Making Estimated Tax Payments Online

Federal Estimated Tax Payments:

1. Go to **IRS.GOV**
2. Click **Make a Payment**.
3. Choose **Direct Pay** with **bank account**
4. Under **Reason for Payment**, select **Estimated Tax**.
5. Select the applicable tax year (for example, **2026** if you're making 2026 estimated payments).
6. Verify your identity using information from a previously filed tax return.
7. Enter the payment amount and banking information
8. Review and submit your payment.
9. Save or print the confirmation number for your records.

Option 2: Debit Card, Credit Card, or Digital Wallet

If you prefer to pay with a credit card, debit card, PayPal, or other digital payment methods, you can use an IRS-approved payment processor.

Instead of Direct Pay, select Credit Card and follow the prompts.

These payment processors charge a convenience fee.

NOTE: If you're making both your federal IRS and California estimated tax payments, remember they are **separate payments** made on two different websites:

- **IRS** → IRS- Direct Pay
- **California** → FTB -Web Pay

If you're a **sole proprietor**, California requires you to use the **Personal Web Pay** option rather than the Business Web Pay system.

Instructions to pay State Estimated payments on other side

State Estimated Tax payments:

1. **Go to FTB.CA.GOV**

2. Click **Make a Payment**

3. Choose **Bank Account (Web Pay)**

4. Log In with Social Security number and last name

5. Enter personal information

6. Select the payment type, choose **Estimated Tax Payment (Form 540-ES)**

   This is the correct option for quarterly estimated tax payments.

7. **Enter your payment information**

   - Tax year (for example, **2026**)
   - Payment amount

8. **Next page enter your banking information**

   - Bank routing number
   - Bank account number
   - Payment date (you can pay immediately or schedule a future payment)

9. **Review and submit**

   - Save or print the confirmation number for your records.