

Important reminders as we approach the tax filing deadline



Extended federal tax and IRA contribution deadline

The IRS has extended the 2020 federal income tax filing, payment, and IRA contribution deadlines from April 15, 2021 to May 17, 2021. Refer to your official state website for guidance on any additional relief or extended deadlines that may be available.

ACCOUNT APPLICATIONS:

- IRA and ROTH IRA accounts can be established at any time; however, to make a prior year contribution, the new account documents must be in good order and the account opened by the tax filing deadline. Postmarked applications are not sufficient to accept a prior year contribution. Prior year contributions must follow requirements below.
- Applications can be uploaded to E*TRADE Advisor Services using Liberty's document upload feature and received by the tax filing deadline for prior year contributions to be accepted. Prior year contributions must follow requirements below.
- If an application is uploaded via Liberty, please do not send originals as this may result in duplicate accounts.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

- Prior year contributions must be made by or postmarked by the tax filing deadline – if received in your office by tax filing deadline, please provide the supporting documentation (envelope showing postmark) when forwarding the contribution to E*TRADE Advisor Services.
- Checks/wires/ACHs must clearly indicate for which year the contribution is intended – current or prior year.
- All checks/wires/ACHs that do not state the contribution year will be posted as current year contributions.
- E*TRADE Advisor Services must receive the wire/ACHs no later than the tax filing deadline date. It is recommended to send wires/ACHs a day or two ahead of time to ensure it is received on time. Wires/ACHs that are sent prior to tax filing but received after the tax filing deadline will be credited as a current year contribution.
- Internal transfers to an IRA/Roth IRA must have cash available on tax filing deadline date. The request must be in good order and received by the tax filing deadline date. IRS regulations do not permit in-kind contributions – contributions must be made in cash. Trades must settle by tax filing deadline date, in order to process cash movement as a prior year contribution. Trades that settle after the tax deadline will be processed as a current year contribution.

MAIL POSTMARK FOR CONTRIBUTIONS:

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- The postmark of the envelope is critical: Prior year contribution checks sent to E*TRADE Advisor Services from the RIA or investor on tax filing deadline date, via overnight mail will be posted as such as per the postmark on the overnight label.
- Checks sent to E*TRADE Advisor Services intended for a prior year contribution and received after tax filing deadline date, must have a postmark of tax filing date or earlier in order to be posted as a prior year contribution.
- Checks received by the RIA after the tax filing deadline and subsequently forwarded to E*TRADE Advisor Services must be accompanied by the envelopes showing a postmark by tax filing deadline or earlier.
- Checks received after the tax deadline without a properly postmarked envelope will be posted as a current year contribution.

NOTE:

If E*TRADE Advisor Services rejects a check received on the tax filing deadline because it is not in good order, the client must place a replacement check in the mail on the same day to ensure it has the appropriate post mark.

- Any replacement checks with a postmark after the tax deadline will not be posted as a prior year contribution.
- If E*TRADE Advisor Services posts a check for a prior year contribution that is subsequently returned by the client's bank, the contribution will be reversed from the account. The client will need to mail a replacement check postmarked no later than tax filing deadline. All wires to replace a returned check must arrive at E*TRADE Advisor Services no later than tax filing deadline.

Please let your Client Service Advocate know if you have questions.