



COVID-19 IRS Extensions: IRA Contribution and Form 5498 Filing Deadline

Now that the Treasury Department has extended the April 15 tax filing deadline to July 15, 2020, there have been questions about how the extension affects the IRA contribution deadline, which coincides with the tax filing deadline. Below are some questions and answers with expert information provided by Dennis Zuehlke, ERISA compliance manager with Ascensus.

Question: With the tax filing deadline extended to July 15, 2020, is the IRA contribution deadline also extended?

Answer: Yes. The deadline to make 2019 Traditional and Roth IRA contributions is extended to July 15, 2020.

Question: Does this extension also apply to other tax advantaged plans, such as health savings accounts (HSAs) and Coverdell education savings accounts (ESAs)?

Answer: Yes. The deadline to make 2019 HSA and Coverdell ESA contributions is also extended to July 15, 2020.

Question: If the deadline for making IRA, HSA, and Coverdell ESA contributions is extended, is the deadline for filing Form 5498 also extended?

Answer: Yes. The deadline to provide Form 5498, IRA Contribution Information, to the IRS and an account statement to the IRA owner and Form 5498-SA, HSA, Archer MSA, or Medicare Advantage MSA Information, to the IRS and an account statement to the HSA owner is currently extended to July 15, 2020. The deadline to provide Form 5498-ESA, Coverdell ESA Contribution Information, to the IRS is also currently extended for July 15, 2020. Note that April 30 deadline to provide the Coverdell ESA account statement to the Coverdell ESA account beneficiary is not extended by current guidance.

Question: Are the deadlines for any other IRA, HSA, and Coverdell ESA transactions extended?

Answer: Yes. The IRS issued Notice 2020-23 last Thursday to extend the deadline for any actions described in Revenue Procedure 2018-58. For any of the specific actions described in Revenue Procedure 2018-58, a deadline falling on or after April 1, 2020, and before July 15, 2020, is extended to July 15, 2020. Specific actions described in Revenue Procedure 2018-58 for IRAs, HSAs, and Coverdell ESAs include the following:

- Completing a 60-day rollover to an IRA, HSA, or Coverdell ESA
- Completing a rollover (within 120 days) or using distribute funds to qualify for the first-time-home-buyer exception to the 10 percent early distribution penalty tax
- Distributing an excess IRA contribution or excess Coverdell ESA contribution along with the net income attributable

For more information about the recent IRS guidance contact your IRA servicer.