

Federal Tax Refund???

Use the 'Where's My Refund?' tool or IRS2Go app to check tax refund status

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today reminds taxpayers that the most convenient way to check on a tax refund is by using the "[Where's My Refund?](#)" tool at IRS.gov or through the [IRS2Go Mobile App](#).

Taxpayers can start checking their refund status within 24 hours after an e-filed return is received. In addition, "Where's My Refund?" provides a personalized date after the return is processed and a refund is approved.

Refund timing

While most tax refunds are issued within 21 days, some may take longer because the return requires additional review.

There are several reasons a tax refund may take long:

- The return may include errors or be incomplete.
- The return could be affected by identity theft or fraud.
- The return includes a claim for the Earned Income Tax Credit or Additional Child Tax Credit.
- The time between the IRS issuing the refund and the bank posting it to an account since many banks do not process payments on weekends or holidays.

The IRS will contact taxpayers by mail if more information is needed to process a return.

Fast and easy refund updates

Taxpayers can use "Where's My Refund?" to start checking on the status of their return within 24 hours after the IRS acknowledges receipt of an electronically filed return or four weeks after the taxpayer mails a paper return. The tool's tracker displays progress through three phases: (1) Return Received; (2) Refund Approved; and (3) Refund Sent. To use it a taxpayer must [enter](#) their Social security number or ITIN (Individual Taxpayer Identification Number) , their filing status and the exact whole dollar amount of their refund. The IRS updates "Where's My Refund?" once a day, usually overnight, so there's no need to check more frequently.

Calling IRS doesn't speed up refund timing

Calling the IRS won't expedite a tax refund. The information available on "Where's My Refund?" is the same information available to IRS telephone assistants.

Ignore refund myths

Some people mistakenly believe they can expedite their refund by ordering a tax transcript, calling the IRS or calling their tax preparer. Ordering a tax transcript will not help a taxpayer get their refund faster or find out when they'll get their refund.

Where's My Refund Iowa Return

Go to <https://tax.iowa.gov/wheres-my-refund>

Use *Where's My Refund* to check the status of individual income tax returns and amended individual income tax returns you've filed within the last year.

Be sure to use the same information used on your return: Social Security Number, Tax Year, and Refund Amount.

If you submitted your return electronically, please allow up to a week for your information to be entered into our system.

Information Provided

Information is updated in real-time. The information on *Where's My Refund*, available on our website or over the phone at 515-281-3114 or 800-367-3388, is the same information available to our Taxpayer Service representatives. Taxpayer Services will not be able to provide further information if you call.

Receiving Your Refund

When your return is complete, you will see the date your refund was issued. The anticipated time frame for refund processing is 30 days. Please check your refund status at ***Where's My Refund***.

The Department issues \$825 million in individual income tax refunds per calendar year. The majority of these refunds are issued before the end of May.

Various things can delay return processing. A few examples are mailing a paper return, not choosing direct deposit, having errors on a return, missing documentation, and returns identified for additional review.