

# Estimated Taxes: What Business Owners Need to Know

Framework for thinking about withholding, estimated payments and tax reserves.

## Why It Matters

Business owners often receive income without payroll withholding. Estimated payments can help cover federal and state obligations.

## Build a Projection

- ☐ Estimate revenue
- ☐ Estimate expenses
- ☐ Estimate taxable income
- ☐ Review prior-year tax
- ☐ Add withholding/payments
- ☐ Review major changes

## Payment Schedule

For many calendar-year individuals, federal estimated installments generally occur around April 15, June 15, September 15 and January 15 of the following year, subject to adjustments and special rules.

## Common Mistakes

- ☐ Using last year's income without adjustment
- ☐ Ignoring a large bonus/transaction
- ☐ Confusing cash flow with taxable income
- ☐ Assuming 1099s are the only business income
- ☐ Waiting until filing season

## Planning Tip

A tax projection is more useful than guessing a payment amount.

## Important Notice

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## Primary References

[IRS Publication 505](#)

[IRS Publication 509](#)