IRS Online Self Help

[https://www.irs.gov/tools](https://www.irs.gov/help/tools" \o "IRS website link)

* [Pay Your Tax Bill](https://www.irs.gov/payments)
* [Get Your Tax Record](https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript)
* [Get Your Refund Status](https://www.irs.gov/Refunds)
* [Apply for an Employer ID Number (EIN)](https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/apply-for-an-employer-identification-number-ein-online)
* [Preparer Tax ID Number (PTIN)](https://www.irs.gov/tax-professionals/ptin-requirements-for-tax-return-preparers)
* [Get Answers to Tax Questions](https://www.irs.gov/help/ita)
* [Individual Taxpayer ID Number (ITIN)](https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/individual-taxpayer-identification-number)
* [Apply for a Payment Plan](https://www.irs.gov/payments/online-payment-agreement-application)

IRS News

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom>

Get the most up-to-date changes, news, press releases, official statements and much more from the IRS newsroom.

Prepare for Tax Filing Season

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/steps-for-tax-filing-season>

* [How to File](https://www.irs.gov/taxonomy/term/18216)
* [When to File](https://www.irs.gov/taxonomy/term/18266)
* [Where to File](https://www.irs.gov/taxonomy/term/18291)
* [Your Information](https://www.irs.gov/taxonomy/term/18196)
* [Students](https://www.irs.gov/students-0)
* [Employees](https://www.irs.gov/employees-0)
* [Military](https://www.irs.gov/military-0)
* [Parents](https://www.irs.gov/parents-0)
* [Seniors & Retirees](https://www.irs.gov/seniors-retirees-0)

Tax Security and Identity Protection

[https://www.irs.gov/identity theft](https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/taxpayer-guide-to-identity-theft%20)

Information for individual and business taxpayers to help protect their tax data and identities in advance of the 2018 filing season.

* [Security Summit](https://www.irs.gov/privacy-disclosure/security-summit)
* [Taxes. Security. Together.](https://www.irs.gov/individuals/taxes-security-together)
* [Don’t Take the Bait](https://www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/dont-take-the-bait)

Filing your Federal Tax Return

<https://www.irs.gov/filing>

* [Free File](https://www.irs.gov/node/15857)
* [Do I Need to File?](https://www.irs.gov/node/6555)
* [Fix/Correct a Return](https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-1040x-0)
* [Get Your Tax Record](https://www.irs.gov/node/16729)
* [Employer Identification Number (EIN)](https://www.irs.gov/node/17090)
* [Decide Which Form You Should Use](https://www.irs.gov/node/9615)
* [Form 1040](https://www.irs.gov/node/16022)
* [Form 1040A](https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-1040a)
* [Form 1040-EZ](https://www.irs.gov/node/7548)
* [Federal Income Tax Guide for Individuals](https://www.irs.gov/node/15694)
* [Apply for Individual Taxpayer Identification Number](https://www.irs.gov/node/16698)

Refunds

[What to Expect for Refunds in 2017](https://www.irs.gov/refunds/what-to-expect-for-refunds-this-year)

In general, IRS issues most refunds in less than 21 days, although some require additional time. Taxpayers who claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) may experience a refund hold this year.  In accordance with the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act, the IRS cannot issue these refunds before mid-February. The IRS expects the earliest EITC/ACTC related refunds to be available in taxpayer bank accounts or debit cards **starting Feb. 27, 2018**, if they chose direct deposit and there are no other issues with the tax return.

Tax Tips

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-tax-tips>

Each year, IRS publishes a hundred or more plain-language Tax Tips designed to help taxpayers with their most common questions. Here are a few recent examples:

* [Individual Taxpayers: Seven Things to Do When an IRS Letter Arrives](https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/individual-taxpayers-seven-things-to-do-when-an-irs-letter-arrives)
* [Taxpayers Should do an End-of-Year Withholding Check-up](https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/taxpayers-should-do-an-end-of-year-withholding-check-up)
* [Taxpayers can use IRS Select Check tool before Donating on Giving Tuesday](https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/taxpayers-can-use-irs-select-check-tool-before-donating-on-giving-tuesday)
* [IRS has Resources for Veterans, Current Members of the Military](https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-has-resources-for-veterans-current-members-of-the-military)
* [Participating in the Sharing Economy Can Affect Taxes](https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/participating-in-the-sharing-economy-can-affect-taxes)
* [Taxpayers Can Explore Payment Options Any Time of the Year](https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/taxpayers-can-explore-payment-options-any-time-of-the-year)

YouTube

* [IRS YouTube Videos](http://www.youtube.com/user/irsvideos)
* [IRS American Sign Language (ASL) YouTube Channel](http://www.youtube.com/user/IRSvideosASL)
* [IRS Multilingual YouTube Channel](http://www.youtube.com/IRSvideosMultilingua)

Twitter

* [IRSnews](http://twitter.com/irsnews)
* [IRS Tax Professionals Twitter Page](http://www.twitter.com/irstaxpros)
* [IRSenEspanol](https://twitter.com/IRSenEspanol)
* [Twitter - Your Voice at the IRS](http://www.twitter.com/YourVoiceAtIRS)

IRS.gov language options

* Spanish: <https://www.irs.gov/es/spanish>
* Chinese: [**https://www.irs.gov/zh-hant/chinese**](https://www.irs.gov/zh-hant/chinese)
* Vietnamese: https://www.irs.gov/vi/vietnamese
* Korean: https://www.irs.gov/ko/korean
* Russian: <https://www.irs.gov/ru/russian>

IRS2Go

[IRS2GoApp](https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs2goapp)

IRS2Go is the official mobile app of the IRS. Check your refund status, make a payment, find free tax preparation assistance, sign up for helpful tax tips, and more! IRS2Go is available in both English and Spanish.

Affordable Care ACT (ACA)

<https://www.irs.gov/ACA>

The Affordable Care Act contains comprehensive health insurance reforms and includes tax provisions that affect individuals, families, businesses, insurers, tax-exempt organizations and government entities. These [tax provisions](https://www.irs.gov/affordable-care-act/affordable-care-act-tax-provisions1) contain important changes, including how individuals and families file their taxes. The law also contains benefits and responsibilities for other organizations and employers.

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Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief

Special tax law provisions may help taxpayers and businesses recover financially from the impact of a disaster when the federal government declares their location to be a major disaster area. Depending on the circumstances, the IRS may grant additional time to file returns and pay taxes. Both individuals and businesses in a federally declared disaster area can get a faster refund by claiming losses related to the disaster on the tax return for the previous year, usually by filing an amended return.

* [Get the Latest Tax Relief Guidance in Disaster Situations](https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-relief-in-disaster-situations)
* [Help for Disaster Victims](https://www.irs.gov/pub/newsroom/marketing/internet/help_for_disaster_victims_2011_mixdown.mp3)
* [Help During Disasters](https://www.irs.gov/tax-professionals/help-during-disasters)
* [Around the Nation](https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/around-the-nation)
* [FAQs for Disaster Victims](https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/faqs-for-disaster-victims)
* [Reconstructing Your Records](https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/reconstructing-records-after-a-natural-disaster-or-casualty-loss-irs-provides-tips-to-help-taxpayers)
* [Publication 2194, Disaster Resource Guide for Individuals and Businesses](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p2194.pdf) (PDF)
* [Help for Hurricane Victims: Information on Tax Relief, Charitable Issues](https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/help-for-victims-of-hurricanes-katrina-rita-and-wilma)

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