



# How To File Your Ohio Income Tax Electronically

File Electronically → Pay Electronically → Receive Your Refund Electronically



## Ohio I-File

Use your computer to file your Ohio individual and school district income tax returns.

Ohio I-File guides you through a series of questions and information requests. Based upon the information you provide, I-File computes your refund or balance due and electronically submits the tax information. I-File provides you with a transcript of the tax information that you submitted and gives you a filing confirmation number. **Using this service is free.** See [tax.ohio.gov](http://tax.ohio.gov).



## IRS e-file

Use your tax software to file

your tax returns or ask your tax preparer for assistance.

IRS e-file is a way to file your return electronically with the IRS and Ohio. You can prepare your own return and e-file it through an approved software program or you can have your return prepared and transmitted by an authorized tax professional. Depending on the tax professional and the specific services requested, **a fee may be charged.** More information, including a free federal e-filing program for qualified individuals, is available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

## Electronic Payments and Refunds

### Pay by Electronic Check or Credit Card

Why not eliminate writing a check if you have tax due? Simply make your payment by using an **electronic check**. You can use this option to pay your tax due for your 2016 Ohio income tax return and/or school district income tax return. You can also use an **electronic check** to file and pay your 2017 estimated income tax (Ohio IT 1040ES) and/or your estimated school district income tax (SD 100ES). Find out how at [tax.ohio.gov](http://tax.ohio.gov).

### Direct Deposit Your Refund

Direct deposit is fast, simple, safe and secure. File your return electronically and use the direct deposit refund option to have your refund deposited automatically into your checking or savings account as well as an Individual Retirement Account or Annuity (IRA), or a pre-existing program administered by the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority (OTTA). For details, visit our Web site at [tax.ohio.gov](http://tax.ohio.gov).

Most electronic filers receive their refunds in approximately 15 business days by direct deposit!

The Ohio Department of Taxation will continue to distribute instruction booklets to libraries and other governmental agencies.

For form requests:

- Visit our Web site at [tax.ohio.gov](http://tax.ohio.gov); OR
- Call the 24-hour form request line at 1-800-282-1782.