

Paying the IRS by Credit Card

You may use your American Express,[®] Discover,[®] MasterCard,[®] or Visa[®] to pay your Federal taxes by credit card. The IRS has awarded contracts to two companies to accept credit card charges from both electronic and paper filers. Each has its own fee schedule, and each offer both phone and internet payment services.

A convenience fee will be charged by the service provider based on the amount you are paying. Fees may vary between providers. To find out the fee rates, call the provider's toll-free automated customer service number or visit their web sites as shown below. You will be told what the fee is during the transaction and you will have the option of either continuing or canceling the transaction. Please note that if you are married filing jointly, the primary filer's name must appear on the credit card you use.

When paying by credit card, you will be given a **confirmation number** at the end of the transaction. Please write that number in the upper left corner of form 1040 as well as the amount. Do not include the convenience fee in the amount.

Some states now accept payment by credit card. Check with your state taxing authority or call the companies below to see if they handle your state.

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