



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

CERTIFIED MAIL

Date:

Taxpayer Identification Number:

Form:

Person to Contact:

Contact Telephone Number:

Contact Fax Number:

Employee Identification Number:

Last Day to File a Petition With the
United States Tax Court:

Tax Year Ended:

Deficiency:

Increase in tax

Dear

Why We Are Sending You This Letter

We determined that you owe additional tax or other amounts, or both, for the tax year or years identified above. This letter is your NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY, as required by law. The enclosed Form 4549-A, *Income Tax Discrepancy Adjustments* or Form 5278, *Statement - Income Tax Changes*, shows how we figured the deficiency.

If You Wish to Challenge This Determination

If you want to challenge this determination in court before making any payment, you have 90 days from the date of this letter (150 days if this letter is addressed to you outside of the United States) to file a petition with the United States Tax Court to reconsider the deficiency.

Information You Will Need

If you have recently sought bankruptcy relief by filing a petition in bankruptcy court, see enclosed Notice 1421, *How Bankruptcy Affects Your Right to File a Petition in Tax Court in Response to a Notice of Deficiency*.

You can get a copy of the rules for filing a petition and a petition form by writing to the following address:

United States Tax Court
400 Second Street, NW
Washington, DC 20217

- The Tax Court has a simplified procedure for small tax cases when the dispute for each tax year is \$50,000 or less.
- If you use this simplified procedure, you cannot challenge the Tax Court's decision. You can get information on the simplified procedure for small cases from the Tax Court by writing to the court at the address above or from the court's internet site at www.ustaxcourt.gov.
- If you file a petition for multiple tax years and the dispute for any one or more of the tax years exceeds \$50,000, this simplified procedure is not available to you.

The Law Regarding Married Couples

The law requires separate notices for husbands and wives. Both must sign and file the petition or each must file a separate, signed petition if this letter is addressed to both husband and wife, and both want to petition the Tax Court.

If only one spouse is in bankruptcy at the time this letter was issued or files a bankruptcy petition after the date of this letter, the bankruptcy automatic stay does not prohibit the spouse who is not in bankruptcy from filing a petition with Tax Court. The bankruptcy automatic stay of the spouse seeking bankruptcy relief does not extend the time for filing a petition in Tax Court for the spouse who is not in bankruptcy.

How to File Your Petition Form

Send the completed petition form, a copy of this letter, and copies of all statements and/or schedules you received with this letter to the Tax Court at the address above. If more than one tax year is shown above, you may file one petition form showing all of the years you are challenging.

You may represent yourself before the Tax Court, or you may be represented by anyone admitted to practice before the Tax Court.

Time Limits on Filing a Petition

The time you have to file a petition in the Tax Court is set by law.

1. The petition is considered timely filed if the postmark date falls within the prescribed 90 or 150 day period and the envelope containing the petition is properly addressed with the correct postage.
2. The Tax Court cannot consider your case if your Tax Court petition is filed late. IRS cannot grant an extension or allow a suspension of the prescribed deadline, even for reasonable cause. Thus, contacting the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for more information, or receiving other correspondence from the IRS won't change the allowable period for filing a petition with the Tax Court.

If You Agree with the Notice of Deficiency

If you decide not to file a petition with the Tax Court, please sign the enclosed Form 4089-B, *Notice of Deficiency - Waiver*, and return it to us at the IRS address on the top of the first page of this letter. This will permit us to assess the deficiency quickly and can help limit the accumulation of interest.

If We Don't Hear from You

If you decide not to sign and return Form 4089-B, and you do not file a petition with the Tax Court within the time limit, the law requires us to assess and bill you for the deficiency after 90 days from the date of this letter (150 days if this letter is addressed to you outside the United States).

NOTE: If you are a C-corporation, section 6621(c) of the Internal Revenue Code requires that we charge an interest rate two percent higher than the normal rate on corporate underpayments in excess of \$100,000.

Information About the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Office

The IRS office whose phone number appears at the top of the notice can best address and access your tax information and help get you answers. You may be eligible for help from the Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) if you have tried to resolve your tax problem through normal IRS channels and have gotten nowhere, or you believe an IRS procedure just isn't working as it should. TAS is your voice at the IRS. TAS helps taxpayers whose problems are causing financial difficulty or significant cost, including the cost of professional representation (this includes businesses as well as individuals). You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free number at 1-877-777-4778 or by contacting the local Taxpayer Advocate office at:

To learn more about TAS and your basic tax responsibilities, visit www.TaxpayerAdvocate.irs.gov.

How to Contact Us

You may write or call the contact person whose name, telephone number, and IRS address are shown in the heading of this letter if you need further assistance. If you write, please include your telephone number, the best times if we need to call you and a copy of this letter to help us identify your account.

If you prefer to call and the telephone number is outside your local calling area, there may be a long distance charge to you.

Keep the original letter for your records.

Sincerely,

Commissioner
By

Enclosures:

Form 4549-A or Form 5278

Form 4089-B