

## Income Tax Return Due Date Follow-Up

These are unprecedented times we are living through right now and, as such, things are constantly changing including tax deadlines. The email we sent out on Thursday stated that the date in which to make your income tax payments was delayed until July 15, 2020, however, the return was still due 4/15/20. On Friday morning, that changed again!

The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced Friday that the federal income tax filing due date is automatically extended from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020.

Taxpayers can also defer federal income tax payments due on April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020, without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. This deferment applies to all taxpayers, including individuals, trusts and estates, corporations and other non-corporate tax filers, as well as those who pay self-employment tax. The deferral of income tax payments includes both the 2019 balance due and the 1st quarter 2020 estimated tax payments.

Individual Retirement Account (IRA) contributions have been due by 4/15 of the following year to qualify for the prior year. With the extended due date of the income tax return, this also extends the date in which to make your IRA contribution for 2019 to 7/15/2020.

The Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) issued administrative action that extends the income tax filing deadline to July 15, 2020 to mirror the new federal deadline. The new deadline means taxpayers filing state tax returns or submitting payments after the previous April 15 deadline will not be assessed late payment penalties or interest. As of now, the deferral of Arizona income tax payments includes only 2019 balances due, however, it is expected that Arizona will clarify this week and include the 1st quarter 2020 estimated tax payment as well.

Unfortunately for Arizona, contributions to certified school tuition organizations, public schools, and qualifying charitable organizations remains due by 4/15/2020 to qualify as a credit on the 2019 return. State law does not authorize the Director or ADOR to alter the scope of these statutorily-provided credits.

Due to this automatic extension, you may not receive your tax return until after 4/15/2020. The IRS and the ADOR are still issuing refunds; therefore, they are encouraging taxpayers that are expecting refunds to file their returns. If you expect a large refund, please contact our office so that we can prioritize our workload.

We will continue to keep you up to date as things change. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have specific questions.

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