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2013 Minnesota income tax filing season begins today

Department of Revenue encourages taxpayers to choose direct deposit for a faster refund

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The income tax filing season kicks off today. The Minnesota Department of Revenue will accept individual income tax returns for tax year 2013. Taxpayers will have until April 15 to file their tax returns.

We urge taxpayers to:

- Direct deposit your refunds. You can choose to have your refund electronically deposited into your checking or savings account when filing your return.
- Electronically file your tax return to help reduce errors, which can lead to a bigger refund.

Electronically filing and choosing direct deposit can mean a quicker refund. Did you know 73 percent of taxpayers receiving refunds chose direct deposit last year?

“Direct deposit is a safe, easy, fast way to get your refund,” said Terri Steenblock, Assistant Commissioner for Individual Taxes. “I use direct deposit and I enjoy the convenience of getting a refund twice as fast as a paper check refund.”

Other tax filing tips:

- You can make your payment electronically and pick when you want the payment submitted. For more information about making your payment electronically, please visit our [website](#).
- A list of software products for electronically filing is on our [website](#).
- Find income tax instruction booklets on our website or at a library.
- Get free tax assistance. Depending on income, some taxpayers may qualify to e-file for free. Visit the [Minnesota Department of Revenue website](#) or the [IRS website](#) for more information.
- File taxes on time. The due date for filing state returns is Tuesday, April 15, 2014.
- If you owe, you can file electronically now and schedule your electronic payment any time before April 15.
- Beware of Refund Anticipation Loans (RAL) offered by some tax preparers. They usually charge very high interest rates.
- Access the [Department's website](#) for additional information on tax filing requirements, instructions, and answers to frequently asked questions.

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