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Southern California S Corp Owner: The Remaining 2026 Tax Deadline Calendar

Know the major tax dates still ahead without scrambling at the last minute, guessing what's due, or finding out about a deadline after it becomes urgent.

INSTRUCTIONS

If you own a calendar-year S Corp, use this guide to map out the major tax dates still ahead as 2026 winds down. For each date, mark:

- **SAVED** — It's already on my calendar.
- **HANDLED** — I know what needs to happen.
- **NOT SURE** — I need to confirm whether this applies to me.

This is a quick-reference guide, not a complete list of every tax deadline that could apply to your business. Your exact requirements can vary based on things like extensions, estimated-tax obligations, payroll, and your individual tax situation. The goal is simple: **Know what's coming before it becomes urgent.**

September 15, 2026 Extended S Corp Return Deadline

☐ Saved
☐ Handled
☐ Not Sure

If your calendar-year S Corp received a timely six-month extension for its 2025 federal Form 1120-S, the extended filing deadline is generally **September 15, 2026**. California S Corps on extension also generally reach their extended filing date on September 15.

? **Ask Yourself:**
Was my S Corp return extended—and do I know whether it's actually ready to file?

Third 2026 Individual Estimated Tax Payment

September 15 is also generally the third estimated-tax payment date for individuals who are required to make 2026 estimated payments.

S Corp shareholders may have personal estimated-tax obligations because S Corp income passes through to them.

? **Ask Yourself:**
Do I know whether I have an estimated-tax payment due on September 15?

October 15, 2026 Extended Individual Tax Return Deadline

☐ Saved
☐ Handled
☐ Not Sure

If your 2025 individual federal or California income-tax return was extended, **October 15, 2026** is generally the extended filing deadline. California specifically provides an automatic six-month filing extension through October 15.

Remember:
An extension to **file** does not automatically mean an extension to **pay**.

? **Ask Yourself:**
If my personal return was extended, is everything ready before October 15?`

December 15, 2026 California S Corp Estimated Tax Date

☐ Saved
☐ Handled
☐ Not Sure

For calendar-year California corporations, including S Corps using Form 100-ES when applicable, **December 15** is the fourth estimated-tax installment date. California's installment rules determine whether and how much is actually due.

? **Ask Yourself:**
Do I know whether my S Corp has a California estimated-tax payment due before year-end?

January 15, 2027 Final 2026 Individual Estimated Tax Payment

☐ Saved
☐ Handled
☐ Not Sure

This one falls in 2027, but it belongs on your calendar **now**.

The fourth individual estimated-tax payment for the 2026 tax year is generally due **January 15, 2027** for taxpayers who are required to make estimated payments.

? **Ask Yourself:**
Have I planned for my final 2026 estimated-tax payment before the year ends?

Your 60-Second Deadline Check

Before you put this guide away, answer these four questions.

Is September 15 on my calendar?
☐ Yes ☐ Not Sure

If my individual return was extended, is October 15 on my calendar?
☐ Yes ☐ Not Sure

Do I know whether my S Corp has a California payment due December 15?
☐ Yes ☐ Not Sure

Have I already saved January 15, 2027?
☐ Yes ☐ Not Sure

If you marked **NOT SURE** more than once, that's worth clearing up now instead of waiting for the deadline to force the conversation.

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT

By September, most of the tax year is already behind you. That makes the remaining dates easier to overlook. And suddenly you're:

- Wondering whether an extension was filed.
- Trying to figure out whether something is due.
- Searching old emails for instructions.
- Realizing a payment date is only days away.
- Chasing your tax professional when you need an answer now.

You don't need another giant tax calendar full of dates that already passed.
You need to know: **"What's still ahead. What might apply to you. What needs attention now. "** Because the best time to deal with a tax deadline is **before it becomes urgent.**

Ready to Get Your S Corp Return Handled?

Adam C. Libman, CRTP works directly with business owners on tax preparation and bookkeeping.

If you're unsure where your S Corp taxes stand for the rest of the year, you can have a straightforward conversation with Adam about your current situation.

And if you're tired of chasing your accountant just to get an answer:
We return every call and email or your money back.

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