

I have just filed/done my taxes, what happens now?

If you filed, the current year's taxes then your taxes will be sent to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and/or State Department of Revenue electronically (e-filed).

*** Exceptions – When your taxes will be mailed instead of being e-filed:

- If you are filing your taxes after October 18,
- If they are previous year(s) taxes,
- If you are renewing or applying for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN),
- Other reason as explained by tax preparer.

If you are going to receive a refund, here are some things to keep in mind and that you should know:

- Federal and State refunds are not the same thing and will not usually arrive at the same time.
- Whether you get a federal and/or state income tax refund will depend on your specific tax situation and whether you paid enough taxes during the year. Sometimes you may get both refunds, sometimes you will get one but not the other and sometimes you will not get neither. As your tax preparer, I will let you know after completing your income tax return if you will receive a refund and if so the amount(s).
- It usually takes up to 21 days to receive your refund(s). More often than not, they/it will get sent to you sooner than that, especially if you elected to receive them/it via direct deposit to your bank.

*** Exceptions – When your refund may take longer to be sent to you:

- If you claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC), you can expect to get your refund by March 1 if:
 - You file your return online,
 - You choose to get your refund by direct deposit,
 - No issues were found with your return.
- Your refund may also be delayed if your return needs corrections or extra review. If the IRS and/or Department of Revenue need(s) more information to process your return, they will contact you by mail.
- If your taxes were mailed instead of e-filed, if they are taxes from previous years, or there are multiple processes involved (e.g., ITIN renewal/application, Amended tax return, etc.).
- If the return includes errors or is incomplete.
- You can check the status of your refund(s) at any time 24 hours after it was e-filed for current year taxes or about 4 weeks if you filed a paper return. To check the status of your refund(s):
 - For FEDERAL refund:
 1. Go to <https://www.irs.gov/refunds>
 2. Click <<Check your Refund>>,
 3. Select Tax Year (e.g., 2022, 2021, 2020, etc.),
 4. Enter Social Security Number or ITIN of primary taxpayer,
 5. Select your Filing Status (e.g., Single, Married Filing Joint Return, Head of Household, etc.),
 6. Enter exact FEDERAL Refund Amount (Line 35a from Form 1040)
 7. Click <<Submit>>
 - For COLORADO STATE Refund:
 1. Go to <https://www.colorado.gov/revenueonline/>
 2. In the "Refund Resources" section, Click on <<Where's My Refund for Individuals>>,
 3. In *Account Type*, select "Individual Income",
 4. In *IdType*, select "Social Security Number" or "ITIN",

5. In *SSN*, enter social security number or ITIN of primary taxpayer,
6. In *Refund Amount*, enter COLORADO refund amount (Line 36 from Form DR 0104),
7. Click <<Get My Refund>>.

*** Please use these tools to check the status of your refund(s) since they will provide you with the most accurate and up-to-date information. The IRS updates the tool once a day, usually overnight, so there's no need to check more often. Calling the IRS won't speed up a tax refund. The information available on Where's My Refund? is the same information available to IRS phone assistants.

If you owe the IRS and/or State money here are some things to keep in mind and that you should know:

- In order to avoid any penalties, interest and/or fees, taxpayers should file and pay any money owed in full to the IRS and/or State by April 18. This especially applies to those taxpayers who usually have to pay money instead of receiving a refund. Even if you request an extension, you are still expected to pay your balance(s) by April 18.
- You should always try to pay off as much of the balance(s) as you can before April 18 but if you cannot pay the balance(s) owed in full, you should request and set up a payment plan to avoid any further problems.
- The IRS and Department of Revenue offer several ways to make a payment which include online with debit/credit card (easiest); mailing a check/money order; through your account/portal (if you have created one) or by visiting one of their offices. I can help you make a payment and request a payment plan if necessary.

General Reminders:

Always check your mail for any correspondence and letters from the IRS and/or Department of Revenue since they will always provide updates and information about your taxes this way. If you receive a letter and do not understand it, feel free to contact me.

Unfortunately, even though I am your tax preparer, I will not know, nor will I be notified if the IRS and/or Department of Revenue send you a letter or correspondence nor what the letter or correspondence is about unless YOU let me know. If the IRS and/or Department of Revenue request more information and/or documentation to finish processing your tax return, they usually give you a specific deadline to provide them this information/documents that is why it is important to always check your mail so that there is enough time to respond.

My office is open year-round so if you need further assistance, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you with your income tax needs.

If you have questions or would like to contact the IRS regarding your federal income tax...

- General Information/Inquires: 800-829-1040 / 800-829-0922
- To schedule an appointment with local IRS office: 844-545-5640
- All ITIN inquiries: 800-908-9982

If you have questions or would like to contact the Colorado Department of Revenue regarding your state income tax...

- Taxpayer Helpline: 303- 238-7378