

Communications alert: Employee Retention Credit processing update and red flags to look for; Hurricane Idalia tax relief; IRS hiring; and more

IRS colleagues and partners,

This bundle covers:

- Updates to Employee Retention Credit claims processing
- IRS alerts businesses on red flags concerning ERC claims
- Tax relief for 28 counties in Georgia affected by Hurricane Idalia
- Other tax-related content

Key notes:

- **Immediate stop to new Employee Retention Credit processing:** Amid rising concerns about a flood of improper Employee Retention Credit claims, IRS announced an immediate moratorium through at least the end of the year on processing new claims for the pandemic-era relief program to protect honest small business owners from scams. For more information see the recently:
 - updated: [Frequently asked questions about ERC](#)
 - **new:** [If/then guide concerning ERC eligibility](#)
- **Red flags for Employee Retention Credit claims:** IRS continues to warn businesses to watch out for aggressive marketing by nefarious actors involving the [Employee Retention Credit \(ERC\)](#) and urged people to watch out for red flags that can signal trouble.
- **Georgia taxpayers impacted by Idalia qualify for tax relief:** IRS announced tax relief for individuals and businesses affected by Hurricane Idalia in 28 of the state's 159 counties in Georgia. These taxpayers now have until Feb. 15, 2024, to file various federal individual and business tax returns and make tax payments.
- **IRS is hiring:** IRS is looking for talented professionals to make our nation stronger. We are more than just the nation's tax collection agency. We're an organization that's been part of events that help shape the nation we serve.

Spread the word to your family and friends by sharing the [IRS Careers page on USAJOBS](#) where you can find all IRS job opportunities in one place. Use keywords or filters to tailor the search even further.

News releases:

- [To protect taxpayers from scams, IRS orders immediate stop to new Employee Retention Credit processing amid surge of questionable claims; concerns from tax pros](#)
- [Red flags for Employee Retention Credit claims; IRS reminds businesses to watch out for warning signs of aggressive promotion that can mislead people into making improper ERC claims](#)
- [IRS: Georgia taxpayers impacted by Idalia qualify for tax relief; Oct. 16 deadline, other dates postponed to Feb. 15](#)

IRS Tax Tip for newsletters, emails or web content:

- [Tips to help taxpayers make sure their donations go to legitimate charities](#)

Videos on YouTube you can share on your social media platforms or in other content:

- [The IRS is hiring revenue agents nationwide](#)
- [IRS Office of Online Services is hiring](#)

IRS YouTube vertical videos (shorts):

- [#IRSjobs](#)
- [Extension filers \(deadline Oct. 16\)](#)

Social media messages:

ERC Red flags

- To protect taxpayers from scams, #IRS has stopped new Employee Retention Credit processing amid surge of questionable claims. Learn about the #ERC moratorium at: <https://ow.ly/vNAh50PLN8U>
- Concerned about the aggressive marketing to ineligible applicants, #IRS has set a moratorium on processing new Employee Retention Credit claims. Check the details about this #ERC order at: <https://ow.ly/vNAh50PLN8U>
- #IRS has set a moratorium on processing new Employee Retention Credit claims, reminding taxpayers that anyone who improperly claims the #ERC must pay it back, possibly with penalties and interest. See: <https://ow.ly/vNAh50PLN8U>
- Amid a flood of improper Employee Retention Credit (#ERC) claims, #IRS has placed an immediate moratorium on processing new claims for the pandemic-era relief program. See: <https://ow.ly/vNAh50PLN8U>
- #IRS has placed a moratorium on new Employee Retention Credit claims through at least Dec. 31. Hundreds of criminal cases are being worked, and thousands of #ERC claims have been referred for audit. See <https://ow.ly/vNAh50PLN8U>

Tags: Enforcement/Compliance; SOP: Compliance (including high wealth); ERC; Tax Security/Scams



Disaster relief, Hurricane Idalia in parts of South Carolina

- Hurricane Idalia victims in South Carolina now have until Feb. 15, 2024, to file various #IRS individual and business tax returns and make tax payments. Learn more: <https://ow.ly/vKsn50PIU7I>
- #IRS extends upcoming deadlines, provides other tax relief for victims of Hurricane Idalia in South Carolina: www.irs.gov/disasters
- #IRS grants tax relief to victims of Hurricane Idalia in South Carolina. Taxpayers in affected areas now have additional time, until Feb. 15, 2024, for certain tax filings and payments. See <https://ow.ly/vKsn50PIU7I>
- Tax relief is now available to victims of Hurricane Idalia in South Carolina, as part of a coordinated federal response based on damage assessments by @FEMA. For #IRS information on this, visit <https://ow.ly/vKsn50PIU7I>
- Victims of Hurricane Idalia in South Carolina now have until Feb. 15, 2024, to file various individual and business tax returns and make tax payments. Read more on #IRS relief at: www.irs.gov/disasters

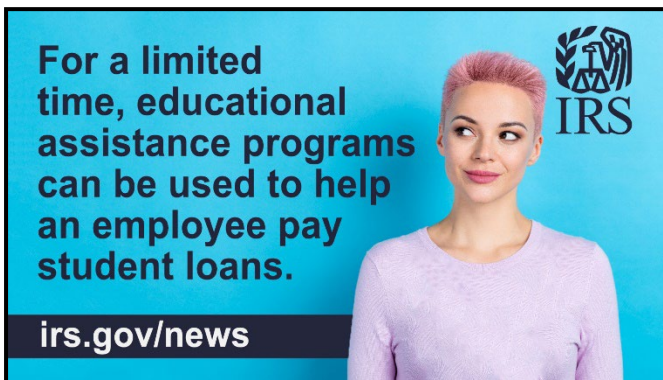
Tag: Disasters



Student loans #SAVEOnStudentDebt

- Tax-free educational assistance programs can be used to pay student loans. Learn more from #IRS at: <https://ow.ly/8i8550PFvUF> #SAVEOnStudentDebt
- DYK you can help employees #SAVEOnStudentDebt? Employers who offer educational assistance programs can use them to help pay student loan obligations for their employees. See details from #IRS at: <https://ow.ly/8i8550PFvUF>
- When you offer employees an educational assistance program, benefits that help pay student loan obligations can be a major incentive to attract and retain good workers. See #IRS info at: <https://ow.ly/8i8550PFvUF> #SAVEOnStudentDebt
- Consider setting up an educational assistance program to help your employees #SAVEOnStudentDebt. Check the #IRS info on this fringe benefit at: <https://ow.ly/8i8550PFvUF>

Tags: SOP: Credits, deductions; Credits/Deductions



IRS is hiring revenue agents, YouTube

- The #IRS is hiring hundreds of Revenue Agents across the country. To find out how you can build a rewarding career with us, watch: <https://ow.ly/Nms250PLyfi>
- If you're looking for a rewarding career, consider joining the single largest employer of professional accountants – the #IRS. Learn more by watching: <https://ow.ly/Nms250PLyfi>
- The #IRS is hiring accountants at all levels to be revenue agents, responsible for auditing both individual and business taxpayers. Watch an IRS video for more details: <https://ow.ly/Nms250PLyfi>

Tags: Recruitment, SOP: Recruitment

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