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Waiting on your tax refund? Wondering: "Where's my refund? (Or) Where's 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. (This article was updated on Feb. 18, 2018.)

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.

The IRS started processing most returns on January 29, but 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**

1/29/18	2/2/18	Friday 2/9/18	Friday 2/9/18
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The IRS began processing tax returns on January 29, 2018, for income earned in 2017. In general, the IRS says that returns with refunds are processed and payments issued within 21 days. For paper filers, this can take much longer, however. The IRS and tax professionals strongly encourage electronic filing.

How quickly a taxpayer receives a refund also depends on when they file and

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