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### **Wisconsin citizens filing early, electronically** *Department of Revenue reminds taxpayers of e-file options, tax assistance available*

MADISON – With six weeks to go in the individual income tax filing season, Wisconsinites are filing earlier than last year and more are taking advantage of the benefits of electronic filing.

Electronic filing is the quickest, most accurate way to file tax returns and receive refunds. Through February 28, nearly 960,000 state tax returns had been e-filed, of a total 1.09 million received. This time last year, 1.03 million returns had been filed. The average state refund this year to date is \$667.



“We are encouraged that so many Wisconsinites are filing early and choosing the convenience of electronic filing,” said Revenue Secretary Roger M. Ervin. “While filing tax returns isn’t something most of us look forward to, our new e-file option and expanded taxpayer assistance make the process simple and ensure people receive their refunds as quickly as possible this tax season.”

E-filing provides refunds in as few as five business days, deposited directly to a savings or checking account. “Wisconsin e-file”, a new, free e-file option available through the Department’s website, has had over 86,000 users since its launch in mid-January.

E-filing is also available through off-the-shelf products and private vendor websites, through professional tax preparers, and at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) sites across the state. VITA and TCE locations offer free tax return preparation assistance to taxpayers for whom paid assistance may be out of reach. For the nearest location, call “211.”

Taxpayer assistance is available at certain public library branches, by calling (608) 266-2772, and at [www.revenue.wi.gov](http://www.revenue.wi.gov).

Taxpayers seeking information about their refund status can find out instantly through two automated services – online at [www.revenue.wi.gov](http://www.revenue.wi.gov), click “Check Your Refund” and by calling toll-free 1-866-WIS-RFND. Please allow one week for e-filed returns and 12 weeks for paper returns before checking refund status.

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