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## **E-File to Receive Your Refund Faster**

*Wisconsin Department of Revenue Launches Tax Filing Season*

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) is officially launching the start of the individual income tax season. Revenue officials encourage you to file your income tax return electronically before the April 15 deadline to get your refund faster.

"Our mission is to make taxpaying easier, and e-filing is a great way to make sure it is done quickly and correctly," said Secretary Richard G. Chandler. "So many people do business online today, and that is why we work so hard to make e-filing simple and easy. When you e-file, you get a confirmation that we received your return, and you can get your refund in just days."

Wisconsin is a national leader in e-filing. DOR expects three million income tax returns this year and more than 80% of those will be e-filed.

### **E-File for Free**

DOR offers free e-filing for state tax returns from its secure, confidential website 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Go to the [DOR website](#) and click on the WI-eFile button to get started.



Wisconsin e-file:

- Offers Wisconsin fill-in tax forms that do the math to help prevent errors,
- Is secure and confidential – your taxpayer information is protected,
- Sends a confirmation once a return is electronically submitted and received, and
- Allows you to link to e-filing options for your federal income taxes by clicking on “web-based filing.”

You can have your refund deposited directly into your bank account within days when you e-file. Returns can take longer if they are selected for review or require adjustment. If you owe taxes, you can also use direct withdrawal. Simply e-file your taxes now and choose a date to pay your taxes on or before April 15, 2013.

### **What You Need to E-file**

- Your federal income tax return
- All documents about income you received during the year, including W-2s and 1099s
- Legal names and social security numbers of everyone you’ll include on your return
- Charitable donations
- Property tax bill or rent certificate, if claiming Homestead Credit
- Bank account information for direct deposit or withdrawal

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## DOR New Mobile App

While you're at our website filing your taxes through WI-eFile, make sure to check out our new WI Revenue mobile app! The WI Revenue mobile app allows you to use many of our popular online services, including:

- **Look Up Your Refund** - check the status of your state tax refund
- **Look Up Your Estimated Payments** - see your estimated payments information
- **Free Tax Help (VITA)** - get information about free tax help through the VITA/TCE programs
- **Contact Us** - find out how to contact us when you need help



Below is additional information to help taxpayers throughout the filing season:

### Filing Deadline

The deadline to file your 2012 tax return is **April 15, 2013**.

### Free Tax Assistance

DOR has a variety of helpful videos on its website at [revenue.wi.gov](http://revenue.wi.gov). We have both instructional and informational videos to help you with your tax filing questions.

Call 211 to find a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) site in your area. VITA/TCE sites help low-to-moderate income residents, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities prepare their tax returns for free.

The individuals who help prepare your tax return at the VITA site are trained volunteers. Taxpayers can get help with questions or e-filing their returns at more than 200 sites across the state found in community centers, libraries, churches, shopping malls and retirement homes. Most VITA sites will be open until the end of the tax season.

You'll need to bring the documents below to the volunteer tax site:

- ✓ Photo IDs for you and your spouse
- ✓ Social security cards for everyone you will include on your tax return
- ✓ All documents about the income you received during the year  
(Examples: wage statements, interest and dividend statements, retirement statements, social security statements, mortgage interest statement)
- ✓ Signed rent certificate or property tax bill if you will file for Homestead Credit
- ✓ Your bank account numbers if you want refunds deposited into your account (example: bring a deposit slip)
- ✓ Any other tax documents  
(Examples: property tax receipts for any property taxes paid in 2012, tuition statement, closing agreement for home purchased or sold in 2012)

**IMPORTANT:** *Your spouse must come with you if you are married and filing jointly.*

### Tax Forms Online

E-filing is the easiest, most secure way to file your income tax return. If you choose to file on paper, all of the state 2012 income tax forms are available online at [revenue.wi.gov](http://revenue.wi.gov). Click on *Forms* on our homepage, or click on *Individuals* from our homepage. Paper forms are also available at most libraries and [DOR offices](#).

## Form 1099-G Available Online

You can access your Form 1099-G using DOR's secure, confidential website application. Form 1099-G provides your annual state tax refund information from last year, which you need if you itemize deductions on your federal tax return. DOR is providing this information online to make it easier for you to look up information when you e-file your return.

## What's New for the 2012 Tax Season

Below are some of the tax law changes that may impact your 2012 income tax return:

- **Medical Care Insurance Deduction:** You may deduct up to 100% of the amount you paid for medical insurance if you had no employer in 2012. If your employer covered part of the cost of your insurance in 2012, you may subtract 45% of the amount you paid for that insurance.
- **Tuition:** The amount you can claim for tuition and mandatory student fees for you, your spouse (if married and filing a joint return), and your dependent children has increased to \$6,543.
- **Child and Dependent Care Expenses:** You can now subtract \$1,500 for one child (or \$3,000 for more than one child) for child and dependent care expenses.
- **Relocation and Job Creation Incentives:** If you are the sole proprietor of a business that relocated to Wisconsin or created full-time jobs in 2012, a subtraction from income may be allowed. For more information see our fact sheets [online](#) at [revenue.wi.gov](http://revenue.wi.gov) under the Tax Incentives for Businesses link.
- **New Credits:** Three new credits are available – the biodiesel fuel production credit, the electronic medical records credit, and the veteran employment credit.
- **Dairy Cooperative Credit:** Members of a dairy cooperative who were allocated a dairy cooperative credit for 2012 may first claim that credit on their 2013 return.
- **Deferral of Capital Gain:** You may defer tax on long-term capital gains if the money is reinvested in certain Wisconsin businesses. For more information, see our [fact sheet](#) online.

## Check On Your Refund

You can check on your refund 24 hours a day, seven days a week at your convenience using our automated refund line and website. These options give the same information that our customer service representatives use to check the status of your refund.

### Website

[revenue.wi.gov](http://revenue.wi.gov)

Click on *Look Up: Refund* on the Individuals tab

### By Telephone

608-266-8100

414-227-4907

Toll Free: 866-WIS-RFND (866-947-7363)

## Customer Service Numbers

### DOR Customer Service

[revenue.wi.gov](http://revenue.wi.gov)

Individuals: (608) 266-2486

Businesses: (608) 266-2776

### DOR Refund Inquiry

Madison: (608) 266-8100

Milwaukee: (414) 227-4907

Toll-free: (866) 947-7363

### Internal Revenue Service (federal)

[www.irs.gov/](http://www.irs.gov/)

1-800-829-1040

### Find a Free Tax Assistance Site

Call 211 from anywhere in the state to find a free tax assistance site in your area