020 contributions (if you didn't request a filing extension) are due May 17, 2021. Notably, this rule does not apply to the following retirement plans: 401(k), 403(b), SARSEP and SIMPLE IRA plans. That deadline was April 15, 2021.
- Retirement plan distributions. Notice 2021-21 also automatically postponed to May 17, 2021 the time for reporting and payment of the 10% additional tax on amounts includible in gross income from 2020 distributions from IRAs or workplace-based retirement plans.
- Payroll taxes for household employees. Form 1040, Schedule H (Household Employment Taxes) is due even if you are not required to file Form 1040 itself.
- 2017 unclaimed refunds. The law provides a three-year window to claim a refund. To get any unclaimed refund from 2017, a taxpayer must properly address and mail the tax return, postmarked by May 17, 2021. If a taxpayer does not file a return within three years, the money becomes property of the U.S. Treasury.
- Returns for calendar year tax-exempt organizations. Also due May 17, 2021 are forms in the 990 series, including Form 990-T, *Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return*.

- Foreign trusts and estates. Foreign trusts and estates with federal income tax filing or payment obligations that file Form 1040-NR also have until May 17, 2021 to file or make payment.
- State individual income tax returns for most states. States issue separate guidance regarding any potential due date changes and do not always conform with federal updates. However, many states have announced that they will extend their tax deadlines to May 17, 2021 as well. For instance, Wisconsin [announced](#) the postponement of the 2020 personal income tax filing and payment due date to May 17, 2021. Interest and late-filing fees will apply beginning May 18, 2021. Nevertheless, if you need more time to file, Wisconsin offers an extension. Wisconsin does not have its own separate extension application, however, if taxpayers have an approved federal tax extension (Form 4868), they will automatically receive a Wisconsin tax extension. Filing a federal extension moves the Wisconsin filing deadline from May 17, 2021 to October 15, 2021.

O'Neil Cannon will continue to monitor federal and state law tax changes. For questions or further information relating to the tax filing deadlines, please contact Attorney [Britany E. Morrison](#).