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With the government shutdown over and the IRS back in business, it's time to do your taxes. If you're one of the millions of Americans who can't wait to get your hands on your refund, we can tell you how soon you will probably get that refund. (See the chart below.)

The tax reform law officially kicked in on January 1, 2018, but the taxes you file from January through April 15, 2019 will be the first time most Americans see the actual impact of the tax reform law. See the chart below for an estimated date.

## Will You Get a Bigger Income Tax Refund in 2019?

Maybe, maybe not. For many, there may be no effect on their refund, particularly if they adjusted their tax withholding throughout the year. The average worker **was**

**forecast** to see \$1,000-\$2,000 per year in tax savings (the higher amount for those

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## When Will You Get Your 2019 Income Tax Refund?

This is the question you probably came here for. Those with the **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)** or **Child Tax Credit (CTC)** are also likely to have their forms delayed, since the IRS pays special attention to these credits, which have been abused in past years.

This chart shows an estimated timeline for when a taxpayer is likely to receive their refund. If yours is delayed, use the "**Where's My Refund?**" tool on the IRS website – Or download the **IRS2Go app** to check your refund status.

### "When Can I Expect My 2019 Income Tax Refund?"

IRS Accepts Between These Dates	===== Direct Deposit Sent (Or Check Mailed)	
		*
1/28/19 – 2/1/19	Friday 2/8/19	
2/4/19 – 2/8/19	Friday 2/15/19	**
2/11/19 – 2/15/19	Friday 2/22/19	**
2/18/19 – 2/22/19	Friday 3/1/19	
2/25/19 – 3/1/19	Friday 3/8/19	
3/4/19 – 3/8/19	Friday 3/23/19	***
3/11/19 – 3/15/19	Friday 3/30/19	
3/18/19 – 3/22/19	Friday 4/5/19	
3/25/19 – 3/29/19	Friday 4/12/19	

\* = IRS may delay tax filing season by one week or more due to changes in tax law.

\*\* = Returns with EITC or CTC may have refunds delayed until late February to verify

credits.

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4/26/19	5/10/19
4/29/19 – 5/3/19	Friday 5/17/19
5/6/19 – 5/10/19	Friday 5/24/19
5/13/19 – 5/17/19	Friday 5/31/19
5/20/19 – 5/24/19	Friday 6/7/19
5/27/19 – 5/31/19	Friday 6/14/19
6/3/19 – 6/7/19	Friday 6/21/19

**IMPORTANT:** If you file electronically (using an online tax program or preparer), the IRS will notify you of the actual date they “accepted” your return. This is often 1-3 days from the time you actually hit the “file” button, and it is this date that you need to use for the above chart.

Taxpayers who mail their income tax return can expect at least a 3-4 week delay at the front-end of the process, as the return has to be digitized before it can be processed.

## Be Safe – Hire a Professional

Taxpayers who use a professional, such as a CPA or EA, can ask that professional for the estimated date of their tax refund, and they can be more confident that their taxes have been properly (and legally) filed.

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

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