

HOW TO: File Federal Estimated Tax to IRS

What is Estimated Tax?

Quarterly Estimated Tax Payments (QETP) is the method used to pay Social Security, Medicare, and income taxes because you do not have an employer withholding these taxes for you. The IRS can [penalize](#) you for (1) not paying or (2) underpaying. To determine the amount you should remit, I highly recommend you consult your CPA.

When is Estimated Due?

You only owe estimated tax once you are profitable. Each quarter, profitable SBOs file QETPs with both the IRS and their State via four vouchers (Form 1040-ES).

1 st Payment	Due April 15 th
2 nd Payment	Due June 15 th
3 rd Payment	Due September 15 th
4 th Payment	Due January 15 th

How do I pay ONLINE?

- **** Warning:** The [IRS prohibition on paper checks](#) is now in effect, as mandated by *Executive Order 14247*. This change is part of a government-wide transition to electronic payments to enhance security, reduce fraud, and lower administrative costs. In other words, NEVER mail a tax payment to the IRS.
- By paying online, you ensure
 - (1) estimated tax is applied to your SSN; not your spouse, and
 - (2) you have a record of the payment.
- There are two methods for paying the IRS online:
 1. Pay the IRS through your [IRS Individual Income Tax Account](#)

(Click Here for [HOW TO guide](#))
 2. [IRS Direct Pay](#) website

The screenshot shows the IRS Direct Pay interface. At the top, it says "Direct Pay" with a link for "Have questions or need additional information? | Español". Below this is a progress bar indicating "Step 1 of 5". The main section is titled "Tax Information" and includes instructions: "Select the appropriate payment type and reason for your payment. Information about payment types can be found by clicking the help icon (?). If you are making more than one type of payment or making payments for more than one tax year, submit each of them separately." There are three dropdown menus: "Reason for Payment" (set to "Estimated Tax"), "Apply Payment To" (set to "1040ES (for 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ)"), and "Tax Period for Payment" (set to "202 X"). A blue box highlights the "Reason for Payment" dropdown. A note on the right says "Business Taxes? All business tax payments should be made through the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS)". A handwritten note at the bottom right says "Make sure you select the correct tax year!!".