



Where's My Refund?

Use this tool to check your refund. Your refund status will appear around:

- 24 hours after you e-file a current-year return
- 3 or 4 days after you e-file a prior-year return
- 4 weeks after you file a paper return

Check your refund

Information is updated once a day, overnight.

What you need

- Your Social Security or individual taxpayer ID number (ITIN)
- Your filing status
- The exact refund amount on your return

Check your refund

Prefer a mobile app? You can also check your refund with [IRS2Go](#).

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To check an amended return, visit [Where's My Amended Return?](#)

How it works

Where's My Refund shows your refund status:

- Return Received – We received your return and are processing it.
- Refund Approved – We approved your refund and are preparing to issue it by the date shown.

- Refund Sent – We sent the refund to your bank or to you in the mail. It may take 5 days for it to show in your bank account or several weeks for your check to arrive in the mail.

Before you file a second tax return

Filing the same tax return again typically won't speed up your refund and could cause delays.

You should resubmit your tax return, electronically if possible, **only** if **all** of these apply:

- You are due a refund
- You filed on paper more than 6 months ago
- Where's My Refund doesn't show that we received your return.

When to call us

Call us about your refund status only if Where's My Refund recommends you contact us.

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If your refund is delayed

Your refund may be delayed if your return needs corrections or extra review. If we need more information to process your return, we'll send you a letter.

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