



## News Release

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## **Income tax filing season opens today**

**ST PAUL, Minn.** – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that Minnesota taxpayers can begin filing their state income tax returns today, Tuesday, January 19, 2016. For the benefit and convenience of Minnesota taxpayers, this is also the same date that the Internal Revenue Service will begin accepting federal income tax returns.

### **Electronic Filing and Direct Deposit**

Choosing electronic filing and direct deposit is the most secure way to get your refund. Last year, over 2 million Minnesota taxpayers used electronic software to file their taxes. Visit our website to see the list [tax software providers](#) that are certified to submit electronically filed returns with the department.

Direct deposit is an easy and convenient way to get your refund. You can put your banking information on your tax return and get your refund deposited into your bank account and not have to worry about receiving your refund check in the mail. Direct deposit is available to you whether you file your return electronically or by mail. Check out our website to learn more about the benefits of choosing [direct deposit](#).

### **Track Your Refund**

This tax season you will be able to track where your refund is in the process by using our improved [Where's My Refund?](#) system.

You will be able to track which of the four stages your refund is in and whether you need to take any action to allow us to complete the processing of your refund. You will see the date your refund was issued when it is finished processing. View our video to [learn more about the improved system](#).

### **Fraud Prevention**

The department takes protecting your personal information and your tax refund very seriously. We work to combat identify theft-related tax fraud by taking the time necessary to review and

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verify the information on all tax returns to make sure the right refund goes to the right person. Visit our website to learn more about our [efforts to protect your information](#).

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