

Acknowledgement and General Information for Taxpayers Who File Returns Electronically

Thank you for participating in IRS *e-file*.

Taxpayer Name

Taxpayer Address (optional)

1. Your federal income tax return for _____ was filed electronically with the _____ Submission Processing Center. The electronic filing services were provided by _____.
2. Your return was accepted on _____ using a Personal Identification Number (PIN) as your electronic signature. You entered a PIN or authorized the Electronic Return Originator (ERO) to enter or generate a PIN for you. The Declaration Control Number (DCN) assigned to your return is _____.
3. Your return was accepted on _____. Please allow 4-6 weeks for the processing of your return. The Earned Income Credit or a dependent's exemption on your return may be reduced or disallowed due to a child's name and social security number mismatch.
4. Your refund or part of your refund may be offset due to a debt owed to the Internal Revenue Service, the Office of Child Support Enforcement, or other government agency.
5. Your electronic funds withdrawal payment was accepted.
6. Your electronic funds withdrawal payment was not accepted. You must pay the balance due by the prescribed due date. You may see your payment options in the "If You Owe Tax" section.
7. Your Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, was accepted on _____. The Declaration Control Number (DCN) assigned to your extension is _____.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND A PAPER COPY OF YOUR RETURN TO THE IRS. IF YOU DO, IT WILL DELAY THE PROCESSING OF THE RETURN.

If You Need to Make a Change to Your Return

If you need to make a change or correct the return you filed electronically, you should send a Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, to the IRS submission processing center that processes paper returns for your area. The address is available at www.irs.gov, or you can call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040.

If You Need to Ask About Your Refund

The IRS notifies your Electronic Return Originator (ERO) when your return is accepted, usually within 48 hours. If your return was not accepted, the IRS notifies your ERO of the reasons for rejection. If it has been more than three weeks since the IRS accepted your return and you have not received your refund, go to www.irs.gov and click on "Where's My Refund" to view your refund status. Exception: If box 3 above is checked, please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing of your return. A notice will be sent to you advising of changes to your return.

Also, you can call the TeleTax line at 1-800-829-4477, for automated refund information. You should have available the first social security number shown on your return, your filing status, and the exact amount of the refund you expect. TeleTax gives you the date for mailing or depositing your refund. You should receive your refund check within 30 days of the date given by TeleTax, or within one week of that date, if you chose direct deposit. If you do not receive it by then, or if TeleTax does not give your refund information, call the Refund Hotline at 1-800-829-1954.

The IRS uses refunds to cover overdue taxes and notifies you when this occurs. The Financial Management Service (FMS) offsets refunds through the Treasury Offset Program (TOP) to cover past due child support, federal agency non-tax debts such as student loans and state income tax obligations. FMS sends you an offset notice if it applies your refund or part of your refund to non-tax debts. If you have questions about the offset, contact the agency identified in the notice. You may also call the Treasury Offset Program Call Center at 1-800-304-3107, if you have additional questions.

If You Owe Tax

If your return has a balance due, you must pay the amount you owe by the prescribed due date. If you paid by electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) or by credit card, no voucher is needed. To use your credit card or debit card to pay by phone or Internet, you may call, 1-888-PAY-1040 (1-888-729-1040) or 1-800-2PAY-TAX (1-800-272-9829), or visit www.PAY1040.com or www.officialpayments.com. You may use a VISA® card, American Express® Card, Discover Card® or MasterCard® card. The service providers, based on the amount you are paying, will charge a convenience fee. The fees may vary between providers. You will be told the amount of the fee during the transaction and you will be given the option to either continue or end the transaction. To learn more about credit or debit card payment options, visit www.irs.gov keyword *e-pay*.

If you are not paying electronically, you may use the Form 1040-V, Payment Voucher. You will receive the payment voucher in the mail or you can obtain it from your Electronic Return Originator. If the IRS does not receive your payment by the prescribed due date, you will receive a notice that requests full payment of the tax due, plus penalties and interest. If you can not pay the amount in full, complete Form 9465, Installment Agreement Request, which you may file electronically. To apply for an installment agreement online, go to www.irs.gov. You may also order Form 9465 by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). If approved, the IRS charges a user fee to set up an installment agreement.

If You Need to Inquire About Your Electronic Funds Withdrawal Payment

You may call 1-888-353-4537, to inquire about the status of an electronic funds withdrawal payment. If there is a change to the bank account information included on your return, you should call this number to cancel a scheduled payment. You should have available the social security number of the first person listed on the tax return, the payment amount, and the bank account number. Cancellation requests must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. Eastern time, two business days prior to the scheduled payment date.

Refund Anticipation Loans

A refund anticipation loan is money borrowed from a lender based on the refund you expect to receive. This loan is a contract between you and a lender. The IRS is not associated with this contract, nor does it grant or deny the loan. **If you have questions about a refund anticipation loan, contact your Electronic Return Originator or the lender.**

Instructions to Electronic Return Originators

Line 2 - PIN Presence Indicator - Check box 2 if the taxpayer entered a PIN or authorized the ERO to enter or generate the PIN for the taxpayer, and the Acknowledgement File PIN Presence Indicator is a 1, 2, or 3. Form 8879, IRS *e-file* Signature Authorization, is required if the ERO enters or generates the PIN or if the Practitioner PIN method is used. **Use Form 8453, U.S. Individual Income Tax Transmittal for an IRS *e-file* Return, to send required paper forms or supporting documentation listed next to the form check boxes (do not send Forms W-2, W-2G, or 1099-R).**

Line 3 - Exception Processing - Check box 3 if the Acknowledgement File Acceptance Code equals "E." The acceptance code indicates that this return has been previously rejected and this subsequent submission still has invalid data.

Line 4 - Debt Code - Check box 4 if the Acknowledgement File Debt Code equals "I", "F", "B", or "N". The "I" in the debt code indicates that a debt was found on the IRS File for this return. The "F" indicates that a debt was found on the FMS File for this return. The "B" indicates that a debt was found on both the FMS and IRS Files for this return. The "N" indicates that no debt was found on either the FMS or IRS Files.

Line 5 - Payment Acknowledgement Literal - Check box 5 if the taxpayer requested to use electronic funds withdrawal to pay the balance due, and the Acknowledgement File Payment Acknowledgement Literal field equals "PYMNT RQST RECD."

Line 6 - Payment Acknowledgement Literal - Check box 6 if the taxpayer requested to use electronic funds withdrawal to pay the balance due, and the Acknowledgement File Payment Acknowledgement Literal field does not equal "PYMNT RQST RECD." If box 6 is checked, inform the taxpayer that he/she must pay by check, money order, debit card, or credit card.

Note: EROs can use the Acknowledgement File information, translated by the transmitter, to complete Form 9325.
