

2021 Tax Deadlines for Small Businesses

Tax payment and report schedule for federal taxes

Note: These due dates are set by the IRS, but dates can change in a specific year. If a due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the report or deposit is due on the next following business day.

January

Deadline to send	What's due	*the fine print
January 15	Fourth installment of Estimated Taxes for 2020	*if you pay estimated taxes
January 15	Monthly Payroll Tax Deposit for December	*if you pay monthly

February

Deadline to send	What's due	*the fine print
February 1	2020 W-2s to employees	
February 1	2020 W-2 Forms to the Social Security Administration	*if you file these forms online, you don't need to include a W-3 transmittal form
February 1	1099-NEC to contractors	*if you paid them over \$600 last year
February 1	Form 941 (Employer's Quarterly Wage and Tax Report) for the quarter that ended December 31	
February 1	Annual Form 940 (Federal Unemployment Tax - FUTA) return for 2020	
February 1	Remit all outstanding FUTA taxes (2020 and/or fourth quarter)	
February 16	Monthly Payroll Tax Deposit for January	*if you pay monthly

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March

Deadline to send	What's due	*the fine print
March 1	Form 1096 for all independent contractors, along with any 1099-NECs	*if you submit 1099 forms electronically, you don't need to include Form 1096
March 15	Monthly Payroll Tax Deposit for February	*if you pay monthly
March 15	Form 1120 for Corporations and 1120-S for S-Corporations	
March 15	Form 1065 tax return for Partnerships	
March 31	E-file Forms 1099 and 1096 to the IRS, (except Form 1099-NEC)	*Only if e-filing

April

Deadline to send	What's due	*the fine print
April 15	Monthly Payroll Tax Deposit for March	*if you pay monthly
April 15	First installment of Estimated Taxes for 2021	*if you pay estimated taxes
April 15	Form 1040 for personal income tax	
April 15	Schedule C	*if a sole proprietorship or a single-member LLC
April 15	Extension applications for your Form 1040, partnership, or LLC tax return	*allows more time to complete your taxes, but you still owe the IRS the money
April 30	Form 941 (Employer's Quarterly Wage and Tax Report) for the quarter that ended March 31	
April 30	Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA) owed for the quarter ending March 31	*if you owe \$500 or more

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May

Deadline to send	What's due	*the fine print
May 17	Monthly Payroll Tax Deposit for April	*if you pay monthly

June

Deadline to send	What's due	*the fine print
June 15	Monthly Payroll Tax Deposit for May	*if you pay monthly
June 15	Second installment of Estimated Taxes for 2021	*if you pay estimated taxes

July

Deadline to send	What's due	*the fine print
July 15	Monthly Payroll Tax Deposit for June	*if you pay monthly

August

Deadline to send	What's due	*the fine print
August 2	Form 941 (Employer's Quarterly Wage and Tax Report) for the quarter ending June 30	
August 2	Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA) owed for the quarter ending June 30	*if you owe \$500 or more
August 16	Monthly Payroll Tax Deposit for July	*if you pay monthly

September

Deadline to send	What's due	*the fine print
September 15	Monthly Payroll Tax Deposit for August	*if you pay monthly
September 15	Third installment of Estimated Taxes for 2021	*if you pay estimated taxes
September 15	S Corporation or Corporate taxes (extension) and outstanding taxes due	*if you filed for an extension

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October

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October 15	Monthly Payroll Tax Deposit for September	*if you pay monthly
October 15	Form 1040 or Schedule C (extension) and any outstanding taxes due	*if you filed for an extension

November

Deadline to send	What's due	*the fine print
November 1	Form 941 (Employer's Quarterly Wage and Tax Report) for the quarter that ended September 30	
November 1	Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA) owed for the quarter ending September 30	*if you owe \$500 or more
November 15	Monthly Payroll Tax Deposit for October	*if you pay monthly

December

Deadline to send	What's due	*the fine print
December 15	Monthly Payroll Tax Deposit for November	*if you pay monthly

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