

When can I expect my refund?

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This is a common question we get as we prepare tax returns each year. Our answer is typically “it depends.” Generally, the IRS will issue most refunds within 21 days of the receipt of an e-filed tax return. Some refunds may take longer. Paper filed returns can 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 tax return and 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. “Where’s My Refund” displays progress in three statuses: the IRS has received the tax return, they have approved the refund, and the refund has been sent. 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 a question on any tax matter, please let our tax team know and we would be glad to assist you.

Thanks,

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