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Tax filing deadline less than a month away
Taxpayers urged to file electronically to expedite processing

SANTA FE — New Mexico income tax returns for the 2023 tax year are due on Monday, April 15, 2024.

Taxpayers can check the status of their returns and refunds by creating an account on the Department's Taxpayer Access Point (TAP) at tap.state.nm.us or by using the "Where's My Refund" tool (no account needed).

If a taxpayer's account notes that their return is pending, the Department has received the return and is processing it. Taxpayers should not submit another return. Doing so will delay the processing of the return and any refund that is due.

Processing of refunds can take up to 12 weeks, though many are received more quickly. Paper returns filed by mail take longer to process than e-filed returns.

New this year is a state Child Tax Credit that can be worth up to \$600 per qualifying child. The refundable credit gradually decreases in value as income rises. This new credit is expected to return an estimated \$180 million total to 292,000 families statewide.

A variety of other refundable rebates and credits are available to low- and moderate-income New Mexicans that can substantially reduce tax liability and increase refunds. Taxpayers should be sure to read the Personal Income Tax instructions carefully to see if they qualify for such programs as the Working Families Tax Credit, the Low-Income Comprehensive Tax Rebate and others.

Even New Mexicans who aren't required to file an income tax return because they are below the IRS income threshold may find it beneficial to file a state return. Refundable credits and rebates such as the Property Tax Rebate for low-income seniors and the Medical Care Credit may result in tax refunds even for residents who have had no tax withheld during the year.

The special rebates and relief payments issued by the Department in 2023 do not need to be declared as income for New Mexico income tax purposes. However, the rebates may have federal income tax implications for taxpayers who itemize on their federal returns rather than claiming the standard federal deduction.

Those taxpayers who itemize on their federal return should have received a form 1099-G from the Department with the amount of their rebates and any state tax refunds.

Taxpayers are encouraged to file electronically, either through a commercial service or directly on the Department's Taxpayer Access Point (TAP) website. Filing electronically results in faster refunds.

The Department does sometimes reach out to taxpayers by mail to verify Personal Income Tax returns to combat identity theft. It will not contact taxpayers by phone unsolicited, except when conducting collection efforts.

Taxpayers contacted by mail to verify their returns can often submit the information requested using the Department's Taxpayer Access Point self-service portal by following the instructions provided in the letters.

Personal Income Tax forms and instructions are available at tax.newmexico.gov in the Income Taxes folder on the Forms & Publications page. Paper forms are available in Taxation and Revenue district offices and in many libraries throughout the state.

In Albuquerque, forms are available in the lobby of the Department's Copper Pointe Office at 10500 Copper Ave. NE. Forms also may be ordered by calling 1-866-285-2996.

Tax preparation help for low-income New Mexicans is available through the AARP and Tax Help New Mexico, along with some senior citizen centers and social service agencies. The AARP-Foundation can be reached at <http://aarpfoundation.org/taxaide>. Tax Help New Mexico can be reached at 505-224-5997.

A list of other agencies that provide filing assistance is available at tax.newmexico.gov. The Department's Taxpayer Access Point can be reached by scanning the QR code below.

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The Department strives to reduce taxpayer burden through clearer communication, statutes, regulations, forms, correspondence and instructions.

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