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IRS Direct Pay

To pay taxes owed on your tax return or to make an estimated payment for taxes that will be owed on next year's tax return, use the IRS Direct Pay website. This system will allow you to transfer money from your bank checking or savings account to the IRS to make your payment. There is no service charge for using this payment system.

Enter this URL on your web browser:

<https://www.irs.gov/payments/direct-pay>

Click on the **Make a Payment** Link.

You can also pay by credit card from this page, but there will be service charges based on the size of the payment you are making. Click on the Pay by Debit or Credit Card Link to use a credit card.

The screenshot shows the IRS Direct Pay website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'File', 'Pay', 'Refunds', 'Credits & Deductions', and 'Forms & Instructions'. The main heading is 'Direct Pay With Bank Account'. Below this, there are several sections: 'Bank Account (Direct Pay)', 'Pay by Debit or Credit Card', 'Payment Plan', 'Deposit Taxes', 'View Your Account', 'Penalties', 'Tax Withholding', 'Understand Your IRS Notice', 'Foreign Electronic Payments', and 'Payment of User Fees (IVES, Historic Easement, U.S. Residency)'. There are also links for 'Make a Payment' and 'Look Up Payment'. A section titled 'Availability' lists the hours of operation: Monday to Saturday, Midnight to 11:45 p.m. ET, and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. ET. Another section, 'Amount and frequency limitations', states that the IRS Direct Pay won't accept more than two payments within a 24-hour period, and each payment must be less than \$10 million.

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Use the dropdowns to select the reason for your payment. The upper box on the right side, shows the reasons for a tax return payment for 2018 tax returns. The lower box shows the three drop downs for an estimated tax payment.

Once the reason for payment is entered, click on the **CONTINUE** button.

You will be asked to confirm your choices.



The screenshot shows the 'Direct Pay' form on the IRS website. It includes a 'Reason for Payment' dropdown menu with options like 'Tax Return or Notice' and 'Estimated Tax'. There are also 'Apply Payment To' and 'Tax Period for Payment' dropdowns. The 'Apply Payment To' dropdown is set to '1040, 1040A, 1040EZ' and the 'Tax Period for Payment' is set to '2018'. The page is titled 'Payment for a Tax Return'. There are 'PREVIOUS' and 'CONTINUE' buttons at the bottom.

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To verify your identity, you will need to enter information from a previous year's tax return. You cannot use this system if you have never filed a tax return.

If the IRS can match your identity information to the tax return year selected, you will continue to the Payment page. Enter the amount to pay, the date you would like the money withdrawn from your bank account, the bank routing number and account number. Check whether the account is checking or saving. It is optional to enter an email address for the payment confirmation. If you choose not to have an email sent, make sure you copy the confirmation number when the transaction is complete.

Enter the filing status that you used for the tax return year. The First Name, Last Name, Social Security Number, Date of Birth, and Address should be the same as the tax return filed in that year, even if you moved to a new address for this year's tax return.

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On this page, review the information that you have entered. If you are satisfied with the payment and bank account information, the final step is to electronically sign the transaction.

Enter your first name, last name and Social Security number. Click **Submit** to complete the transaction.

Wait for the final confirmation that your transaction was received. Make sure your record the confirmation number of the payment.

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On the Pay Direct home page, you can press **Look Up Payment** button to check the status of this and other payments. You will need the Confirmation Number of the payment.

If you have made a payment through Direct Pay you can view your payment details and status. You can modify or cancel your payment until 11:45 P.M. ET two business days before the scheduled payment date.



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Payment Lookup

Check the status of, modify or cancel a scheduled Direct Pay payment.

Confirmation Number ?

SSN or ITIN * ?

[LOOK UP PAYMENT >](#)

[Cancel](#)

Note

If you have made a payment through Direct Pay you can use this feature to view your payment details and status. You can modify or cancel your payment until 11:45 P.M. ET two business days before the scheduled payment date.



Signed in as: **Mark Schwanbeck** | [Sign Out](#)

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Progress bar: Step 4 of 5

All fields are required.

Review & Sign [EDIT](#)

Please review your responses below. You may edit your responses directly on this page by selecting the "Edit" button. If your responses are accurate, please electronically sign and submit.

Reason for Payment
Estimated Tax

Apply Payment To
1040ES (for 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ)

Tax Year for Payment
2019

Payment Amount
\$100.00

Payment Date
05-15-2019

Your Bank Account Information

Routing Number

CHARLES SCHWAB BANK

Account Number

Account Type

- Checking
- Savings

Email Confirmation Notifications

[Email Terms of Service](#)

I would like to receive email confirmation notifications and agree to the Email Terms of Service.

Email Address

Electronic Signature

When you complete this electronic signature and select "Submit" below, your payment will be submitted.

First Name

Last Name

SSN or ITIN * ?