

In a recent <u>newsroom release</u>, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced that due to current budget constraints as well as the sequester, all IRS operations will be closed on the following days:

May 24, 2013 June 14, 2013 July 5, 2013 August 30, 2013

Closures are expected to affect all toll-free hotlines, the Practitioner Hotline, Taxpayer Advocate Service and over 400 taxpayer assistance centers across the country. Tax returns will not be processed, nor will any compliance related activity occur, during the closures. These closures may also delay the resolution of any applicable agency notices.

The IRS has further advised that, despite the scheduled closures, all taxpayers should continue to file their returns and pay any taxes due as usual. Due dates for deposits scheduled on the dates above will remain the same because they are processed through the Treasury Department and are not subject to this interruption. The IRS will be unable to accept or acknowledge receipt of electronically filed returns on any closure day indicated above.

In light of delays resulting from the furlough dates indicated above, the IRS has indicated it will, under certain circumstances, give taxpayers extra time to comply with requests to provide certain documents. However, this additional time does not apply to agencies or the courts. For more information regarding this matter, please view the IRS newsroom release in its entirety.

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