# How can I pay my taxes?

## e-pay Your Taxes!

- e-file and e-pay at the same time balance due returns by authorizing an electronic funds withdrawal from your checking or savings account. Most payments can be scheduled for withdrawal on a future date up to the return due date, and its FREE.
- Paying by credit card is available to many taxpayers (electronic and paper filers) making balance due or estimated tax payments. Services are provided through private sector companies who charge a fee.
- Enroll in the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) for FREE. EFTPS is recommended for making recurring estimated tax and Installment Agreement payments. You can schedule one-time or recurring payments for withdrawal from your bank account.



consider it done





## What is IRS e-file?

IRS *e-file* is the fast, easy, and more accurate way to complete and send your tax returns electronically. You can prepare your tax returns using your favorite software or on-line service, or have a tax professional prepare and e-file your return for you. Whether for your personal tax return or your business, just e-file and you're done.

## What are the Benefits?

Over half of all tax returns are filed electronically – and the number continues to grow. Are you among the millions of Americans reaping the benefits of e-file?

#### Fast! Easy! Convenient!

- You can get a refund in half the time as paper filers do and even faster with Direct Deposit.
- You can sign electronically and file a completely paperless return.
- You will receive an electronic proof of receipt within
  48 hours that the IRS received your return.
- You can electronically pay your taxes by authorizing an electronic funds withdrawal from your checking or savings account or by credit card.
- You can prepare and file your federal and state returns together and double the benefits you get from e-file.

#### **Accurate! Secure!**

- IRS computers quickly and automatically check for errors or other missing information.
- The error rate for e-filed returns is less than 1 percent.
- The chance of being audited does not differ whether you e-file or file a paper tax return.
- The IRS does not share taxpayer information with anyone, nor does the IRS have access to bank account or credit card numbers.

## How can I e-file?

#### **Tax Professional**

## IRS *e-file* Using an Authorized IRS *e-file* Provider



Many tax professionals electronically file tax returns for their clients. As a taxpayer, you have two options:

- You can prepare your return, take it to a tax preparer, and have the preparer transmit it electronically to the IRS, or
- You can have a tax professional prepare your return and transmit it for you electronically.

Tax preparers can charge a fee to provide IRS *e-file*. Fees may vary depending on the preparer and the specific services rendered.

## **Personal Computer**

## IRS e-file Using a Personal Computer



You can file your income tax return in a fast, easy, and convenient way using your personal computer. A computer with a modem or Internet access and tax preparation software are all you need. Best of all, you can e-file from the comfort of your home 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

IRS-approved tax preparation software is available for online use on the Internet, for download from the Internet, and in retail stores. Visit **www.irs.gov** for details.

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