

STREAMLINED FILING COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

IT'S COMMON FOR U.S. EXPATS TO OVERLOOK OR MISUNDERSTAND THEIR TAX DUTY, THINKING THEY ONLY HAVE FILING OBLIGATIONS IN THEIR FOREIGN TAX JURISDICTION. IN THE FACE OF HONEST MISTAKES, THE IRS HAS HISTORICALLY SHOWN LENIENCE, HOWEVER YOU COULD FACE SERIOUS PENALTIES FOR THINGS LIKE FAILURE TO FILE FOREIGN BANK ACCOUNT REPORTS (FBARS).

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OFFSHORE STREAMLINED FILING COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES ARE AN OPTION FOR U.S. TAXPAYERS ABROAD. THE PROGRAM ACCOMMODATES EXPATS WHO WERE UNAWARE OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS, AND HELPS THEM BECOME COMPLIANT WITH PRIOR YEAR FILINGS WHILE MINIMIZING PENALTIES. TO QUALIFY FOR THE OFFSHORE STREAMLINED FILING COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES, YOU MUST:

- HAVE LIVED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY FOR AT LEAST 330 DAYS DURING ONE OF THE LAST THREE YEARS AND NOT MAINTAINED A U.S. ABODE.
- FILE INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR THE PRIOR THREE TAX YEARS.
- FILE AN FBAR FOR THE PRIOR SIX TAX YEARS.
- COMPLETE A STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION DETAILING WHY YOUR TAX RETURNS AND FBAR WEREN'T FILED.
- PAY THE TAX AND INTEREST DUE FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS.

DELINQUENT FBAR

IF YOU'VE BEEN FILING YOUR TAX RETURNS ANNUALLY AND REPORTING YOUR INCOME, BUT WERE UNAWARE OF YOUR FOREIGN BANK ACCOUNT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND THE ASSOCIATED FBAR PENALTIES, YOU CAN BACKFILE YOUR FBARS. DELINQUENT FBAR AND INFORMATION REPORT PROCEDURES ALLOW YOU TO FILE AND AMEND TAX RETURNS TO INCLUDE OMITTED INFORMATION REPORTS. A DETAILED EXPLANATION IS REQUIRED WITH EACH REPORT TO MAKE SURE YOUR FAILURE TO FILE WAS AN HONEST MISTAKE.

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