

HURRICANES KATRINA & RITA RELIEF

"UPDATED TAX PAYMENT OR TAX DEPOSIT EXTENSIONS AVAILABLE"



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The IRS has postponed deadlines — and will abate interest and any late filing, late payment or failure to deposit penalties that would otherwise apply — for any tax return, tax payment or tax deposit with an original or extended due date falling on or after September 23, 2005 (IR-2005-110). This relief includes the October 17 deadline for individuals who received a second extension for filing their individual income tax returns; the October 31 deadline for filing quarterly federal employment and excise tax returns; and employment and excise deposits due on or before February 28, 2006. In addition, any affected taxpayer who receives a penalty notice from the IRS should call the number on the notice to receive penalty abatement.

In Texas, nine counties qualify for automatic tax relief: Chambers, Galveston, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange and Tyler. In Louisiana, 23 parishes qualify for automatic tax relief: Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Iberia, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Plaquemines, Sabine, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Vernon and West Baton Rouge.

In other areas of Texas and Louisiana (outside of the nine counties and 21 parishes listed above), affected taxpayers are eligible for relief, but will need to self-identify. Taxpayers outside of Texas and Louisiana, whose books, records or tax professionals are located in the impacted areas, also will need to identify themselves to the IRS as hurricane victims.

Taxpayers considered to be affected taxpayers eligible for the postponement of time to file returns, pay taxes, and perform other time-sensitive acts are those taxpayers listed in Treas. Reg. § 301.7508A-1(d)(1), and include individuals who live, and businesses whose principal place of business is located, in the covered disaster area. Taxpayers not in the covered disaster area, but whose books, records, or tax professionals are in the covered disaster area, are also entitled to relief. In addition, all workers assisting in the relief activities in the covered disaster area are eligible for relief whether or not they are affiliated with a recognized government or philanthropic organization. Any individuals visiting the covered disaster area that were killed or injured as a result of the hurricane are also entitled to relief.

The IRS encourages all victims of these hurricanes to identify themselves by writing "Hurricane Rita" or "Hurricane Katrina" in red ink at the top of their tax forms. Taxpayers who need to alert the IRS or have other Katrina/Rita-related questions can also call the special IRS disaster hotline at 1-866-562-5227 or visit www.irs.gov for more information.



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