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Tax form	
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To contact us	Phone: nnn-nnn-xxxx

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We assigned your overdue tax account to a private collection agency

Current law requires us to contract with qualified private collection agencies to assist in collecting certain overdue federal taxes. We have assigned your account to the following agency:

[Agency name]
[Address line 1]
[Address line 2]
[Phone number]

What happens next

The private collection agency will work with you to resolve your overdue account. The private collection agency will explain payment options to help you find one that is best for you. It also will provide you with a payment plan if you can't pay the full amount at this time.

You can pay online now at www.irs.gov/directpay or visit www.irs.gov/payments for more information about ways to pay. If paying by check or money order, make the check or money order payable to the United States Treasury. Include your name, social security number, and the tax year on your payment and send it to the address on this notice. These are the only forms of payment the IRS accepts. We'll never ask you to pay using any form of pre-paid card or store or online gift card.

The private collection agency is required to maintain the security and privacy of your tax information. To do this, it will ask you to provide your name and address of record before assisting you in resolving your account. Also, it will perform two-party verification by asking you for the first five numbers of your taxpayer authentication number at the top of this notice. The private collection agency will then provide the subsequent five numbers.

Keep this notice for your records. You'll need information from it to complete the two-party verification.

See the enclosed Publication 4518, What You Can Expect When the IRS Assigns Your Account to a Private Collection Agency, for more information.

Additional information

- Visit www.irs.gov/cp40
- You can also find the following online:
 - Publication 1, Your Rights as a Taxpayer
- For tax forms or publications, visit www.irs.gov/formspubs or call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).
- The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) is an independent organization within the IRS that can help protect your

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taxpayer rights. TAS can offer you help if your tax problem is causing a hardship, or you've tried but haven't been able to resolve your problem with the IRS. If you qualify for TAS assistance, which is always free, TAS will do everything possible to help you. Visit www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov or call 1-877-777-4778.

- Assistance can be obtained from individuals and organizations that are independent from the IRS. The Directory of Federal Tax Return Preparers with credentials recognized by the IRS can be found at <http://irs.treasury.gov/rpo/rpo.jsf>. IRS Publication 4134 provides a listing of Low Income Taxpayer Clinics (LITCs) and is available at www.irs.gov. Also, see the LITC page at www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov/litcmap. Assistance may also be available from a referral system operated by a state bar association, a state or local society of accountants or enrolled agents or another nonprofit tax professional organization. The decision to obtain assistance from any of these individuals and organizations will not result in the IRS giving preferential treatment in the handling of the issue, dispute or problem.