

# Where's My Refund?

At IRS.gov the IRS has a function which allows taxpayers the ability to check the status of their refund claim using the "Where's My Refund?" tool on **IRS.gov** or the IRS2Go mobile app.

To use "Where's My Refund?," taxpayers will need the following:

- social security number or
- ITIN;
- filing status;
- The exact refund amount in whole dollars.

The "Where's My Refund?" tool should reflect the information 24 hours after the taxpayer e-files their return.

Those who file paper returns should expect extended delays as the IRS no longer processes paper tax returns as was done in the past as they reassigned or laid off most of their transcribers opting to focus more on the electronic filing system. Paper filing can take up to a year to process.

Taxpayers who have a mobile device can check their refund status by downloading the IRS2Go app.

Taxpayers log in to the app using the same information listed above.

According to the IRS, the fastest way to get your refund is to electronically file your return and request direct deposit of your refund.

The IRS issues most tax refunds within 21 days unless there are filing errors which might delay processing.

The primary reasons for delay are:

1. The return has errors or is incomplete,
2. The return is affected by identity theft or fraud, or

3. The return includes a claim for the Earned Income Tax Credit or Additional Child Tax Credit.

Additionally, it may take longer for a taxpayer to receive a refund due to the fact that some banks do not process payments (including IRS refunds) on weekends or holidays.

The IRS notes that claiming the Recovery Rebate Credit (RRC) on a tax return will not cause a delay in processing the return, however, it is important to claim the correct amount.

If the IRS needs to correct the RRC amount, processing the return and issuing the refund may be delayed while the IRS makes the correction.

A taxpayer's refund status will appear as follows:

- Return received (this message usually appears within 24 hours of the IRS accepting an e-filed return. It takes at least four weeks to appear for a mailed return;
- 2. Refund approved; or
- 3. Refund sent.

The IRS updates "Where's My Refund?" and IRS2Go once a day, overnight.

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