

Important Dates 2026

August 1 (Saturday) CTEC begins accepting registration renewals for 2026-2027.
September 20 (Sunday) Must pass (and pay for) the final exam by 11:59 pm to qualify for the reduced rate of \$24.50.
September 21 (Monday) Course fee increases to \$36.75.
September 30 (Wednesday) Must pass (and pay for) the final exam by 11:59 pm to qualify for the reduced rate of \$36.75.
October 1 (Thursday) Course fee increases to \$49; this will be the rate for the remainder of the year.
October 15 (Thursday) IRS begins accepting PTIN renewals for 2026-2027.
October 28 (Wednesday) Test information received on or before October 28 will be processed by October 31, regardless of delivery method (web, email, fax, or text message).
October 29 – October 30 The final three days of October are the busiest of the year. For those who submit test information during this busy period, we strongly recommend using one of the website answer forms for faster service. We cannot guarantee that traditional answer forms (delivered by email, fax, or text message) will be processed by 11:59 pm on October 31.
October 31 (Saturday) Students who submit their final exams on October 31 might not have their credits posted by midnight due to the high volume of submissions. Paying a \$55 late fee to CTEC is undesirable, but rushing through a course on important tax laws could result in tax returns that are incorrectly prepared. Please consider spreading out your study time (across days or weeks) to better understand and memorize any course content that will benefit you and your clients.
December 31 (Thursday) LAST DAY TO SUBMIT FINAL EXAM ANSWERS FOR THIS 2026 COURSE. The IRS observes December 31 as the AFSP deadline without extensions.
January 15 (Friday) LAST DAY TO RENEW YOUR CTEC REGISTRATION.