Kennel accounting calendar 2027: federal and Arkansas

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January 2027

Due date	What is due	Who	Fed / AR	Tool	Source	Done
Sun, Jan 10, 2027	Monthly close for December finished and period locked (internal target, not a legal deadline)	Everyone	Internal	Checklists & Calendar		☐
Mon, Jan 11, 2027	Tip reports for December: employees with $20+ in tips report them to you *Moved from Jan 10 (weekend/holiday)*	Employers with tipped staff	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Fri, Jan 15, 2027	Federal payroll tax deposit for December wages (monthly-schedule depositors)	Employers	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Fri, Jan 15, 2027	Fourth-quarter 2026 federal estimated tax (Form 1040-ES)	Owners with business profit not covered by withholding	Federal	Mercury	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Fri, Jan 15, 2027	Arkansas withholding AR941M for December (monthly filers)	Arkansas employers	Arkansas	Gusto	Arkansas DFA: Withholding due dates	☐
Fri, Jan 15, 2027	Fourth-quarter 2026 Arkansas estimated tax (AR1000ES)	Owners who owe Arkansas tax beyond withholding	Arkansas	Mercury	Arkansas DFA: AR1000ES estimated tax voucher	☐
Wed, Jan 20, 2027	Arkansas sales tax return for December (monthly filers), file and pay on ATAP*	Arkansas sales tax permit holders	Arkansas	Arkansas ATAP* (state sales tax portal)	Arkansas DFA: Sales and use tax due dates	☐
Wed, Jan 20, 2027	Q4 2026 quarterly and 2026 annual Arkansas sales tax returns (only if DFA assigned quarterly or annual filing)	Quarterly or annual sales tax filers	Arkansas	Arkansas ATAP* (state sales tax portal)	Arkansas DFA: Sales and use tax due dates	☐
Sun, Jan 31, 2027	Arkansas DWS Q4 2026 unemployment contribution and wage report *Nominal date Jan 31 is a Sunday; the DWS handbook does not say whether it moves. File by Friday, Jan 29 to be safe.*	Arkansas employers	Arkansas	Gusto	Arkansas Division of Workforce Services: Employer handbook	☐

February 2027

Due date	What is due	Who	Fed / AR	Tool	Source	Done
Mon, Feb 1, 2027	Forms W-2 to employees; Forms W-2 and W-3 to SSA *Moved from Jan 31 (weekend/holiday)*	Employers and businesses that paid contractors	Federal	Gusto	IRS: Employment tax due dates	☐
Mon, Feb 1, 2027	Form 1099-NEC to contractors and the IRS ($2,000 threshold for payments after Dec 31, 2025) *Moved from Jan 31 (weekend/holiday)*	Employers and businesses that paid contractors	Federal	Gusto	IRS: Am I required to file a Form 1099?	☐
Mon, Feb 1, 2027	Form 941 for Q4 2026 and Form 940 for 2026 (Feb 10 if all deposits were on time) *Moved from Jan 31 (weekend/holiday)*	Employers and businesses that paid contractors	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Mon, Feb 1, 2027	Arkansas: W-2 state copies with ARW3, AR941A (annual filers) and 1099s *Moved from Jan 31 (weekend/holiday)*	Employers and businesses that paid contractors	Arkansas	Gusto	Arkansas DFA: Withholding due dates	☐
Wed, Feb 10, 2027	Tip reports for January: employees with $20+ in tips report them to you	Employers with tipped staff	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Wed, Feb 10, 2027	Monthly close for January finished and period locked (internal target, not a legal deadline)	Everyone	Internal	Checklists & Calendar		☐
Tue, Feb 16, 2027	Federal payroll tax deposit for January wages (monthly-schedule depositors) *Moved from Feb 15 (weekend/holiday)*	Employers	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Tue, Feb 16, 2027	Arkansas withholding AR941M for January (monthly filers) *Moved from Feb 15 (weekend/holiday)*	Arkansas employers	Arkansas	Gusto	Arkansas DFA: Withholding due dates	☐
Mon, Feb 22, 2027	Arkansas sales tax return for January (monthly filers), file and pay on ATAP* *Moved from Feb 20 (weekend/holiday)*	Arkansas sales tax permit holders	Arkansas	Arkansas ATAP* (state sales tax portal)	Arkansas DFA: Sales and use tax due dates	☐

March 2027

Due date	What is due	Who	Fed / AR	Tool	Source	Done
Mon, Mar 1, 2027	Arkansas AR3MAR annual 1099 reconciliation *Moved from Feb 28 (weekend/holiday); Feb 28 is a Sunday; moved to Mar 1 under Ark. Code 26-18-105. Verify with DFA.*	Businesses that issued 1099s	Arkansas	Gusto	Arkansas DFA: Withholding due dates	☐

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Wed, Mar 10, 2027	Tip reports for February: employees with $20+ in tips report them to you	Employers with tipped staff	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Wed, Mar 10, 2027	Monthly close for February finished and period locked (internal target, not a legal deadline)	Everyone	Internal	Checklists & Calendar		☐
Mon, Mar 15, 2027	Federal payroll tax deposit for February wages (monthly-schedule depositors)	Employers	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Mon, Mar 15, 2027	Partnership (1065) and S corporation (1120-S) returns and K-1s, or Form 7004 extension	Partnerships, multi-member LLCs, S corporations	Federal	Your tax preparer	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Mon, Mar 15, 2027	Arkansas withholding AR941M for February (monthly filers)	Arkansas employers	Arkansas	Gusto	Arkansas DFA: Withholding due dates	☐
Mon, Mar 22, 2027	Arkansas sales tax return for February (monthly filers), file and pay on ATAP* *Moved from Mar 20 (weekend/holiday)*	Arkansas sales tax permit holders	Arkansas	Arkansas ATAP* (state sales tax portal)	Arkansas DFA: Sales and use tax due dates	☐

April 2027

Due date	What is due	Who	Fed / AR	Tool	Source	Done
Sat, Apr 10, 2027	Monthly close for March finished and period locked (internal target, not a legal deadline)	Everyone	Internal	Checklists & Calendar		☐
Mon, Apr 12, 2027	Tip reports for March: employees with $20+ in tips report them to you *Moved from Apr 10 (weekend/holiday)*	Employers with tipped staff	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Thu, Apr 15, 2027	Federal payroll tax deposit for March wages (monthly-schedule depositors)	Employers	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Thu, Apr 15, 2027	Form 1040 / Schedule C or Form 4868 extension; Form 1120 (C corporations) or Form 7004	Sole proprietors, single-member LLCs, C corporations	Federal	Your tax preparer	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Thu, Apr 15, 2027	First-quarter 2027 federal estimated tax (1040-ES); C corporation first installment	Owners and C corporations	Federal	Mercury	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Thu, Apr 15, 2027	Arkansas withholding AR941M for March (monthly filers)	Arkansas employers	Arkansas	Gusto	Arkansas DFA: Withholding due dates	☐

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Thu, Apr 15, 2027	Arkansas AR1000F, AR1100S and AR1050 returns; first-quarter AR1000ES	Arkansas filers (calendar year)	Arkansas	Your tax preparer	Arkansas DFA: Individual deadlines and extensions	☐
Tue, Apr 20, 2027	Arkansas sales tax return for March (monthly filers), file and pay on ATAP*	Arkansas sales tax permit holders	Arkansas	Arkansas ATAP* (state sales tax portal)	Arkansas DFA: Sales and use tax due dates	☐
Tue, Apr 20, 2027	Q1 Arkansas sales tax return (quarterly filers only)	Quarterly sales tax filers	Arkansas	Arkansas ATAP* (state sales tax portal)	Arkansas DFA: Sales and use tax due dates	☐
Fri, Apr 30, 2027	Form 941 for Q1 2027; FUTA deposit if over $500	Employers	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Fri, Apr 30, 2027	Arkansas DWS Q1 unemployment contribution and wage report	Arkansas employers	Arkansas	Gusto	Arkansas Division of Workforce Services: Employer handbook	☐

May 2027

Due date	What is due	Who	Fed / AR	Tool	Source	Done
Sat, May 1, 2027	Arkansas franchise tax report and payment (no extensions) *May 1, 2027 is a Saturday; the Secretary of State page does not say whether it moves. File by Friday, Apr 30 to be safe.*	Arkansas LLCs and corporations	Arkansas	Your tax preparer	Arkansas Secretary of State: Franchise tax	☐
Mon, May 10, 2027	Tip reports for April: employees with $20+ in tips report them to you	Employers with tipped staff	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Mon, May 10, 2027	Monthly close for April finished and period locked (internal target, not a legal deadline)	Everyone	Internal	Checklists & Calendar		☐
Mon, May 17, 2027	Federal payroll tax deposit for April wages (monthly-schedule depositors) *Moved from May 15 (weekend/holiday)*	Employers	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Mon, May 17, 2027	Arkansas withholding AR941M for April (monthly filers) *Moved from May 15 (weekend/holiday)*	Arkansas employers	Arkansas	Gusto	Arkansas DFA: Withholding due dates	☐
Thu, May 20, 2027	Arkansas sales tax return for April (monthly filers), file and pay on ATAP*	Arkansas sales tax permit holders	Arkansas	Arkansas ATAP* (state sales tax portal)	Arkansas DFA: Sales and use tax due dates	☐

June 2027

Due date	What is due	Who	Fed / AR	Tool	Source	Done
Thu, Jun 10, 2027	Tip reports for May: employees with $20+ in tips report them to you	Employers with tipped staff	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Thu, Jun 10, 2027	Monthly close for May finished and period locked (internal target, not a legal deadline)	Everyone	Internal	Checklists & Calendar		☐
Tue, Jun 15, 2027	Federal payroll tax deposit for May wages (monthly-schedule depositors)	Employers	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Tue, Jun 15, 2027	Second-quarter 2027 estimated tax: federal 1040-ES, Arkansas AR1000ES, C corporation installment	Owners and C corporations	Federal & Arkansas	Mercury	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Tue, Jun 15, 2027	Arkansas withholding AR941M for May (monthly filers)	Arkansas employers	Arkansas	Gusto	Arkansas DFA: Withholding due dates	☐
Mon, Jun 21, 2027	Arkansas sales tax return for May (monthly filers), file and pay on ATAP* *Moved from Jun 20 (weekend/holiday)*	Arkansas sales tax permit holders	Arkansas	Arkansas ATAP* (state sales tax portal)	Arkansas DFA: Sales and use tax due dates	☐

July 2027

Due date	What is due	Who	Fed / AR	Tool	Source	Done
Sat, Jul 10, 2027	Monthly close for June finished and period locked (internal target, not a legal deadline)	Everyone	Internal	Checklists & Calendar		☐
Mon, Jul 12, 2027	Tip reports for June: employees with $20+ in tips report them to you *Moved from Jul 10 (weekend/holiday)*	Employers with tipped staff	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Thu, Jul 15, 2027	Federal payroll tax deposit for June wages (monthly-schedule depositors)	Employers	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Thu, Jul 15, 2027	Arkansas withholding AR941M for June (monthly filers)	Arkansas employers	Arkansas	Gusto	Arkansas DFA: Withholding due dates	☐
Tue, Jul 20, 2027	Arkansas sales tax return for June (monthly filers), file and pay on ATAP*	Arkansas sales tax permit holders	Arkansas	Arkansas ATAP* (state sales tax portal)	Arkansas DFA: Sales and use tax due dates	☐

Due date	What is due	Who	Fed / AR	Tool	Source	Done
Tue, Jul 20, 2027	Q2 Arkansas sales tax return (quarterly filers only)	Quarterly sales tax filers	Arkansas	Arkansas ATAP* (state sales tax portal)	Arkansas DFA: Sales and use tax due dates	☐
Sat, Jul 31, 2027	Arkansas DWS Q2 unemployment contribution and wage report *Jul 31 is a Saturday; the DWS handbook does not say whether it moves. File by Friday, Jul 30 to be safe.*	Arkansas employers	Arkansas	Gusto	Arkansas Division of Workforce Services: Employer handbook	☐

August 2027

Due date	What is due	Who	Fed / AR	Tool	Source	Done
Mon, Aug 2, 2027	Form 941 for Q2 2027; FUTA deposit if over $500 *Moved from Jul 31 (weekend/holiday)*	Employers	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Tue, Aug 10, 2027	Tip reports for July: employees with $20+ in tips report them to you	Employers with tipped staff	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Tue, Aug 10, 2027	Monthly close for July finished and period locked (internal target, not a legal deadline)	Everyone	Internal	Checklists & Calendar		☐
Mon, Aug 16, 2027	Federal payroll tax deposit for July wages (monthly-schedule depositors) *Moved from Aug 15 (weekend/holiday)*	Employers	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Mon, Aug 16, 2027	Arkansas withholding AR941M for July (monthly filers) *Moved from Aug 15 (weekend/holiday)*	Arkansas employers	Arkansas	Gusto	Arkansas DFA: Withholding due dates	☐
Fri, Aug 20, 2027	Arkansas sales tax return for July (monthly filers), file and pay on ATAP*	Arkansas sales tax permit holders	Arkansas	Arkansas ATAP* (state sales tax portal)	Arkansas DFA: Sales and use tax due dates	☐

September 2027

Due date	What is due	Who	Fed / AR	Tool	Source	Done
Fri, Sep 10, 2027	Tip reports for August: employees with $20+ in tips report them to you	Employers with tipped staff	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Fri, Sep 10, 2027	Monthly close for August finished and period locked (internal target, not a legal deadline)	Everyone	Internal	Checklists & Calendar		☐

Due date	What is due	Who	Fed / AR	Tool	Source	Done
Wed, Sep 15, 2027	Federal payroll tax deposit for August wages (monthly-schedule depositors)	Employers	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Wed, Sep 15, 2027	Third-quarter 2027 estimated tax (1040-ES, AR1000ES, C corporation); extended 1065 and 1120-S returns due	Owners, partnerships, S corporations	Federal & Arkansas	Mercury	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Wed, Sep 15, 2027	Arkansas withholding AR941M for August (monthly filers)	Arkansas employers	Arkansas	Gusto	Arkansas DFA: Withholding due dates	☐
Mon, Sep 20, 2027	Arkansas sales tax return for August (monthly filers), file and pay on ATAP*	Arkansas sales tax permit holders	Arkansas	Arkansas ATAP* (state sales tax portal)	Arkansas DFA: Sales and use tax due dates	☐

October 2027

Due date	What is due	Who	Fed / AR	Tool	Source	Done
Sun, Oct 10, 2027	Monthly close for September finished and period locked (internal target, not a legal deadline)	Everyone	Internal	Checklists & Calendar		☐
Tue, Oct 12, 2027	Tip reports for September: employees with $20+ in tips report them to you *Moved from Oct 10 (weekend/holiday)*	Employers with tipped staff	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Fri, Oct 15, 2027	Federal payroll tax deposit for September wages (monthly-schedule depositors)	Employers	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Fri, Oct 15, 2027	Extended Form 1040 and Form 1120 returns due	Filers who extended	Federal	Your tax preparer	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Fri, Oct 15, 2027	Arkansas withholding AR941M for September (monthly filers)	Arkansas employers	Arkansas	Gusto	Arkansas DFA: Withholding due dates	☐
Wed, Oct 20, 2027	Arkansas sales tax return for September (monthly filers), file and pay on ATAP*	Arkansas sales tax permit holders	Arkansas	Arkansas ATAP* (state sales tax portal)	Arkansas DFA: Sales and use tax due dates	☐
Wed, Oct 20, 2027	Q3 Arkansas sales tax return (quarterly filers only)	Quarterly sales tax filers	Arkansas	Arkansas ATAP* (state sales tax portal)	Arkansas DFA: Sales and use tax due dates	☐

Due date	What is due	Who	Fed / AR	Tool	Source	Done
Sun, Oct 31, 2027	Arkansas DWS Q3 unemployment contribution and wage report *Oct 31 is a Sunday; the DWS handbook does not say whether it moves. File by Friday, Oct 29 to be safe.*	Arkansas employers	Arkansas	Gusto	Arkansas Division of Workforce Services: Employer handbook	☐

November 2027

Due date	What is due	Who	Fed / AR	Tool	Source	Done
Mon, Nov 1, 2027	Form 941 for Q3 2027; FUTA deposit if over $500 *Moved from Oct 31 (weekend/holiday)*	Employers	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Wed, Nov 10, 2027	Tip reports for October: employees with $20+ in tips report them to you	Employers with tipped staff	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Wed, Nov 10, 2027	Monthly close for October finished and period locked (internal target, not a legal deadline)	Everyone	Internal	Checklists & Calendar		☐
Mon, Nov 15, 2027	Federal payroll tax deposit for October wages (monthly-schedule depositors)	Employers	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Mon, Nov 15, 2027	Arkansas withholding AR941M for October (monthly filers)	Arkansas employers	Arkansas	Gusto	Arkansas DFA: Withholding due dates	☐
Mon, Nov 15, 2027	Extended Arkansas AR1000F individual return due	Arkansas individuals who extended	Arkansas	Your tax preparer	Arkansas DFA: Individual deadlines and extensions	☐
Mon, Nov 15, 2027	Start year-end tax planning with your tax preparer; collect W-9s	Everyone	Internal	Your tax preparer		☐
Mon, Nov 22, 2027	Arkansas sales tax return for October (monthly filers), file and pay on ATAP* *Moved from Nov 20 (weekend/holiday)*	Arkansas sales tax permit holders	Arkansas	Arkansas ATAP* (state sales tax portal)	Arkansas DFA: Sales and use tax due dates	☐

December 2027

Due date	What is due	Who	Fed / AR	Tool	Source	Done
Fri, Dec 10, 2027	Tip reports for November: employees with $20+ in tips report them to you	Employers with tipped staff	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐

Due date	What is due	Who	Fed / AR	Tool	Source	Done
Fri, Dec 10, 2027	Monthly close for November finished and period locked (internal target, not a legal deadline)	Everyone	Internal	Checklists & Calendar		☐
Wed, Dec 15, 2027	Federal payroll tax deposit for November wages (monthly-schedule depositors)	Employers	Federal	Gusto	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Wed, Dec 15, 2027	C corporation fourth-quarter estimated tax installment	C corporations	Federal	Your tax preparer	IRS Pub. 509 (2027) draft	☐
Wed, Dec 15, 2027	Arkansas withholding AR941M for November (monthly filers)	Arkansas employers	Arkansas	Gusto	Arkansas DFA: Withholding due dates	☐
Mon, Dec 20, 2027	Arkansas sales tax return for November (monthly filers), file and pay on ATAP*	Arkansas sales tax permit holders	Arkansas	Arkansas ATAP* (state sales tax portal)	Arkansas DFA: Sales and use tax due dates	☐
Fri, Dec 31, 2027	Year-end inventory count; fixed-asset list; last payroll of the year reviewed	Everyone	Internal	QuickBooks Online		☐

January 2028

Due date	What is due	Who	Fed / AR	Tool	Source	Done
Tue, Jan 18, 2028	Fourth-quarter 2027 estimated tax (1040-ES and AR1000ES) *Moved from Jan 15 (weekend/holiday); Jan 15, 2028 is a Saturday and Jan 17 is a federal holiday, so this computes to Tue, Jan 18, 2028. Not yet published by the IRS; verify.*	Owners	Federal & Arkansas	Mercury	IRS: Estimated taxes	☐

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