

## Tax Service Launches Online System for Companies

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The Federal Tax Service is launching a new nationwide online system on Jan.1 aimed to simplify interaction between corporate taxpayers and tax authorities, the service's chief Mikhail Mishustin said at a meeting with President Vladimir Putin on Monday.

The new service, which will allow companies to avoid direct contacts with tax collectors, pay their taxes online and access their personal records, has been tested on 500 companies for a year and now authorities are ready to launch it nationwide, Mishustin told the president, Interfax reported.

Tax authorities launched a similar service for individual taxpayers in 2012. During the first year of operation over 5 million individual taxpayers had registered their personal online accounts, while more that 2.5 million people had used the service to pay taxes totalling more than 2 billion rubles (\$60.8 million), Mishustin said.

Using the system "allows people not to visit a tax inspector's office and solve their needs with the help of such a user-friendly service," the chief tax official said at the meeting.

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