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New Mexico extends income and payroll tax deadlines

Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and Taxation and Revenue Department Secretary Stephanie Schardin Clarke announced Friday that New Mexicans will have an extra 90 days to file and pay their 2019 personal income taxes in recognition of the economic hardships many are facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Taxpayers will have until July 15 to file and pay any taxes due.

The deadline for 2019 corporate income taxes also will be extended until July 15. In addition, the state is extending deadlines for employers to remit withholding taxes. Taken together, these actions comprise hundreds of millions of dollars of immediate fiscal support to New Mexico's economy.

"The unprecedented public health crisis caused by COVID-19 is also causing great financial hardship for New Mexico residents and small businesses," said Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham. "These actions represent one piece of our overall efforts to support our businesses and families during this emergency."

Taxpayers who elect to take advantage of the income tax extensions will not be assessed penalties as long as payment is received by July 15, 2020. Under New Mexico law, however, interest will accrue on any unpaid balances from April 15 forward.

Withholding tax is withheld from employee wages and remitted to the state each month. Under today's action, withholding taxes normally due on the 25th of March, April, May and June will now be due on July 25.

The state will waive any penalties for withholding taxes not remitted during the grace period. However, under state law, interest will accrue from the original due date. The governor expressed support for waiving or refunding any interest owed by taxpayers taking advantage of the extensions announced today.

The extension is intended to ease the cash flow problems many businesses face as a result of closures or reduced customer traffic and may prevent some businesses from laying off employees.

“We understand that this unprecedented public health emergency is placing enormous financial strain on many residents and businesses. These tax extensions will allow individuals and businesses in New Mexico to keep more money in their pockets for the next three months and to better weather this storm,” said Taxation and Revenue Secretary Stephanie Schardin Clarke.

The Department also is assigning extra staff to help process income tax returns to expedite the payment of any refunds due to taxpayers who have already filed.

Anyone who has filed a return and is due a refund can check the status of that refund through the [Taxpayer Access Point \(TAP\)](https://tax.newmexico.gov) at tax.newmexico.gov.

Taxpayers are encouraged to file electronically or through the TAP system, if possible, to expedite their returns. Paper returns are still being accepted but will take longer to process.

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Tax Relief for COVID--19: Extension of Time to File New Mexico Taxes

The New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD) has announced that New Mexico taxpayers qualify for extended return and payment deadlines due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic (emergency declaration) by the Federal Government and the COVID-19 statewide public health emergency declaration (Executive Order 2020-004) by the Governor of New Mexico Michelle Lujan Grisham. The extensions affect personal income tax, corporate income tax, and withholding tax.

Secretary Stephanie Schardin Clarke authorized the following extensions with her authority under Section 7-1-13 NMSA 1978.

The Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD) will not impose a late-filing and late-payment penalty associated with the return filing and payments set forth below:

- New Mexico personal income tax returns and payments due between April 15, 2020 and July 15, 2020 may be submitted without penalty no later than July 15, 2020;
- New Mexico corporate income tax returns and payments due between April 15, 2020 and July 15, 2020 may be submitted without penalty no later than July 15, 2020; and
- Withholding tax returns and payments due between March 25, 2020 and July 25, 2020 may be submitted without penalty no later than July 25, 2020.

Although TRD will not impose penalty if a taxpayer complies with the extensions set forth above, interest is imposed from the original statutory date tax is due because TRD has no authority to waive interest pursuant to Section 7-1-13 NMSA 1978. Please note, if you are able and would like to pay and file your New Mexico returns you can file and pay free of charge through TRD's Taxpayer Access Point (TAP). If you have filed a return and you are due a refund, the Department is processing those returns and refunds. You can check your refund status through TAP. TAP is available here: <https://tap.state.nm.us/Tap/>

Affected taxpayers **do not** have to call or write in to TRD. Currently, TRD is working on making system changes to reflect these extensions. If you receive a letter in the mail regarding these taxes for the periods listed above, please feel free to write to TRD or disregard the letter.

In addition, all relief workers affiliated with a recognized government or philanthropic organization assisting in the relief activities New Mexico may be entitled to additional relief per Section 7-1-83 NMSA 1978.

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All TRD district offices are currently open on an appointment-only basis as part of the State's efforts to limit in-person contact in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Appointments at district offices can be made through the following numbers:

Santa Fe District: 505-827-0920
Albuquerque District: 505-841-6262
Roswell District: 575-627-2900
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Farmington District: 505-599-9701
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This publication provides instructions or general information to the taxpayer. It does not constitute a regulation or ruling as defined under Section 7-1-60, *New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978*. Taxpayers and preparers are responsible for being aware of New Mexico tax laws and rules. Consult the Department directly if you have questions or concerns about information provided in this Bulletin.