

ASA NEWS

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Notes from ASA President - Dee Hare

I am honored to introduce myself to you as the new ASA president for the 2021-2022 year. I am a third generation accountant with the privilege of practicing with my father in a small firm in Hazen. Our client base is largely agricultural with small businesses and individuals, as well. I am married and have two boys, ages 11 and 7.

Like most of you, my December is busy with year-end planning. I have found myself saying the following to clients a lot, "We know what this year will be (in terms of tax law), but we don't know what 2022 will bring." I started thinking about that. The truth is, these past two years with COVID have reminded me that we really aren't sure of anything past today. With that said, this December, I am especially grateful for the time that can be spent with family and friends.



Dee Hare, CPA

This holiday season, I encourage you to spend that extra time with the ones you love. After all, tax season is right around the corner. Take time to put out the lights, bake cookies, watch the movie, sing the carols, and just make the memories.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Dee Hare, CPA



New ASA Officers for 2021-2022

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TIME TO PAY ASA ANNUAL DUES

Membership dues for ASA were due September 1 for the 2021-22 year. If you haven't paid yet, you can pay on line at www.arksocietyofaccountants.com or you can print the renewal form from the website and mail it with your check to: ASA, P.O. Box 479, Searcy, AR 72145

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE UPDATE

Check on advance Child Tax Credit payments

Families who received advance payments will need to compare the advance Child Tax Credit payments that they received in 2021 with the amount of the Child Tax Credit that they can properly claim on their 2021 tax return.

Taxpayers who received less than the amount for which they're eligible will claim a credit for the remaining amount of Child tax Credit on their 2021 tax return. Taxpayers who received more than the amount for which they're eligible may need to repay some or all of the excess payment when they file.

In January 2022, the IRS will send Letter 6419 with the total amount of advance Child Tax Credit payments taxpayers received in 2021. People should keep this and any other IRS letters about advance Child Tax Credit payments with their tax records. See "Reconciling Your Advance Child Tax Credit Payments on Your 2021 Tax Return" at www.irs.gov for more information.

Eligible families who did not get monthly advance payments in 2021, can still get a lump-sum payment by claiming the Child Tax Credit when they file a 2021 federal income tax return next year. This includes families who don't normally need to file a return.

Economic Impact Payments and claiming the Recovery Rebate Credit

Individuals who didn't qualify for the third Economic Impact Payment or did not receive the full amount, may be eligible for the Recovery Rebate Credit based on their 2021 tax information. They'll need to file a 2021 tax return, even if they don't usually file, to claim the credit.

Individuals who also need the amount of their third Economic Impact Payment and any Plus-Up Payments received to calculate their correct 2021 Recovery Rebate Credit amount when they file their tax return. Ensuring they use the correct payment amounts will help them avoid a processing delay that may slow their refund.

In early 2022, the IRS will send Letter 6475 that contains the total amount of the third Economic Impact Payment and any Plus-Up Payments received. People should keep this and any other IRS letters about their stimulus payments with other tax records. Individuals can also log in to their IRS.gov online account to securely access their Economic Impact Payment amounts.

FROM NSA

Amid a staggering backlog of millions of unprocessed individual returns and a bottleneck of unprocessed tax forms, 99 House Republicans sent a letter to IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig, calling on the IRS to provide information about preparations for the upcoming tax filing season.

The lawmakers cited data provided to Congress by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration. They noted, "There are currently more than 9.6 million unprocessed paper returns received in calendar year 2021, while an additional 5 million paper and e-file returns have been suspended during processing."

The Republicans' concerns mirror those voiced by NSA in a letter to Congress and Commissioner Rettig last month. In NSA's letter, the organization states that greater transparency and improved communication from the IRS are needed to assuage the growing frustrations and fears among tax and accounting professionals regarding the 2022 tax filing season. "Taxpayers and practitioners need the IRS to be more transparent and forthright about the status of its operations. Reporting out that the agency is 'caught up on mail,' for example, does not equate to such correspondence being processed and resolved. And while providing general backlog estimates may help paint a picture of the problem, it shines little to no light on taxpayers' specific concerns."

Echoing NSA's call for transparency, Congress requests a response to the following questions:

- What is the IRS's plan to process the paper returns from the previous seasons before the official start of the 2022 filing season?
- How is the IRS working to resolve issues with returns that were suspended during the 2021 season?
- Is the IRS back to work regularly in person? If not, how is it working to bring employees back and provide a safe environment?
- Will the agency use existing authority to hire extra non-enforcement employees to help process tax returns?
- How will the IRS alleviate burdens of taxpayers who have 2020 or 2021 tax returns that won't be processed by the beginning of the 2022 filing season?

House Republicans solicit answers to these questions by December 17, 2021.



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