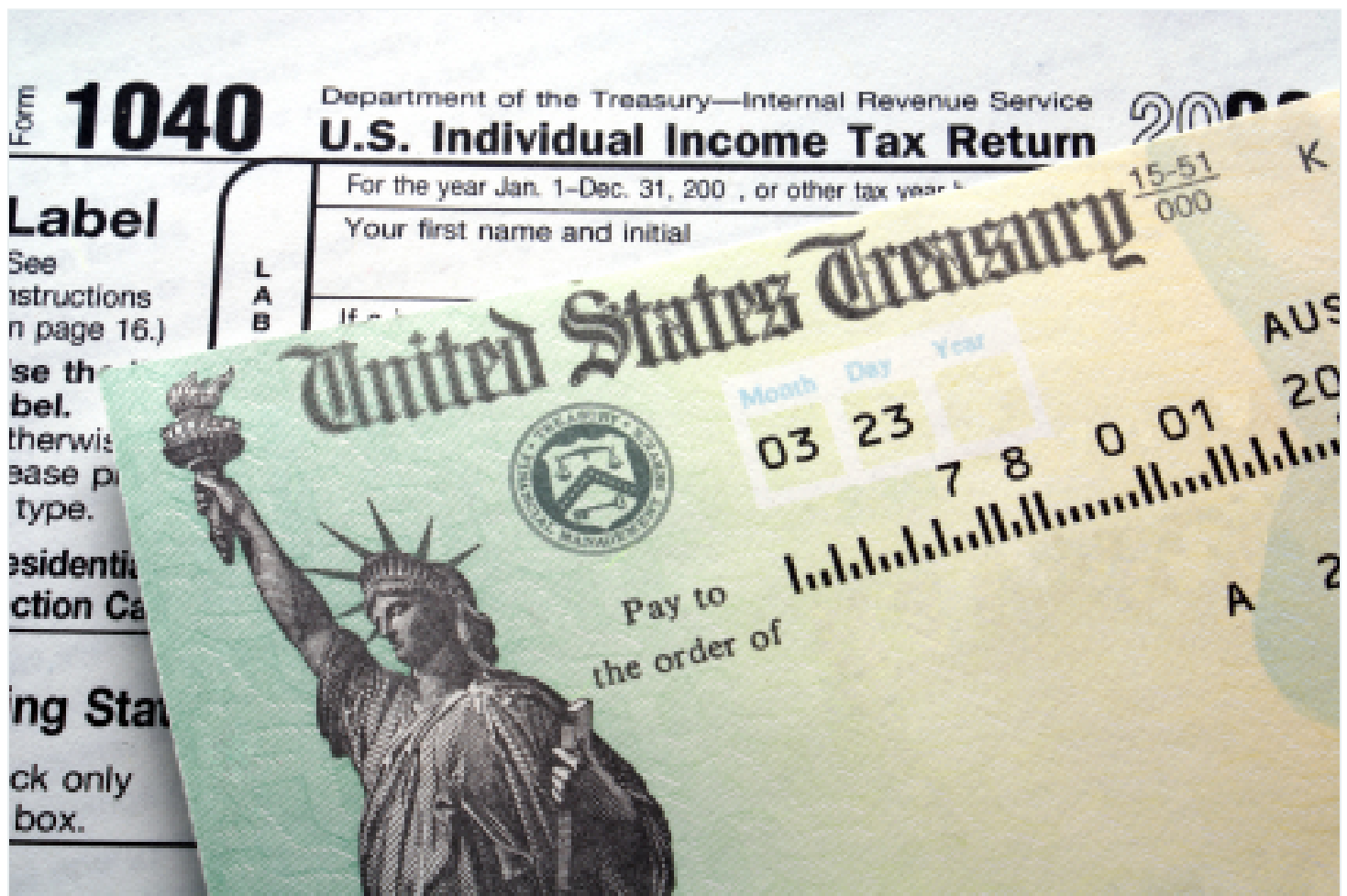


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Tax season has begun, and millions of Americans are wondering when they might receive their income tax refund. That means they will likely be Googling it, or asking their tax pros.

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 taxpayers see the actual impact of the tax reform law. See the chart below for an estimated date for refund checks and electronic deposits.

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**Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) will have refunds delayed until at least late February**, 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 a return 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.

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

4/1/19 – 4/5/19 ===== Friday

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

**IMPORTANT:** If a taxpayer files 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 status.

**Note:** The IRS started processing most returns on January 29, but will not start

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**\$1,000-\$2,000 per year in tax savings** (the higher amount for those with children). If you did not adjust the amount of taxes you have withheld from your paycheck, it could result in a larger refund. But for those who did make the adjustment, the result should have been about \$20-\$40 more per week in their paycheck. Many factors affect your tax rate and refund, so not all working taxpayers will realize the same results.

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