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In 2017, many Americans who were waiting on their income tax refunds had to wait a few extra weeks. For some, the wait was even longer. The reason? The IRS was implementing new processing rules to help verify certain types of tax credits and to help decrease fraud related to those credits.

Most delayed refunds were for those claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC or EIC), the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) or the American Opportunity Credit

(AOC). Starting in 2017, the IRS mandated that it would not start issuing refunds to

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yourself tax programs. Filing early can greatly speed up the refund process, even if there is a delay in issuing refunds for those with the EITC or ACTC.

2018 Income Tax Refund Schedule

IRS Accepts Return Between These Dates		IRS Issues Direct Deposit or Check
Jan 12	Jan 21	Feb 2
Jan 19	Jan 28	Feb 9
Jan 26	Feb 4	Feb 16
Feb 2	Feb 11	Feb 23
Feb 9	Feb 18	Mar 2
Feb 16	Feb 25	Mar 9
Feb 23	Mar 4	Mar 16
Mar 2	Mar 11	Mar 23
Mar 9	Mar 18	Mar 30
Mar 16	Mar 25	Apr 6
Mar 23	Apr 1	Apr 13
Mar 30	Apr 8	Apr 20
Apr 6	Apr 15	Apr 27
Apr 13	Apr 22	May 4
Apr 20	Apr 29	May 11
Apr 27	May 6	May 18
May 4	May 13	May 25
May 11	May 20	Jun 1

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