

Press Release from the State of NH Department of Revenue
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NH DOR will grant automatic relief to Business Profits Tax and Interest & Dividends tax in the form of payment relief and expansion of automatic filing extensions and penalty safe harbors.

Who qualifies

If you owe less than \$50,000 for business tax or less than \$10,000 for Interest and Dividends, then you are qualified. **All clients of our firm qualify.**

Qualifying taxpayers will have until June 15, 2020 to remit payment without typical penalties and interest. This extended due date is in addition to the expansion of the qualifications for the automatic extension and the estimate payment safe harbor,

What do I need to pay on June 15 to qualify for extensions and safe harbors?

If taxpayers who have paid at least the amount they owed for the 2018 tax year by April 15, 2020, (estimated tax payments) will not be subject to any penalties or interest so long as they file their returns and pay tax year 2019 in full within the automatic seven-month extension, by November 15, 2020.

Estimated Tax Safe Harbor

Tax year 2020 quarterly estimated tax payments are also due on April 15, 2020 for Business Profits and I&D Taxpayers. Normally, a failure to make quarterly estimated tax payments in the appropriate amount would result in underpayment penalties at the time the return is filed. Existing safe harbors will be expanded to allow for no penalties due to the underpayment of estimates if 2020 quarterly payments total 100 percent of what was owed in tax year 2018, with at least 25 percent due each quarter. Taxpayers may also elect to continue using existing acceptable methods to calculate their quarterly estimated payments, such as annualizing their income or using their tax year 2019 liability, if known. (Edwards CPA Group will calculate these amounts.)

The chart below breaks down the deadline and thresholds under the HHDR's COVID-19 relief program.

Business Profits Tax & Interest & Dividends

2020 Estimates Based on quarterly payments of 2018 or 2019 taxes - 1st quarter- June 15 / 2nd quarter- June 15

2019 Return or Extension Payment Based on 100% of 2018 OR 2019 taxes owed: - June 15

Return Filing Due on Extension -November 15