

# Arizona extends tax-filing deadline, but with no extra time for taxpayers to help charities

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Arizonans now have three extra months to file their 2019 income-tax returns and to pay outstanding tax bills for last year, following a similar change adopted March 20 at the federal level that was intended to provide coronavirus relief.

But Arizonans won't have extra time to make charity donations that can qualify for a retroactive state tax credit.

Despite the [three-month extension taking the new deadline to July 15 for filing Arizona and federal returns, and for paying 2019 tax obligations](#), the deadline for the charity-related tax credits is set by state law and will remain April 15, the state Department of Revenue said Monday.

The state tax-credit rule is one of the few actions that individuals can take after Dec. 31, 2019, and still affect their tax obligations for that year, retroactively.

## Support for schools, charities

The tax credits, or direct reductions in state-tax liability, apply to donations made to qualifying charitable groups, to foster-care organizations, to public schools for extracurricular activities and to school-tuition organizations that provide private-school scholarships. The public-school credit also can be taken by people who pay fees directly to a public school in Arizona for eligible programs or activities.

More information on the state's charitable tax-credit programs can be viewed on the department website at <https://azdor.gov/tax-credits>.