

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Department of Employment Services



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TREASURY OFFSET PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

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Attention: Employers/Agents,

Effective September 30, 2019, the District of Columbia Office of Unemployment Compensation UI Tax Division will enroll in the U.S. Department of Treasury's Treasury Offset Program (TOP).

THE TREASURY OFFSET PROGRAM (TOP): The U.S. Department of the Treasury (U.S. Treasury) could reduce or withhold any eligible payments made to collect your debt. This process, known as "offset," is authorized by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984, and other laws.

The Treasury Offset Program is a centralized offset program, administered by the Bureau of the Fiscal Service's Debt Management Services (DMS), to collect delinquent debts owed to federal agencies and states (including past-due child support), in accordance with 26 U.S.C. § 6402(d) (collection of debts owed to federal agencies), 31 U.S.C. § 3720A (reduction of tax refund by amount of the debts), and other applicable laws.

For more information visit https://fiscal.treasury.gov/fsservices/gov/debtColl/dms/top/debt_top.htm

Should your account be selected for OFFSET, you will receive a notification of our "Intent to Offset" 60 days prior:

Payments eligible for offset include, but are not limited to:

- Your Federal income tax refunds (See Important Notice below);
- Other Federal payments that are not expressly exempted from offset; and
- State payments, including tax refunds and contractor payments.

Before the District submits your debt to TOP, we are required to inform you that you may (1) inspect and request a copy of our records related to your debt; (2) request a review of our determination that you owe this debt; (3) request a waiver of all or a part of the debt, if it has not been determined to be fraudulent; and (4) enter into an acceptable written repayment agreement as long as you are not in default status of a previous agreement.

Please Note: Those who have neglected to respond to previous attempts to initiate a restitution agreement are no longer eligible for this option.

REPAY YOUR DEBT: To repay your debt, send a check or money order, payable to the Department of Employment Services, for the full amount that you owe to:

Department of Employment Services
Office of Unemployment - Tax Division
4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE, Suite 4000
Washington, DC 20019

TO AVOID OFFSET, you must do one of the following within 60 days from the date of the “offset” letter:

AGREE TO A REPAYMENT PLAN: If you are unable to pay your debt in full, you must contact the UI Tax Division at uitax.info@dc.gov, agree to a repayment plan acceptable to DOES (provided that you are not in default status of a previous agreement) and make payments required in the repayment plan.

REQUEST A REVIEW IF YOU BELIEVE THE DEBT IS NOT OWED: If you believe that all or part of the debt is not past due or legally enforceable, you must send a request for a review in writing along with evidence to support your position to:

Department of Employment Services
Office of Unemployment - Tax Division
4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE Suite 4000
Washington, DC 20019
UITAX.INFO@DC.GOV

The District will inform you of our decision regarding your debt in writing. If this results in an unfavorable decision, the offset will still occur.

BANKRUPTCY: If you filed for bankruptcy and the automatic bankruptcy stay is in effect, you are not subject to offset while the stay is in effect. Please notify us of the stay by sending a file stamped copy of the bankruptcy petition.

If you have any questions about this letter or your rights, you should contact the UI Tax Program at uitax.info@dc.gov immediately.

Sincerely,

Department of Employment Services
Office of Unemployment – Tax Division

IMPORTANT NOTICE: