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Paying Your Taxes By Credit Card

If you owe taxes to the IRS, Minnesota or another state, you may have the option to pay the tax by credit card. There are some exceptions and not every state accepts credit card payments but in most cases, paying by credit card can be an efficient and viable option for paying your taxes.

To Pay Your Federal Taxes By Credit Card

You must go through one of the three service providers the IRS has authorized. They are, Official Payments Corporation, Link2Gov Corporation and RBS WorldPay, Inc. Each provider allows payment to be done either over the phone or through their website. There is a convenience fee that the service provider will charge based on the amount you are paying. The following link provides the telephone number, website and convenience fee rates for the three service providers. <http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=101316,00.html>

When contacting a service provider, they will ask for some specific information in addition to your credit card and identity information. You will need to identify; whether the payment is for a business or personal tax, the tax form for which you are making the payment, the period that you are making the payment for and the amount you are paying. For instance, if you needed to make a payment for the balance due on your 2010 individual tax return, you would indicate that it is a personal tax, it is payment for Form 1040 and that it is for the balance due for the 2010 tax year.

There are some things to be aware of when paying by credit card. Not all tax forms are eligible to be paid by credit card. The link above lists the Federal forms that are available to be paid by credit card. You should not send your credit card information or write this information on any forms to be sent to the IRS. The payment date will be the date the charge is authorized. You are limited on the number of times you can make a credit card payment in a year for a particular tax form. See the link above for the maximum number of times you can make a payment for a particular form within a specific time period.

To Pay Your Minnesota Taxes By Credit Card

For Minnesota, the only service provider that they authorize is Official Payments Corporation. The following link displays the business taxes that are eligible to be paid by credit card. http://taxes.state.mn.us/e-file/pages/other_supporting_content_bus_types_creditcard.aspx For individuals, Minnesota allows you to make credit card payments on your individual tax return, quarterly estimates, payments for delinquent tax debts and debts that have been referred to the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

Please call our office if you have any questions or are having trouble paying by credit card.