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Michigan Department of Treasury Waives Penalty and Interest for Late Payment or Filing For Certain Michigan Sales, Use and Withholding Tax

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By its [Notice](#) issued March 17, 2020, the Michigan Department of Treasury announced that it will waive penalty and interest for the late payment of tax or the late filing of the sales, use and withholding return due on March 20, 2020. The waiver is effective for 30 days such that the tax return or payment due on March 20, 2020 may be submitted on or before April 20, 2020 without penalty or interest. This waiver is limited to Michigan sales, use and withholding returns and payments due March 20, 2020.

By allowing for this limited penalty and interest relief, the Department of Treasury intends to provide a benefit to small businesses that need additional time to address their sales, use, and withholding tax obligations during the current [State of Emergency](#) in Michigan. However, owners and officers of these businesses should be mindful that, if these taxes remain unpaid past the extended deadline, the responsible owner or officer could be held personally liable for unpaid amounts; therefore the payment of these taxes should remain a priority and they should be paid as soon as possible.

This waiver is not available for accelerated sales, use or withholding tax filers and those taxpayers should continue to file returns and make payments by the original due dates.

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