

Your Rights As a Taxpayer

Your Financial Complexities Simplified

As a taxpayer, you have the right to fair treatment, privacy, and transparency in all tax matters.

The IRS Taxpayer Bill of Rights groups existing rights in the tax code into 10 fundamental categories, making them easier to find, understand, and remember. Every taxpayer has these rights when interacting with the IRS.

1. The Right to Be Informed

You have the right to know what you need to do to comply with tax laws. You're entitled to clear explanations of the law and IRS procedures, and clear communication about decisions on your tax accounts.

2. The Right to Quality Service

You have the right to prompt, courteous, and professional help from the IRS, to be spoken to in a way that's easily understood, and to speak to a supervisor about inadequate service.

3. The Right to Pay No More Than the Correct Amount of Tax

You have the right to pay only the amount of tax legally due, including interest and penalties, and to have the IRS apply all payments properly.

4. The Right to Challenge the IRS's Position and Be Heard

You have the right to raise objections and provide additional documentation in response to IRS actions, and to expect the IRS to consider your objections timely and fairly.

5. The Right to Appeal an IRS Decision in an Independent Forum

You are entitled to a fair and impartial administrative appeal of most IRS decisions, and generally have the right to take your case to court.

6. The Right to Finality

You have the right to know the maximum amount of time you have to challenge an IRS position, the maximum time the IRS has to audit a particular tax year, and when an audit is finished.

7. The Right to Privacy

You have the right to expect that any IRS inquiry, examination, or enforcement action will comply with the law and be no more intrusive than necessary.

8. The Right to Confidentiality

You have the right to expect your tax information will remain confidential, and that the IRS will not disclose it unless authorized by you or by law.

9. The Right to Retain Representation

You have the right to retain an authorized representative of your choice to represent you in your dealings with the IRS.

10. The Right to a Fair and Just Tax System

You have the right to expect the tax system to consider facts and circumstances that might affect your liabilities, ability to pay, or ability to provide information timely.

Source: These rights are based on the IRS Taxpayer Bill of Rights (IRS Publication 1). For the full official publication, visit [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

If you feel your rights as a taxpayer have not been respected, AskHolmes can help you understand your options, including working with the Taxpayer Advocate Service.

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