

Alabama Department of Revenue

Information Release

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State Filing Extensions Now Available by Computer

Montgomery—Alabama taxpayers who need more time to complete and file their 2004 individual income tax returns now have the option to file their extensions electronically.

Automatic four-month extensions are available by computer or through filing the paper Form 4868A. Taxpayers filing electronic extension requests will receive an automatic acknowledgment from the ADOR that their extension requests have been accepted.

The electronic filing extension system is also available to partnerships, as well as to estates and trusts. The electronic extension system also offers tax preparers the opportunity to file bulk extension requests on their clients' behalf.

The ADOR advises, however, that the electronic extension system is currently not available to those taxpayers who will be remitting tax payments—but soon will be. Taxpayers owing tax must file the paper Form 4868A extension request and not the electronic version of the Form 4868A if they file for an extension before Monday, April 11, 2005. Payments filed in conjunction with the electronic extensions will be accepted beginning April 11 and must be made by ACH debit—a process that allows tax payments to be electronically debited from the taxpayer's bank account, upon approval, and electronically transferred to the Alabama Department of Revenue. Paper checks and money orders cannot be accepted using the electronic extension filing system.

For more information concerning Alabama's electronic filing extension system, visit ADOR's Web site at www.ador.state.al.us. Click on the category entitled "E-Services, Filing" and follow the filing prompts.

The electronic filing extension system was created through a partnership with Alabama Interactive, a key service provider to the ADOR.

Annually, the ADOR receives around 100,000 filing extensions, which must be made by the normal filing deadline.