



# How long does it take to get an Income Tax Refund?

**Filing your tax return by computer** (electronically)? It takes less than 21 days after the IRS gets the tax return. This is the fastest way to get a refund. It's even faster if you ask the IRS to deposit your refund in your bank account.

**Mailing** your tax return? You get your refund within 6 weeks after the IRS gets your tax return **IF**:

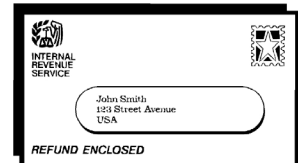
- Your tax return is correct **AND**
- The IRS doesn't have any questions **AND**
- It is for the current tax year

Is it an **Injured Spouse Claim**? It takes 8 to 14 weeks. Did you claim the **Child Tax Credit OR Earned Income Tax Credit**? Then the earliest the IRS will send the refund is February 15.

Do you have to **change (amend) a return** you already filed? Then you **can't** file by computer. Changed (amended) returns take 90 days.

## Can I check to see if my refund has been mailed?

Yes. On the internet go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and click on "Where's My Refund?" **OR** call the Refund Hotline at **1-800-829-1954**.



Have this information ready:

- Your Social Security number
- Your filing status - head of household, single, married filing jointly, etc.
- Exactly how much the refund is

**How soon can you check?** If you file by computer, wait at least 24 hours. If you mail your return, wait at least 4 weeks.

Is your refund taking longer? We can help you. Our help is **FREE** and the call is **FREE**.

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