

What Is a Tax Authority?

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A **tax authority** is a government body or agency responsible for collecting taxes, administering tax laws, and enforcing tax compliance. In the United States, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is the federal tax authority. Most states, territories, and local jurisdictions also have tax authorities to ensure compliance with applicable state and local laws and regulations. These tax authorities are generally responsible for collecting taxes, administering tax laws, and enforcing tax compliance in their respective jurisdictions.

It is important for taxpayers to stay current on tax law, as well as emerging tax enforcement issues, to ensure compliance.

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