# Managing Your Debt Repayment Goals







## Setting Stronger Goals

- 1. Specifics of the Goal
- 2. Maintaining Progress





# 1) Specifics of the Goal

## Implementation Intensions







#### ORIGINAL LETTER

### **Employer Health Tax**

Requirement to File

Employer Health Tax: XXXX

If your Employer Health Tax Return has been filed, please disregard this notice.

We have not received your Employer Health Tax Annual Return(s) for the following calendar year(s):

31-Dec-2013

Your return was due on or before 15-Mar-2014. Please complete and file your return with full payment **immediately**. Interest and penalty charges will apply.

Your return must be filed **immediately** with full payment in order to prevent further interest charges to you or referral to the Collections Branch. *Continued failure to file the required return is a serious offence. If arrangements are not made to correct this situation, the ministry may file an estimated return including applicable penalties and interest for each period that is in default.* 

If you have any questions or require additional information, please visit our website or call the Ministry of Finance at the number listed below.

Enquiries	1 866 ONT-TAXS 1 866 668-8297	Fax	1 866 888-3850	
Teletypewriter (TTY)	1 800 263-7776	Internet	ontario.ca/finance	

#### EXPERIMENTAL LETTER

### Your Employer Health Tax Annual Return Is Overdue!

You must file immediately.

Employer Health Tax: XXXX

We have not received your Employer Health Tax Annual Return(s) for the following calendar year(s):

31-Dec-2013

Your return was due on or before 15-Mar-2014.

You must file your return(s) immediately with full payment to avoid further interest and penalty charges.

If you fail to deliver your return(s) by 2-May-2014, the Ministry of Finance will refer you to collections. This could have escalating legal consequences as failure to file a return is a serious offence.

### Here is what you need to do now and definitely before 2-May-2014:

- 1) File and pay your return(s) in full immediately:
  - a. By mail to Ministry of Finance, [Street Name, PO Box, City, State, Zip Code]
  - b. In person at selected [Government] centers, see [website address], and click "Visit a Centre"
  - c. If you already registered with [website name], log on with your [proprietary key name] at [website address]
- 2) Keep a copy for your records.

If you have filed your Employer Health Tax return, please disregard this notice.

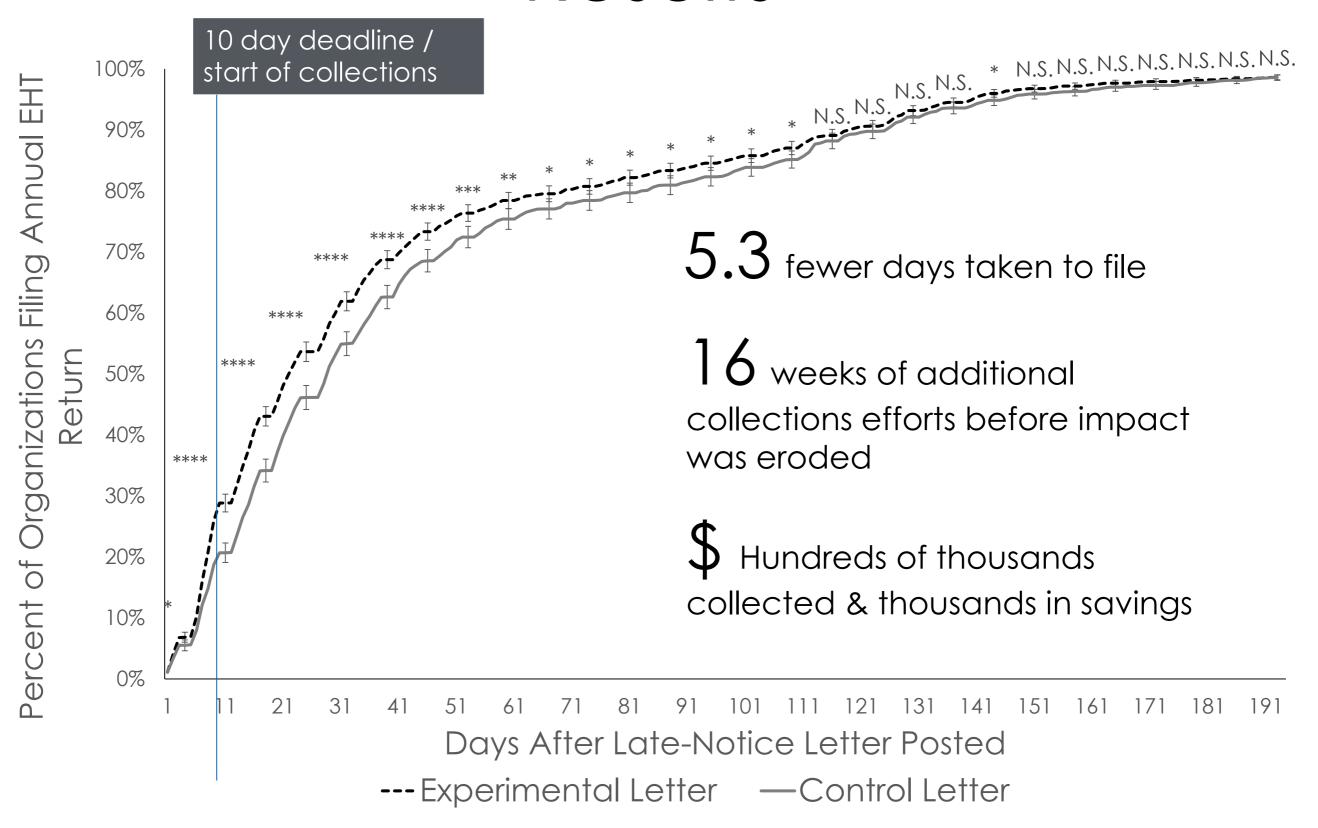
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Implementation Intention Prompts

How Where When

### Results



# Planning Prompts

 Motivate Action: Helps overcome procrastination



Effective over repeated exposures



3. Timing Matters!!





# 2) Maintaining Progress

# Licensing Effect







Good



Bad

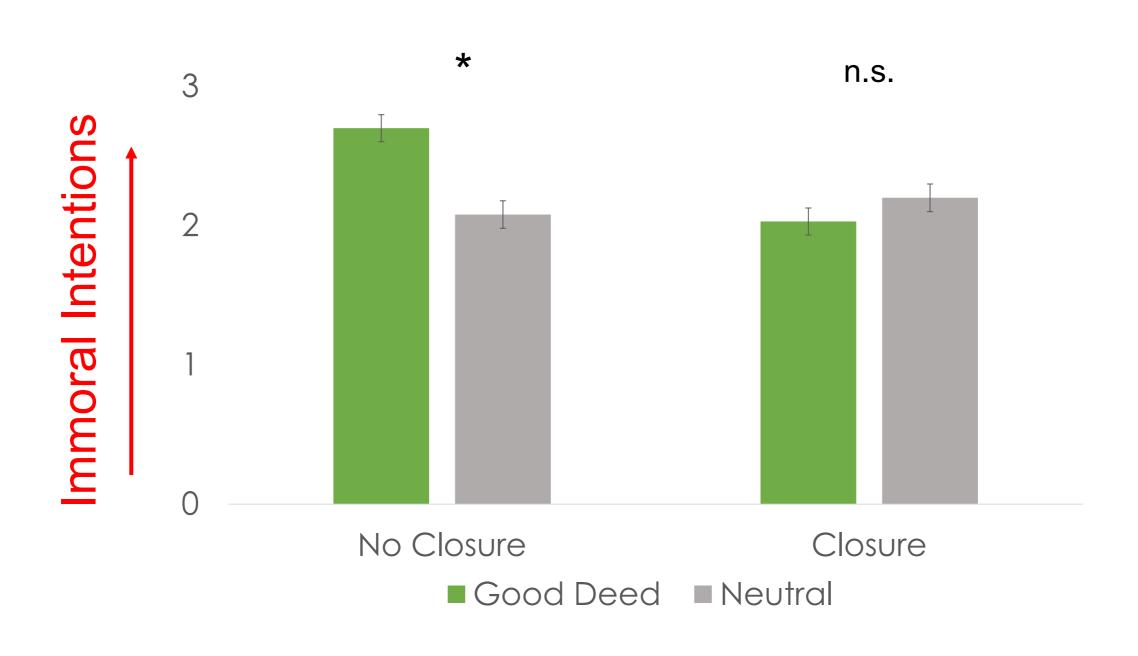
### Closure

- Sense that an experience is complete & part of the past
- Less accessible in memory & arouses fewer emotions



3. Less likely to guide one's subsequent behavior

## Effect of Closure on Licensing



## Achieving Closure



# Consistency











Good



## Thank You!



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