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IRS Now Accepting ITIN Renewal Applications

Taxpayers Encouraged to Act Soon to Avoid Processing Delays in 2017

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (October 11, 2016) — The Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers affected by recent changes involving the Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) program that they can now begin submitting their ITIN renewal applications to the IRS.

Under the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015 passed by Congress and signed into law last year, any ITIN not used on a federal tax return at least once in the last three years will no longer be valid for use on a tax return as of Jan. 1, 2017.

If a taxpayer has an ITIN scheduled to expire, submitting the application package in the next few weeks may help ITIN taxpayers to avoid unnecessary delays and allow for smoother and faster processing. To help taxpayers, the IRS has prepared a variety of informational materials, including flyers and fact sheets, [available in several languages](#) on IRS.gov. In addition to English and Spanish, materials are available in Chinese, Korean, Haitian Creole, Russian and Vietnamese.

ITINs are used by people who have tax filing or payment obligations under U.S. law but who are not eligible for a Social Security Number. ITIN holders who have questions should visit the [ITIN](#) information page on IRS.gov and take a few minutes to understand the guidelines.

To renew an ITIN, a taxpayer must fill out a [Form W-7](#) and submit all required documentation. For more information, visit www.irs.gov.

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