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## IRS announces special withdrawal process for employee retention credit claims

The IRS today announced the details of a special withdrawal process to help those who filed an employee retention credit (ERC) claim, but have not yet received a refund, and are concerned about the claim's accuracy.

According to today's IRS release—[IR-2023-193](#) (October 19, 2023)—the new withdrawal option allows certain employers that filed an ERC claim but have not yet received a refund to withdraw their submission and avoid future repayment, interest, and penalties. The IRS created the withdrawal option to help small business owners and others who were pressured or misled by ERC marketers or promoters into filing ineligible claims. Claims that are withdrawn will be treated as if they were never filed. The IRS will not impose penalties or interest.

The IRS stated it would be introducing the new withdrawal process in its September 14, 2023 announcement of an immediate moratorium through at least the end of the year on processing new ERC claims to give the IRS time to add more safeguards to prevent abuse and protect businesses from predatory tactics. Read [TaxNewsFlash](#)

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