

Dept. of Revenue: Kicks off tax season

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Tax Deadline: April 15, 2019

MADISON – Wisconsin’s tax season, like the federal tax season, officially begins today. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) expects filing activity will be brisk, particularly the first few weeks and the last few weeks of the season. This year’s individual income tax filing deadline is Monday, April 15. DOR would like to remind taxpayers not to file until they have all their tax documents. Having to file an amended return later will significantly delay a refund.

“Most tax filers are filing their returns electronically, and we are pleased to see that because it’s more secure and almost always results in a faster refund,” says Wisconsin Department of Revenue Secretary Peter Barca. “Of the more than three million individual income tax returns the department received last year, just under 87% percent were filed electronically,” Secretary Barca noted.

People may use the free, fast and accurate [Wisconsin E-file](#) online tool to file their state income taxes, or they may choose to use [third-party software from an approved vendor](#). Like other online tools, Wisconsin E-file does the required math to prevent errors and allows direct deposit or withdrawal from a bank account.

“Providing excellent customer service is very important to us,” notes Secretary Barca. “We encourage taxpayers with questions to [submit them online](#) or call DOR’s individual customer service line at 608.266.2486.”

Taxpayers will find a number of helpful resources available on DOR’s website

at www.revenue.wi.gov including:

- a list of [free tax help sites](#) across Wisconsin and more information about them
- an online application that will [check the status of your refund](#)
- a [mobile app](#) available free of charge from the Apple or Android app stores
- DOR's [video center](#) with information on e-filing, free tax help and tax credits

As in previous years, DOR cannot issue refunds until March 1, if it cannot verify wage and withholding information from employers.