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IRS Direct Pay

To pay taxes owed on your tax return or to make an estimated payment for taxes that will be owed on next year's tax return, use the IRS Direct Pay website. This system will allow you to transfer money from your bank checking or savings account to the IRS to make your payment. There is no service charge for using this payment system.

Enter this URL on your web browser:

<https://www.irs.gov/payments/direct-pay>

Click on the **Make a Payment** Link.

You can also pay by credit card from this page, but there will be service charges based on the size of the payment you are making. Click on the Pay by Debit or Credit Card Link to use a credit card.

The screenshot shows the IRS Direct Pay website. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for 'File', 'Pay', 'Refunds', 'Credits & Deductions', and 'Forms & Instructions'. The main heading is 'Direct Pay With Bank Account'. Below this, there are several sections: 'Bank Account (Direct Pay)', 'Pay by Debit or Credit Card', 'Payment Plan', 'Deposit Taxes', 'View Your Account', 'Penalties', 'Tax Withholding', 'Understand Your IRS Notice', 'Foreign Electronic Payments', and 'Payment of User Fees (IVES, Historic Easement, U.S. Residency)'. There are also links for 'Make a Payment' and 'Look Up Payment'. The 'Availability' section lists the hours of operation: Monday to Saturday, 12:00 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. ET, and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. ET. The 'Amount and frequency limitations' section states that the IRS Direct Pay won't accept more than two payments within a 24-hour period, and each payment must be less than \$10 million.

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Use the dropdowns to select the reason for your payment. The upper box on the right side, shows the reasons for a tax return payment for 2018 tax returns. The lower box shows the three drop downs for an estimated tax payment.

Once the reason for payment is entered, click on the **CONTINUE** button.

You will be asked to confirm your choices.



The screenshot shows the 'Direct Pay' page with a progress bar indicating 'Step 1 of 5'. The 'Tax Information' section is active, showing a dropdown for 'Reason for Payment' with 'Select Reason' selected. Below it are dropdowns for 'Apply Payment To' and 'Tax Period for Payment'. On the right side, there are two boxes for 'Reason for Payment'. The upper box shows 'Balance Due' and 'Apply Payment To' as 'Income Tax - Form 1040'. The lower box shows 'Estimated Tax' and 'Apply Payment To' as '1040ES (for 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ)'. The 'Tax Period for Payment' is set to '2021' in the upper box and '2022' in the lower box. Red arrows point to the '2021' and '2022' boxes with the text 'Payment for 2021 Tax return' and 'Payment for 2022 Estimated Taxes' respectively. At the bottom, there are 'PREVIOUS' and 'CONTINUE' buttons.

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You will need to enter information from a previous year's tax return to verify your identity. **You cannot use this system if you have never filed a tax return.**

Enter the filing status that you used for the tax return year. The First Name, Last Name, Social Security Number, Date of Birth, and Address should be the same as the tax return filed in that year, even if you moved to a new address for this year's tax return. **IMPORTANT: IF YOU ARE MAKING A PAYMENT FOR A RECENTLY FILED TAX RETURN, USE THE PREVIOUS YEAR.** For example, use information from your 2021 tax return when submitting payments for your 2022 tax return.

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If the IRS can match your identity information to the tax return year selected, you will continue to the Payment page. Enter the amount to pay, the date you would like the money withdrawn from your bank account, the bank routing number, and the account number. Check whether the account is checking or saving. It is optional to enter an email address for the payment confirmation. If you choose not to have an email sent, copy the confirmation number when the transaction is complete.

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All fields with * are required.

Verify Identity

Direct Pay verifies your identity using information from your 1040 filing history. Please provide the following information from a 1040 tax return you filed during the previous six years.

Note: the Tax Year for Verification you enter here does not have to match the tax year for your payment.

Tax Year for Verification * 2017

You chose 2017 as your tax year for verification. Enter information from your 2017 1040 tax return in the fields below.

The information you enter must match the information from your tax return for the tax year you selected above.

Filing Status *

First Name *

Last Name *

SSN or ITIN *

Date of Birth * December Day Year

Country of Residence * United States

Street Address (from the tax year selected above)

Apt/Suite/Other

P.O. Box

City *

State/US Territory * Zip Code *

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I accept the Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act.*

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All fields are required.

Your Payment Information

Please enter and confirm the payment amount below.

Select a date for your payment to be processed. The payment date selected is the date you will get credit for the payment although the payment may settle on a future date.

Payment Amount (example: 12345.00) \$

Confirm Payment Amount \$

Payment Date (within 30 days) 05-15-2019

Your Bank Account Information

Routing Number

Account Number

Confirm Account Number

Account Type

Checking

Savings

Email Confirmation Notifications

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I would like to receive email confirmation notifications and agree to the Email Terms of Service.

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

The IRS continues to remind taxpayers to watch out for [email schemes](#). Taxpayers will only receive an email from IRS Direct Pay if they have opted in to receive notifications during the payment process. Report all unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS or an IRS-related function to phishing@irs.gov.

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On this page, review the information that you have entered. If you are satisfied with the payment and bank account information, the final step is electronically signing the transaction.

Enter your first name, last name, and Social Security number. Click **Submit** to complete the transaction.

Wait for the final confirmation that your transaction was received. Make sure your record the confirmation number of the payment.

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On the Pay Direct home page, you can press the **Look Up Payment** button to check the status of this and other payments. You will need the Confirmation Number of the payment.

If you have made a payment through Direct Pay you can view your payment details and status. You can modify or cancel your payment until 11:45 P.M. ET two business days before the scheduled payment date.



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Payment Lookup

Check the status of, modify or cancel a scheduled Direct Pay payment.

Confirmation Number

SSN or ITIN *

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Note

If you have made a payment through Direct Pay you can use this feature to view your payment details and status. You can modify or cancel your payment until 11:45 P.M. ET two business days before the scheduled payment date.

[Cancel](#)



Signed in as: **Mark Schwanbeck** | [Sign Out](#)

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All fields are required.

Review & Sign [EDIT](#)

Please review your responses below. You may edit your responses directly on this page by selecting the "Edit" button. If your responses are accurate, please electronically sign and submit.

Reason for Payment

Estimated Tax

Apply Payment To

1040ES (for 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ)

Tax Year for Payment

2019

Payment Amount

\$100.00

Payment Date

05-15-2019

Your Bank Account Information

Routing Number

CHARLES SCHWAB BANK

Account Number

Account Type

- Checking
- Savings

Email Confirmation Notifications

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I would like to receive email confirmation notifications and agree to the Email Terms of Service.

Email Address

Electronic Signature

When you complete this electronic signature and select "Submit" below, your payment will be submitted.

First Name

Last Name

SSN or ITIN *