

What to Expect When Expecting a Refund

E-filing your tax return with TaxAct is easy, fast and secure. After completing the Q&A interview, TaxAct checks your return for errors and guides you through the simple e-file steps. TaxAct then transmits your encrypted tax return to the IRS over secure lines. With e-file and direct deposit, you'll receive your maximum guaranteed IRS refund the fastest way possible.*

STEP 1

Prepare your taxes easy and fast.

Regardless of whether you have simple or complex taxes, TaxAct makes it easy. We'll guide you through hundreds of deductions and credits to help you get your maximum refund – all you have to do is answer simple questions and follow the instructions. TaxAct does the calculations for you and alerts you of missing information and tax-saving opportunities you may have missed.



STEP 2

E-file your taxes for the fastest refund.

For guaranteed accuracy and to get your maximum IRS refund* the fastest way possible, e-file your TaxAct return and have your refund direct deposited into your checking or savings account. If you owe taxes, you can still e-file now and schedule your payment before the tax filing deadline.

STEP 3

TaxAct sends your return to the IRS.

Security is a top priority for us at TaxAct. We partner with the IRS and state authorities to implement safeguards to protect your account, including using a secure connection for immediate processing when we transmit your return to the IRS.



STEP 4

The IRS processes your tax return.

The IRS processes most tax returns within 48 hours of receiving them. If you provided your email address or cell phone number in the filing steps of TaxAct, we'll notify you as soon as your return is processed. You can also check the status of your e-filed return by signing in to your TaxAct account or at efstatus.taxact.com.

Stages of your tax return status.

Return Received

The IRS is processing your tax return.

Return Approved

The IRS approved your tax return. This generally takes a few days but it can take longer. This means the IRS is preparing your refund to be sent to your financial institution or you.

Refund Sent

The IRS has sent your refund to your financial institution or mailed your check. It may take the financial institution 1 to 5 days to deposit the funds into your account, and it can take several weeks to receive a check.

STEP 5

The IRS issues your refund.

Upon your return being accepted by the IRS, the IRS will approve and issue your refund along with the expected refund date. Historically, the IRS has issued refunds within 21 days upon receiving your tax return from TaxAct.

For more information, please refer to IRS Publication 2043 found at www.irs.gov. Please note, the IRS does not share refund status information with tax preparation companies (including TaxAct). To get the status of your state refund, check with your state agency. State refund times vary.

