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Subject: [EXT] Circular 230 comments

Hello Andres,

Hope you are having a great start to the new year!

As a member of NATP (National Association of Tax Professionals), I receive regular communications regarding tax updates. Recently, an email from NATP informed us that IRS is seeking comments of forms related to circular 230.

In regards to Forms 8554 and 23, I notice that they are available electronically, however, I would submit to you that since IRS already has most of this information, that it could be connected to the PTIN section of the website (since that is a requirement of an EA). Access to this and other information for the EA could be in a separate section of the IRS website from a menu label along the homepage of the website. As well, this section of the website could be accessible through ID.Me. It could also be connected to an individual, business and/or TaxPro account on the IRS website.

As a member of two professional organizations, renewing membership is easy and starts with an email reminder or notifications though access to the respective website. These two organizations already have contact and account information so all that is needed is verification of required continuing education, a declaration of true and accurate statement and payment. This process is simple, streamlined and takes at most 5 minutes. I would encourage IRS to review other organizations websites for their process and make available a similar process to currently practicing EAs and other tax professionals. You can review the two that I am a member of as a start, they are:

National Association of Tax Professionals
www.natptax.com

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
www.ACFE.com

Also, as I was exploring the process for becoming an EA, it too was quite cumbersome to navigate the website and it took some studying to find all that was needed to complete the exam process, find the forms to be admitted to practice, etc. This entire beginning process could also be streamlined.

Since I will be renewing in 2027, I found it concerning that I may fall short of the requirements. It took more than an hour to try to understand the requirements for continuing education and calculate what it may look like for my situation. In short, it's just too confusing. One way to straighten out all the confusion is a question format available electronically through the TaxPro account, PTIN renewal. This format is exactly why TurboTax is so popular to use because it guides the individual through the tax prep process asking simple questions so that anyone who doesn't know how to prepare taxes could follow

along and be able to file their own taxes. This process would greatly reduce anxiety and stress when navigating the IRS website. As a tax professional, it would also greatly reduce stress knowing the process was streamlined so that I could maintain practice before the IRS and focus on clients and their tax needs.

Respectfully,
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