

BIR Revenue Regulation No. 004-2026

Guidelines on the BIR One-Time Tax Abatement Program for Micro Taxpayers

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The Bureau of Internal Revenue (“BIR”) has launched a one-time abatement program for micro taxpayers, allowing them to settle outstanding through the issuance of Revenue Regulation No. 004-2026. This program gives small businesses, including those that have already ceased operations, an opportunity to clear their delinquent accounts, assessments and open stop-filer cases.

This abatement program is a temporary relief measure and can be availed of until Decem

Eligibility and covered tax liabilities

To qualify for the program, the applicant must be a taxpayer whose gross sales for the year is less than Three Million Pesos (Php3,000,000.00). For mixed income-earners, “gross sales” shall refer only to business income. This relief also extends to micro taxpayers who have already ceased business operations but still carry outstanding liabilities with the BIR.

Regarding the threshold amount of the liability, the micro taxpayer’s outstanding tax liability and/or penalties must not exceed Eighty Thousand Pesos (Php80,000.00) for a taxable year. Further, this tax liability or penalty must have arisen from violations of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997.

The program applies across various stages of enforcement, covering cases where the taxpayer failed to pay the tax due within the time prescribed for its payments (Delinquent Account), assessments whether they are preliminary or final, disputed or undisputed, as well as open stop-filer cases.

Key steps for availment

First, the taxpayer shall manually file an application for abatement on a per taxable year basis. The application must be submitted directly to the Revenue District Office (“RDO”) having jurisdiction over the taxpayer. Further, the application must specify the tax types and basic amount due, which shall exclude interests.

Second, the taxpayer shall pay a fixed, one-time abatement fee of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00). This fee must be paid either electronically or manually within five (5) working days from the date the application was filed.

Third, the taxpayer must submit proof of payment to the concerned RDO. This step must be completed within five (5) working days from the date of payment, as failure to submit the same within the 5-day period will cause the application to be automatically voided.

Key dates and deadlines

Requirements	Deadlines
Per application	File RDO on a per taxable year basis
Within 5 working days of filing	Pay the P5,000 abatement fee
Within 5 working days of payment	Submit proof of payment to RDO
December 31, 2026	Last day to avail of the program



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