

## News Release

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### **2014 Minnesota income tax filing season begins today**

*Department of Revenue encourages taxpayers to file electronically and choose direct deposit for a faster refund*

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** – The income tax filing season kicks off today. The Minnesota Department of Revenue will now accept individual income tax returns for tax year 2014. Taxpayers will have until April 15 to file their tax returns.

We urge taxpayers to:

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

Electronically filing and choosing direct deposit can mean a quicker refund. Did you know 85 percent of taxpayers e-filed last year? And 4 out of 5 taxpayers receiving refunds chose direct deposit?

“Electronically filing your return is the most convenient option; e-filed returns and refunds are processed twice as fast as paper-filed returns,” said Revenue Commissioner Cynthia Bauerly. “E-filing and direct deposit are the safest, easiest, most accurate way to receive your 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](#).
- Have all of the tax-related information you use to prepare your taxes ready before you file.
- [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 Wednesday, April 15, 2015.
- 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.
- [Visit our website](#) for filing requirements, instructions, and answers to frequently asked questions.
- Want to check the status of your refund? [You can check it any time you want on our website](#) or by calling 651-296-4444 or 1-800-657-3676.

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