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## How to Find Out if Your Nonprofit Is in Danger of Losing Tax-Exempt Status

In response to [our article earlier this month](#) on filing relief for smaller nonprofits facing automatic revocation of tax-exempt status, a number of people asked us if there is a list of the nonprofits at risk. The answer is yes; the list can be found on the IRS Web site.

The IRS warns, however, that nonprofits not on the list may also be in danger of losing their exemptions, particularly:

- "Subordinates in group rulings for which the parent has not filed a required group return"
- "Very small section 501(c)(3) public charities not required to file an application for exemption"
- "Other section 501(c) organizations not required to file an application for exemption"

... [Read more and link to the IRS list](#)

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## The Effect of the Economy on the Nonprofit Sector: A June 2010 Survey

Public charities and private foundations continued to take a beating during the first five months of 2010. Some 40 percent of participants in GuideStar's first nonprofit economic survey for 2010 reported that contributions to their organizations dropped between January 1 and May 31, 2010, compared to the same period a year earlier. Another 28 percent said that contributions had stayed about the same, and 30 percent stated contributions had increased.

"The Effect of the Economy on the Nonprofit Sector: A June 2010 Survey" presents these results and more. Among the other findings: Eight percent of respondents indicated that their organizations were in imminent danger of closing. ... [Read more](#)

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## IRS Updates, August 2010: IRS Workshops, Tax Forums, and Charitable Giving and Gaming Publications

The IRS is once again offering its workshops for small and mid-size 501(c)(3)s, invites exempt organizations to attend nationwide tax forums, and has published updates of its publications on (1) documentation and disclosure related to charitable contributions and (2) tax-exempt organizations and gaming.

IRS Exempt Organizations will be giving one-day workshops for small and mid-size charitable organizations in five cities between now and the end of the year:

- September 22-23, 2010—Southfield, Mich., hosted by Lawrence Technological University
- October 5-7, 2010—Cincinnati, Ohio
- October 20, 2010—Raleigh, N.C., hosted by the Institute for Nonprofits at NC State University
- October 21, 2010—Wilmington, N.C., hosted by QENO at University of North Carolina-Wilmington
- December 7-9, 2010—Phoenix, Ariz.

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