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send you your tax refund either by mail or by direct deposit? We've got the answer.

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For the 2019 version of this article, “How fast can you get your 2019 income tax refund,” — Click here: <https://www.cpapracticeadvisor.com/12437211>

If you're one of the millions of Americans who are asking, “When can I expect my income tax refund?” we have the answer. It depends on a couple of things, but the good news is that there are several tools to help find out.

[For the 2018 IRS estimated income tax refund schedule, go here: [www.cpapracticeadvisor.com/12370552](http://www.cpapracticeadvisor.com/12370552)].

[For the latest information on deductions and tax brackets in the 2018 GOP tax reform, go to this article: [www.cpapracticeadvisor.com/12387105](http://www.cpapracticeadvisor.com/12387105)]

First of all, taxpayers who use a professional, such as a CPA or EA, can ask that professional for an estimated date. Taxpayers who've already filed can also go to the [Internal Revenue Service's website](#), which has a tool designed specifically for that called, “[Where's My Refund?](#)”

There are also [apps for Apple, Android and other devices](#) that help track refund status.

Note: The IRS will start processing most returns on January 24, but will not start processing returns with the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) until Feb. 15, 2017.

## IRS Accepts Between These Dates Direct Deposit Sent Paper Check Mailed

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is usually for those who file in the last week before the April 15 deadline.

The chart above provides a general estimate of when taxpayers can expect their refund, based on date filed and type of refund payment.

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