

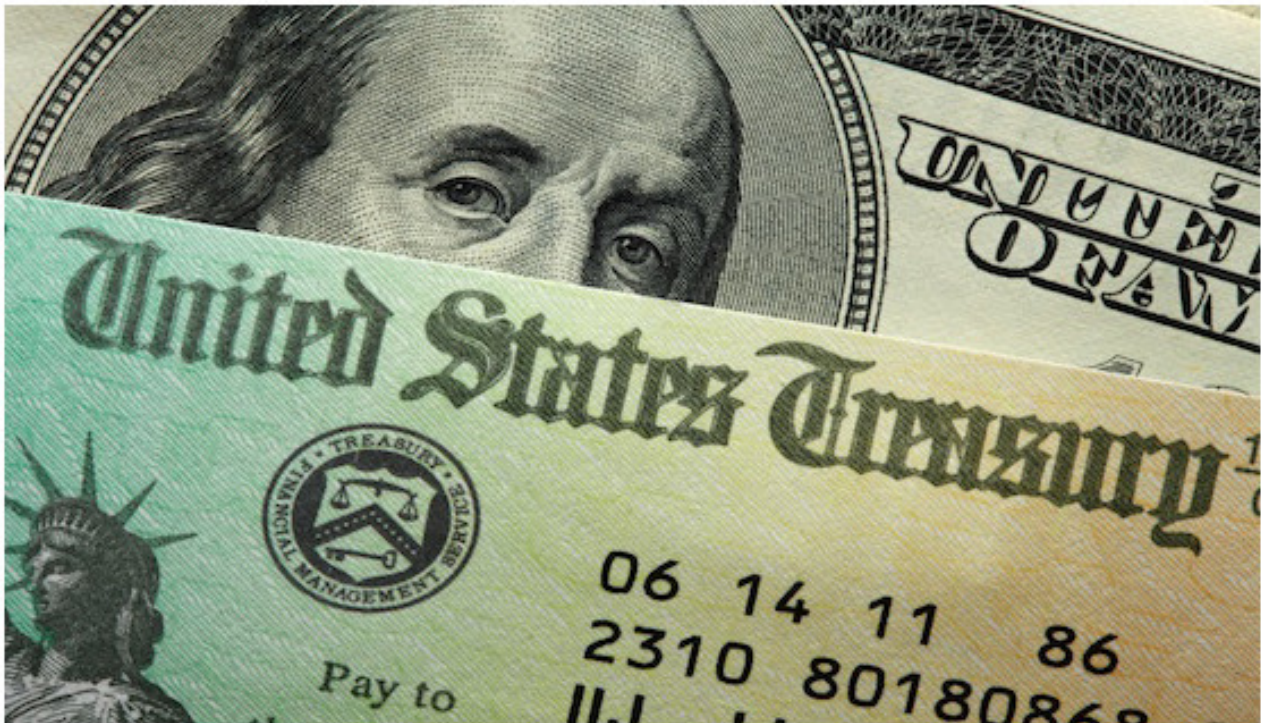
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## Dates

April 15 is almost here. This simple chart shows estimated timeline for when you may receive your refund. If yours is delayed, use the "Where's My Refund?" tool on the IRS website.

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The April 15 IRS deadline is almost here, and if you haven't done so yet, you'd better start working on your taxes.

### Will My 2019 Income Tax Refund Be Larger or Smaller?

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. And you may have heard that refunds are smaller for

some Americans this year. If your employer properly adjusted your tax withholding

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working taxpayers will realize the same results.

## When Will I Get My 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)** may have had their forms delayed, since the IRS pays special attention to these credits, which have been abused in past years. Below is a chart

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)

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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	

4/1/19 – 4/5/19 ===== Friday

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	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 –	Friday
5/31/19	6/14/19
6/3/19 – 6/7/19	Friday
	6/21/19

**\* = 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.\*\*\* = Filing during peak season can result in slightly longer waits.**

**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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