

2026 TAX + IFTA QUARTERLY DEADLINES

One desk calendar for federal quarterly estimates and IFTA quarters. We ran a dispatch team — this is the date sheet we kept on the wall. Fillable desk tool, not a free lecture.

Federal quarterly estimates (owner-operator)

Payment	Period covered	Due date (2026)
Q1 estimate	Jan 1 – Mar 31	April 15, 2026
Q2 estimate	Apr 1 – May 31	June 15, 2026
Q3 estimate	Jun 1 – Aug 31	September 15, 2026
Q4 estimate	Sep 1 – Dec 31	January 15, 2027

Notes (plain English): Safe-harbor rules — talk to your CPA; we do not invent % or dollar claims here. Self-employment tax exists (15.3% combined Social Security + Medicare on net earnings — standard IRS framing; confirm with CPA).

Checkbox: ☐ Booked CPA meeting ☐ Separated personal/business ☐ Logged per diem days

IFTA quarters

Quarter	Miles/fuel period	Typical filing window
Q1	Jan 1 – Mar 31	Due Apr 30
Q2	Apr 1 – Jun 30	Due Jul 31
Q3	Jul 1 – Sep 30	Due Oct 31
Q4	Oct 1 – Dec 31	Due Jan 31 (next year)

Desk tips: Keep fuel receipts by jurisdiction as you go — do not rebuild from memory in week 12. Rates are not prefilled on our IFTA Filing Defender; pull current state rates when you file.

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