

Tax Refunds

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Each year as we prepare taxes for our clients, we get several phone calls asking about refunds and when they will receive them.

Generally, the IRS issues most refunds in less than 21 days for e-filed returns, but some may take longer. For a paper filed return, the refunds may take up to 6 weeks.

For individuals to check the status of their refund, they can go to www.irs.gov and click on the “Where’s My Refund” tool. This gives taxpayers access to their refund status at any time. To do this, all the taxpayer needs is internet access and three pieces of information:

- 1) Their Social Security Number
- 2) Their Filing Status (i.e. Single, Married Filing Joint, Married Filing Separately, Head of Household)
- 3) The exact whole dollar amount of their refund.

Taxpayers can start checking on the status of their return within 24 hours after the IRS received their e-filed return, or 4 weeks after they mail a paper return. The “Where’s My Refund” tool displays progress in three statuses: the IRS has received the tax return, then approves the refund, and then sends the refund. This system updates once every 24 hours.

Many states have similar “Where’s My Refund” tools that will let taxpayers check the status of their state refunds as well. Typically, the taxpayers will have to have similar information that is needed to check the federal refund.

If you have questions on any tax matter, please let our tax team know and we would be glad to assist you.

Thanks,

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