

Instructions for Form FR-127

Why file Form FR-127?

Use this form if you cannot file your DC individual income tax return by the April 15, 2026 deadline. By filing this form, you can receive an extension of time to file until October 15, 2026. You must use Form FR-127 to request an extension of time to file a DC individual income tax return.

A filing extension is not an extension of the due date for paying any tax you may owe. Before filing for an extension, estimate the taxes you will owe and pay any part of that amount that is not covered by DC withheld tax amounts and/or estimated tax payments. Include your payment with the FR-127 voucher and file it by April 15, 2026.

If filing jointly, or filing separately on the same return, enter the taxpayer identification number (TIN) and name shown first on your D-40 return, then enter the TIN and name shown second on your return.

Additional extension.

In addition to the 6-month extension, you may receive another 6-month extension if you are living or traveling outside the U.S. You must file the first 6-month extension by the April 15, 2026 deadline before applying for the additional extension of time to file by October 15, 2026.

Extensions for Members of US Armed Forces Deployed in a Combat Zone or Contingency Operation.

Deadlines for filing your return, paying your tax, claiming a refund, and taking other actions with the DC Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) is extended for persons in the Armed Forces serving in a Combat Zone or Contingency Operation. The extension also applies to spouses/registered domestic partners, whether they file jointly or separately on the same return. See IRS Pub.3, Armed Forces' Tax Guide for detailed information. Fill in the 'if in Military Combat Zone' oval if it applies to you.

How to avoid penalties and interest.

You will be charged interest of 10% per year, compounded daily, for any tax not paid on time. Interest is calculated from the due date of the return to the date the tax is paid.

You will be charged a 5% per-month penalty for failure to file a return or pay any tax due on time. The penalty is calculated on the unpaid tax for each month or part of a month that the return is not filed or the tax is not paid. The maximum penalty is an additional amount due, equal to 25% of the tax due.

To avoid penalties and interest, do not underestimate your estimated income tax liability. Complete the worksheet above and pay the amount due with this request

Dishonored Payments

Make sure your check or electronic payment will clear. You will be charged a \$65 fee if your check or electronic payment is not honored by your financial institution and returned to OTR.