

Payroll Tax Relief for Employers

Employer Payroll Tax Delay

- Directly administered by IRS; intended to provide employers with liquidity now
- Allows employers to delay payment of payroll taxes during the COVID-19 emergency
- Qualifying employers can defer payments for over two years
- 50% of this year's employer payroll taxes must be paid by December 31, 2021
- Remaining 50% of this year's employer payroll taxes must be paid by December 31,
 2022

Qualifying Taxes

- All employers responsible for paying payroll taxes can take advantage of the deferral; no COVID-19 impact test
- This relief applies only to employers' portion of payroll taxes; it does not apply to employees' portion
- Qualifying self-employed individuals can also defer payroll tax payment
- Deferrable employer payroll taxes include:
 - Employer portion of FICA (Medicare and Social Security) taxes
 - Half of SECA tax (for self-employers)
 - Federal Railroad Retirement taxes
- Employers receiving a loan or grant under the Paycheck Protection Program do not qualify – must choose between the two