

Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return

2008

There are three ways to request an automatic extension of time to file a U.S. individual income tax return.

1. You can file Form 4868 electronically by accessing IRS *e-file* using your home computer or by using a tax professional who uses *e-file*.
2. You can pay all or part of your estimate of income tax due using a credit card.
3. You can file a paper Form 4868.

The first two options are discussed under IRS *e-file*, next. Filing a paper Form 4868 is discussed later on this page.



**It's Convenient,
 Safe, and Secure**

IRS *e-file* is the IRS's electronic filing program. You can get an automatic extension of time to file your tax return by filing Form 4868 electronically. You will receive an electronic acknowledgment once you complete the transaction. Keep it with your records. Do not send in Form 4868 if you file electronically, unless you are making a payment with a check or money order. (See page 4.)

Complete Form 4868 to use as a worksheet. If you think you may owe tax when you file your return, you will need to estimate your total tax liability and subtract how much you have already paid (lines 4, 5, and 6 below).

You can apply for an extension by e-filing Form 4868 from a home computer or through a tax professional who uses *e-file*. Several companies offer free e-filing of Form 4868 through the Free File program. For more details, go to www.irs.gov and enter "Free File" in the search box at the top of the page.

You can also apply for an extension by paying part or all of your estimate of income tax due by using a credit card. See *Pay by Credit Card* later on this page.



E-file Using Your Personal Computer or Through a Tax Professional

Refer to your tax software package or tax preparer for ways to file electronically. Be sure to have a copy of your 2007 tax return—you will be asked to provide information from the return for taxpayer verification. If you wish to make a payment, you can pay by electronic funds withdrawal or send your check or money order to the address shown in the middle column under *Where To File a Paper Form 4868*. See page 4.



Pay by Credit Card

You can get an extension if you pay part or all of your estimate of income tax due by using a credit card (American Express® Card, Discover® Card, MasterCard® card, or Visa® card). Your payment must be at least \$1. You can pay by phone or over the Internet. See page 4.



File a Paper Form 4868

If you wish to file on paper instead of electronically, fill in the Form 4868 below and mail it to the address shown on page 4.

For information on using a private delivery service, see page 4.

Note. If you are a fiscal year taxpayer, you must file a paper Form 4868.

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For calendar year 2008, or other tax year beginning _____, 2008, ending _____, 200 _____.

Part I Identification			Part II Individual Income Tax	
1 Your name(s) (see instructions)			4	Estimate of total tax liability for 2008 . . . \$ _____
Address (see instructions)			5	Total 2008 payments _____
City, town, or post office			6	Balance due. Subtract line 5 from line 4 (see instructions) _____
State			7	Amount you are paying (see instructions) : ► _____
ZIP code			8	Check here if you are "out of the country" and a U.S. citizen or resident (see instructions) ► <input type="checkbox"/>
2 Your social security number	3 Spouse's social security number		9	Check here if you file Form 1040NR or 1040NR-EZ and did not receive wages as an employee subject to U.S. income tax withholding ► <input type="checkbox"/>