



2008 Tax Survey Responses

Micro-business owners were given the opportunity to suggest what the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) could do differently to reduce tax filing problems for the nation's smallest firms. The following are a sampling of responses:

- “Please simplify the process! I can't go through 900 pages of changes every year in order to file my own taxes. I appreciate changes made to help small business, but I don't understand how to apply them, or if they apply to me. That's the reason I hire a CPA.”
- “I wish the IRS would allow small businesses to deduct health insurance the same way big business does.”
- “Simplify depreciation schedules - let me buy stuff when I need it and deduct the entire amount as a business expense in the year it was accrued!”
- “I would like to see a live chat that is easily accessible for answering questions.”
- “Please improve the tone of tax assistance. We are not all crooks!”
- “As a book and gift store we must carry considerable inventory. The IRS should consider year-end inventory as a fraction of "real cost" versus "real income.” If I needed to sell my inventory quickly I would be lucky to get 10 cents on the dollar. Struggling to remain afloat with large inventories to provide customer service is a year end nightmare.”