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### **INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX SEASON FOR ELECTRONIC FILING NOW OPEN: ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

The Arizona Department of Revenue is reminding Arizona taxpayers that the 2017 electronic tax filing season officially began this week.

Enhancing customer service is a core objective of the department, with e-filing and direct deposit being two areas intended to help taxpayers more easily and securely file income taxes during the 2017 tax season.

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

Choosing electronic filing and direct deposit is the most secure and efficient way to get a refund.

Last year, more than 2.6 million Arizona taxpayers used electronic software to file their taxes – an increase of close to 4.5 percent from 2015's e-filings. In 2016, it took an average of about 8 days for individual e-filed income tax refunds to be processed, compared to an average of over 14 days for refunds from paper filings.

Visit our [website](#) to see the list of 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.

Arizona also offers fillable forms that are online versions of tax forms designed for taxpayers who prefer to prepare their own returns. Arizona forms and instructions are available to print at [www.azdor.gov](http://www.azdor.gov).

## **Free File Alliance**

Arizona Free File Alliance is a public-private partnership between the Arizona Department of Revenue and a consortium of tax preparation software companies. Participating tax software companies use individual criteria to determine which taxpayers are eligible; most eligible Arizona taxpayers have a lower-income, are active duty military, EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit) eligible, seniors, or students.

Arizona Free File Alliance allows taxpayers to choose from multiple free file offerings and directs them to a private company's website where they can use the free service to prepare and file their returns electronically. To take advantage of this program start by using this [link](#) on the Arizona Department of Revenue website.

**A reminder the deadline for individual income tax returns is April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**, due to April 15<sup>th</sup> falling on a Saturday, and Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> being an observed holiday in Washington D.C. for District of Columbia Emancipation Day.

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