

The April deadline has brought a raft of notices sent out by the IRS across the country. Many of these are erroneous. If a lesson is to be learned, if you use AI, you must still check it!

A common notice people have received states that the IRS cannot match the client's banking information to process their refund – the disconnect is that none of these clients were getting a refund, they owed and had already paid what they owed.

If you have received one of these notices, or one similar, you are not alone—and here is what you need to know.

What's Happening?

Most IRS notices are sent automatically. The IRS is utilizing AI for automated enforcement, leading to a surge in system-generated notices and flagged returns.

QR Codes in Tax Notices.

Some of the notices have a QR code to scan. We have always communicated to be cautious about scanning QR codes. Unfortunately, fraudsters have picked up on this. A legitimate notice may include a QR code, but fraudulent notices may take taxpayers to malicious websites.

Many of our clients would prefer not to use the QR code.

What should I do if I get a Tax Notice?

Do not panic. Do not ignore it.

Review the notice and compare it to your tax return. Most of the notices have a number to call, or they tell you to connect online or visit an IRS office.

Always send a copy to us for review.

We can assist you in how to respond. An option is we can contact them to determine how to resolve the notice if you sign a Power of Attorney relating to the tax return in question.

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