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2026 Bookkeeping & Tax Deadline Calendar

Every federal deadline that matters this year — plus the monthly habits that keep your books audit-ready.

Q1 — January to March

JAN 15

Q4 2025 estimated tax payment due

Final quarterly payment for the prior tax year.

JAN 31

1099-NEC & W-2 filing deadline

Forms due to contractors, employees, and the IRS. Late filing penalties add up per form.

MAR 16

S-Corp & Partnership returns due

Forms 1120-S and 1065 (or extension requests). March 15 falls on a Sunday in 2026.

Q2 — April to June

APR 15

Individual & C-Corp returns due + Q1 estimated payment

Form 1040 and 1120 filing deadline — and the first quarterly payment for 2026 is due the same day.

JUN 15

Q2 estimated tax payment due

Second quarterly payment — only two months after Q1, which surprises people every year.

Q3 — July to September

SEP 15

Q3 estimated payment + extended S-Corp/Partnership returns

Two deadlines in one day: your third quarterly payment, and the final deadline for extended 1120-S and 1065 returns.

SEP 30

Ideal window for a mid-year books cleanup

Three full quarters of data — the perfect time to fix messy books while there's still time to act on what they show.

Q4 — October to December

OCT 15

Extended individual & C-Corp returns due

The final deadline — no more extensions after this.

NOV 30

Run your year-end tax projection

Know your number while there's still time to change it.

DEC 31

Last day for most year-end tax moves

Equipment purchases, certain retirement plan setups, income/expense timing — all close with the year.

Every Month, No Exceptions

- ✓ Reconcile every bank and credit card account
- ✓ Review outstanding invoices and unpaid bills
- ✓ File sales tax returns due that month (frequency varies by state)
- ✓ Save and categorize receipts — don't let them pile up
- ✓ Glance at your P&L;: does this month make sense?

Federal deadlines shown; weekend/holiday shifts applied for 2026. State deadlines vary.

Ready to Go From Checklist to Action?

Behind on any of these? We catch businesses up and keep them there — bookkeeping, filings, and deadlines handled.

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