

As of now—Friday, January 9, 2026—here is a concise 2026 Employer Tax Deadline Tracker for U.S. employers. This summary includes key federal tax filing and payment deadlines. Always verify with the IRS or your tax advisor, as dates may shift due to weekends, holidays, or regulatory updates.



2026 Employer Tax Deadline Tracker (Federal)

Deadline	Requirement
January 31, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• File Form W-2 (Wage and Tax Statements) with SSA• Provide copies to employees• File Form 1099-NEC (for nonemployee compensation) with IRS and recipients
February 10, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deposit FICA (Social Security & Medicare) and withheld income taxes if you're a monthly depositor (for January wages)
February 28, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• File Form 1099-MISC (if not reporting NEC) and other 1099s (paper filing)• File Form 1096 (transmittal form) if filing paper 1099s
March 15, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• S Corporations: File Form 1120-S (or request extension)• Partnerships: File Form 1065 (or request extension)
April 15, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• C Corporations: File Form 1120 (or request extension)• Quarterly Payroll Tax Return: File Form 941 for Q1 2026• Deposit FUTA tax if undeposited liability $\geq \\$500$
April 30, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deposit FUTA tax for Q1 (if not already deposited)
May 15, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• File Form 940 (Annual FUTA return) <i>only if you had no FUTA liability in 2025</i>—otherwise, it was due Jan 31

July 31, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File Form 941 for Q2 2026 • Deposit FUTA tax for Q2 (if liability $\geq \\$500$)
October 31, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File Form 941 for Q3 2026 • Deposit FUTA tax for Q3 (if liability $\geq \\$500$)
January 31, 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File Form 941 for Q4 2026 • File Form 940 (Annual FUTA return) for 2026

Monthly vs. Semiweekly Depositors

- Monthly depositors: Deposit taxes by the 15th of the following month.
- Semiweekly depositors: Deposit based on payday:
 - Wednesday–Friday paydays → Deposit by following Wednesday
 - Saturday–Tuesday paydays → Deposit by following Friday

 Note: If a deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, it moves to the next business day.

