

TAX FILING EXTENSION DEADLINE

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ANCHOR SHELLEY ORMAN: Looking ahead, although the official 2020 tax filing deadline is behind us, for those who got an extension this is a deadline that you don't want to miss. October 15th is the last day you can get your taxes filed. This morning we have Dan White, a financial expert, he's joining us live to talk about these last-minute preps. Thank you for joining us, this is probably a reminder for some people.

DANIEL WHITE, FOUNDER AT DANIEL A. WHITE & ASSOCIATES: It certainly is. The 15th is the tax filing deadline. And one thing that I hope people did not fall into the trap of, is even if you file an extension through October the 15th, that gives you time to file, it does not give you time to pay. The filing date and the payment date was May 15th of this year, and that's when you had to pay your tax bill, even whether you filed your taxes or not. So, the extension through October the 15th just gives you the extension to file your return.

ANCHOR ORMAN: Ok. So, if they haven't filed yet, they have five days, they're not prepared. What's your best advice?

WHITE: Well, I mean you definitely want to try to file the return because even if you can't pay the tax by the October

15th, the extended due date, you should file your return because if you don't, you're going to have late filing penalties. And if you're having problems paying the tax, then you probably want to contact the IRS. They do offer installment payment programs, which are probably much cheaper than any other way you could fund that payment.

ANCHOR ORMAN: In your experience, are there a lot of people who are going to be affected by this who need to still file or possibly need to still pay?

WHITE: Yeah, there's a lot of people that go on extension. You know, that deadline creeps up on people and they just don't get it done or their accountants don't get it done, somebody doesn't get it done. But they're on extension, and one advantage of going on extension is you do have until the extended due date, for those self-employed, if you want to fund a retirement plan. Like if you're self-employed, and you have a set but self-employed pension, you do have until the extension date, October the 15th, to get the money into the retirement plan and take it off last year's taxes.

ANCHOR ORMAN: Ok, and that would benefit you how?

WHITE: Because again, any money you put into the retirement plan is a direct

deduction against your taxable income.

ANCHOR ORMAN: Ok. And if someone says, ok I don't know if I can get this done in time, they put it off, put it at the back of mind, forgot about it, is there any other extension or anything left for them?

WHITE: No, there really isn't. The only thing is, if you were impacted by Hurricane Ida, there are some people in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and so forth. If you were impacted by the hurricane, you have until January 3rd of 2022 to file your returns and make payments, but you have to be on extension, you have to be on extension to take advantage of that.

ANCHOR ORMAN: Ok, and you mentioned it wasn't April this year it was May, that's what this extension is from, do you see them giving anymore grace next year?

WHITE: You know, Covid really extended it last year, and they kind of gave you a little break this year. Unless something else pops out of the woods, you know, normally it's April 15th.

ANCHOR ORMAN: Alright. That's the date we're all used to. Thank you so much Dan White, good advice.

WHITE: Have a great day.

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