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TAX ARREARS ARE BURDENSOME

Start the new year tax-free. If taxpayers fail to pay their taxes within the due period, this results in tax arrears. This could be due to forgetfulness, inability to pay at once or deliberately avoiding to settle one's dues.

Tax arrears are just like debt and negatively impacts those involved. The greater the amount of tax arrears, the higher the tax increase.

Having tax arrears could affect one's plans to go on holiday abroad when they are prevented from leaving the country by the Immigration Department.

Failure to pay tax arrears could also land a person in court. This could result in one's savings in the bank, stocks, jewellery, house and other properties confiscated or auctioned.

To prevent this from happening, make sure you pay your tax arrears (if any) by Dec 30 through the online

service, ByrHASiL.

BE AWARE OF TAX LAWS

The adverse effects of failing to pay tax arrears can be avoided if taxpayers pay attention to the provisions of the tax law.

The law requires individuals who receive employment income to pay annual tax no later than April 30 each year and June 30 for individuals who own a business.

For companies, it is mandatory to pay all taxes within seven months after the closing date of the company's accounting period.

LEARN THE BASICS OF TAXATION

IRB approaches tax compliance through awareness, education and services to make taxpayers understand the importance of taxes.

The board also offers various programmes to educate the public, starting at school and higher education institutions because young people are potential taxpayers who need to be educated early on the importance of taxes.

There are many sources that can be used as a reference, including through IRB's official portal or any information that is proven to be valid on the Internet.

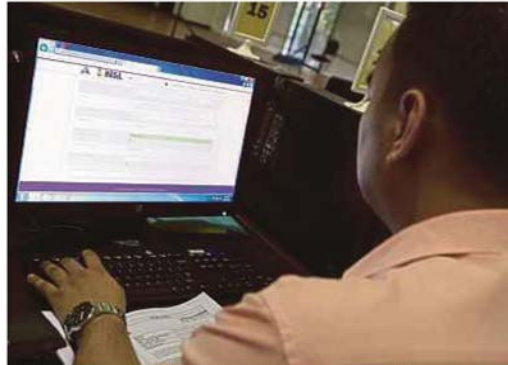
Through the EduZone platform at www.hasil.gov.my, taxpayers can get brochures and articles related to taxation.

It also has videos, including IRB interview programmes on electronic media, tax awareness and education.

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The Inland Revenue Board headquarters in Cyberjaya. FILE PIX



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REFER TO EXPERTS

Taxpayers can contact IRB for feedback and advisory services. IRB's call centre, which is HASiL

Care Line at 03-89111000 or 603-89111100 [overseas], can be reached on weekdays from 9am to 5pm.

The public can also contact the nearest public relation officers through the telephone numbers posted on IRB's official portal.

IRB also follows current trends by providing various other channels such as HASiL Live Chat, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and an online customer feedback form.

MYTAX HELPS CHECK LATEST TAX STATUS

IRB provides an easy online review method which is MyTax, an application that allows taxpayers to review, declare and get the latest tax information.

Checking tax arrears or excess tax payments can be made at <https://mytax.hasil.gov.my/>, which displays the amount of tax arrears or excess tax payments after taking

into account assessments, payments and others for the assessment year.

The amount of tax arrears in MyTax does not take into account payments, eligible increases or assessments raised after the ledger update date, if any.

If it is not clear, taxpayers can contact the Collection Unit at the branch handling their file or contact HASiL Care Line.

The tax position statement can be printed through the e-Lejar application, which can also be accessed at MyTax.

DISCUSS TAX INSTALMENTS

Not everyone can afford to pay a large amount of tax at once.

Understanding the situation of taxpayers, IRB is open to discussions for instalment payment applications.

Approval of instalment payments will be considered if taxpayers can provide relevant documents such as monthly cash flow statements, bank statements for the most recent months, a list of monthly commitments and the desired number of instalments.

Taxpayers will not accumulate tax arrears if they plan and manage their taxes wisely.

As responsible citizens, taxpayers should help the government implement facilities, development programmes and improve the welfare of the people by being compliant taxpayers and

paying their tax arrears (if any) by Dec 30, 2022.

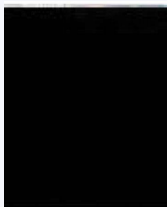
To get a tax refund, taxpayers should claim eligible tax reliefs when filling out e-Filing next year.

They should save their 2022 expense receipts for the purpose of tax relief to make it easier for reference later.

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Roads don't pay for themselves. Taxpayers' money is used to build the infrastructure of the country.



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