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## Dates

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Jan. 29, 2018

The IRS started processing returns on January 29. 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.

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?](#)"

[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) or our index of articles about the tax reform law: [www.cpapracticeadvisor.com/12390237](http://www.cpapracticeadvisor.com/12390237)].

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

Note: The IRS will not start processing returns with the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) until mid-February 2018.

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

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Friday 2/9/18

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The IRS will begin processing tax returns on January 29, 2018, for income earned in

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deadline in 2018 is April 17 because April 15 falls on a Sunday and April 16 is a holiday in Washington D.C.)

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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