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The Internal Revenue Service says that more than 150,000 taxpayers used its new web-based system IRS Direct Pay to pay their tax bills or make estimated tax payments directly from checking or savings accounts without any fees or pre-registration.

"IRS Direct Pay reflects our latest effort to add more online tools to provide additional service options to help taxpayers," said IRS Commissioner John Koskinen. "IRS Direct Pay simplifies the payment process, and taxpayers can make a payment from the convenience of a home computer."

The 150,000 taxpayers to date have paid more than \$340 million in taxes through the new IRS Direct Pay system. With IRS Direct Pay, taxpayers receive instant confirmation that the payment has been submitted, and the system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Bank account information is not retained in IRS systems after payments are made.

From the "Pay Your Tax Bill" icon at the top of the IRS home page, taxpayers can access IRS Direct Pay, which walks the taxpayer through five simple steps. The steps include providing your tax information, verifying your identity, entering your payment information, reviewing and electronically signing and recording your online confirmation.

IRS Direct Pay offers 30-day advance payment scheduling, payment rescheduling or cancellations, and a payment status search. Future plans include an option for e-

mailed payment confirmation, a Spanish version and one-time registration with a

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