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### Important Update: Federal Payments Transition to Electronic-Only

On March 25, 2025, President Trump signed **Executive Order 14247 — Modernizing Payments to and From America's Bank Account**. This order requires that all payments **to or from** the IRS be made exclusively by **electronic funds transfer (EFT)**. **Paper checks will no longer be issued or accepted.**

The goal of this order is to reduce costs, eliminate delays, prevent fraud and theft, and improve overall efficiency in federal payment processing.

### Key Dates and Requirements

- **Paper checks will be phased out by September 30, 2025.**
- Payments such as taxes, fees, fines, and loans must be made electronically whenever permitted by law.
- Taxpayers should prepare for this transition **before the October 15, 2025, extended filing deadline.**
- Going forward, you will be required to provide your bank account information in your tax organizer.

### Electronic Payment Options

The IRS currently offers several ways to pay electronically:

- Direct Pay (the most convenient option): <https://www.irs.gov/payments/pay-personal-taxes-from-your-bank-account>
- Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS)
- IRS Online Account
- Debit or Credit Card — through IRS-approved payment processors
- ACH or Wire Transfers — for certain high-dollar transactions

For details on each method, visit the IRS website at [irs.gov/payments](https://www.irs.gov/payments).

**Note:** This federal requirement does **not** apply to the State of Illinois.