

EFTPS Offers Tax Professionals Several Options for Providing Additional Client Services.

The Electronic Federal Tax Payment System—EFTPS is a system provided free from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. It enables taxpayers to make all their federal tax payments electronically 24 hours a day, 7 days a week over the Internet, by phone, or through a service offered by a financial institution.

EFTPS offers tax practitioners, accountants, trust banks, and payroll companies an excellent way to enroll clients and make federal tax payments for them. For busy tax professionals that are responsible for making tax payments for multiple Taxpayer Identification Numbers (EINs or SSNs), EFTPS provides a way to offer clients additional services.

There are four easy ways to use EFTPS-Direct:

1. EFTPS-Phone and EFTPS-OnLine

The EFTPS Voice Response System (VRS) and eftps.gov are available for any taxpayer or provider who wishes to make business or individual debit payments using the Internet or telephone. It's fast and accurate, and multiple payments can be made in a single session—24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Registration is not required for practitioners; however, taxpayers must be enrolled in EFTPS.

2. EFTPS Batch Provider

The Batch Provider program is designed for payroll processors and others who wish to enroll their clients and submit batches of payments using Windows[®]-based Batch Filer software. Each payment record initiates a separate debit to the designated financial institution account, and up to 750 payments can be made in one transmission. Registration is required for practitioners and entitles them to...

- **Free Batch Provider software**
- **An Inquiry PIN**
- **Complete PC enrollment capabilities**
- **Enrollment and payment response files sent automatically**
- **The ability to send up to 750 payments in one transmission.**

Providers will need to make sure they have completed and submitted IRS Form 8655, Reporting Agent Authorization, or Form 2848, Power of Attorney (POA), for each client before submitting electronic federal tax payments or enrollments.

3. EFTPS Bulk Provider

The Bulk Provider program is designed for large volume payroll processors who initiate frequent payments and desire automated enrollment through an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)-compatible system. Each set of up to 1,000 payment records is associated with a consolidated debit or Fedwire transaction. Registration is required for practitioners.

The total amount of development time to become an EFTPS Bulk Provider is approximately 8-10 weeks. Providers will work directly with EFTPS to establish the enrollment and payment process.

Before professionals enroll their clients, they need to make sure every taxpayer for whom they will be submitting EFTPS payments has signed an IRS Form 8655, Reporting Agent Authorization, or other approved form, authorizing them to send to and receive certain tax information from the Internal Revenue Service. This authorization must be on file with the IRS prior to submitting the taxpayer's initial payment.

4. EFTPS Single Debit Provider

The Single Debit program is designed for Trust Banks or previous magnetic tape users making tax payments for more than 50 clients and processing up to 1,000 enrollments or payments at a time, with payments debited to a master bank account. Registration is required for Trust Banks or others.

For more information, call EFTPS Customer Service at
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