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## WHEN

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If you're one of the millions of Americans who are asking, "Why haven't I gotten my 2017 income tax refund yet?" we have the answer. If your refund was delayed because of the Earned Income Tax Credit or the Child Tax Credit (EITC or CTC), the IRS says it has started processing them and they should start being direct deposited the week of February 27.

Refund timelines also depend on a couple of other things, but the good news is that there are several tools to help find out.

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 started processing most returns on January 24 in 2017, but did not start processing returns with the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) until Feb. 15, 2017. If you filed early, this is probably the reason for the delay.

Here's the chart:

## IRS Accepts Between These Dates Direct Deposit Sent

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3/17/17	3/24/17	Friday 3/31/17
3/24/17	3/31/17	Friday 4/7/17
Friday 3/31/17	Friday 4/7/17	Friday 4/14/17
Friday 4/14/17	Friday 4/14/17	Friday 4/21/17
Friday 4/21/17	Friday 4/21/17	Friday 4/28/17
Friday 4/28/17	Friday 4/28/17	Friday 5/5/17
Friday 5/5/17	Friday 5/5/17	Friday 5/12/17
Friday 5/12/17	Friday 5/12/17	Friday 5/19/17
Friday 5/19/17	Friday 5/19/17	Friday 5/26/17
Friday 5/26/17	Friday 5/26/17	Friday 6/2/17
Friday 6/2/17	Friday 6/2/17	Friday 6/9/17
Friday 6/9/17	Friday 6/9/17	Friday 6/16/17
Friday 6/16/17	Friday 6/16/17	Friday 6/23/17
Friday 6/23/17	Friday 6/23/17	Friday 6/30/17
Friday 6/30/17	Friday 6/30/17	Friday 7/7/17
Friday 7/7/17	Friday 7/7/17	Friday 7/14/17
Friday 7/14/17	Friday 7/14/17	Friday 7/21/17
Friday 7/21/17	Friday 7/21/17	Friday 7/28/17
Friday 7/28/17	Friday 7/28/17	Friday 8/4/17
Friday 8/4/17	Friday 8/4/17	Friday 8/11/17
Friday 8/11/17	Friday 8/11/17	Friday 8/18/17

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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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