



If you have received a tax notice, and are unsure what to do next, give my office a call at

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Do's and Don'ts of Replying to IRS or State Tax Notices



Every year the IRS and State of Michigan send out thousands of letters and tax notices or letter to taxpayer's for many different reasons. It could be notification of audit, or a penalty notice or possibly a computational error. But for whatever reason, taxpayers should be aware that there are several tips and suggestions for people that receive one:

Don't Ignore it. Most IRS letters and notices are about federal tax returns and accounts and is dealing with a specific issue. There are specific deadlines to reply by. If the deadline is overlooked you may lose appeal rights or be subject to further sanctions. Also if the notice is sent certified mail make sure to pick it up. Refusal to accept the notice does not resolve you

Don't Panic but do take timely action. A notice may reference changes to a taxpayer's tax return, account or payment request. Taking action by the due date could avoid additional penalty and interest and/or further enforcement actions. Also, if the deadline is missed you may be losing your appeal rights as well.

Review the Information Requested. Review the letter and compare to your actual tax return. Make sure to keep copies of any response. And make notes about any phone calls made to IRS.

If you disagree with the notice do make sure to reply appropriately. If you are disputing it make sure to state your grounds for dispute and provide any evidence that will help your case. Make sure you keep a copy of your reply. If possible send your reply in via fax and then make sure to confirm that fax was received by the deadline. Usually the deadline to reply is 30 days and must be postmarked within this time frame.

Calling the IRS can be a big waste of time. Usually calling the IRS will cause more frustration and angst so I do not recommend them calling. But if you do have to call I recommend calling first thing in the morning and call the number on the upper right hand corner. If you do not get a very cooperative person on the phone then I recommend hanging up and calling back the next day. Some IRS personnel are more helpful than others. This can be frustrating but it does work.



Avoid Scammers. The IRS will never initiate contact via phone, text, email or social media of any sort. The first contact from the IRS will come in the mail, subsequent contacts could be made by phone, but initial contact will be by mail. If you are unsure you can check your account information online or call the Taxpayer Advocate Office.

Computer Generated Notices. Over the last several years the number of IRS personnel including enforcement Revenue Officers has

decreased dramatically. Consequently most notices are generated by computer and in many cases are inaccurate. If you get a CP 2000 notice saying you owe more money, do not simply accept the findings as correct. We have found in many instances the IRS has made errors. ■


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In early June, Michael Franskoviak, CPA and John Foran, EA both attended the 2018 IRS Tax Problem Resolution Spring Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Top tax resolution experts from around the country gathered to further develop their tax resolution knowledge, grow their support networks, and to learn about the latest changes in tax resolution software. They got to meet and learn from the Commissioner of the IRS leading the Small Business / Self-Employed division, and a Director of the IRS Field Collection Operations, who is in charge of the Revenue Officers. Conferences like this help Franskoviak Tax Solutions stay on top of the latest changes, learn about best practices, and make contacts inside the IRS so that we can help our clients with personalized solutions to their tax problems.