

The Benefits Of E-Filing

Every year, more taxpayers discover the benefits of filing their tax return electronically. Whether you use a professional tax preparer authorized by the IRS or do it yourself on a home computer, there are many reasons to consider e-filing your tax return this year.

- **Fast.** No more last minute trips to the Post Office - just hit Send!
- **Accurate.** The electronic filing program checks for errors and necessary information, increasing the accuracy of your return and reducing the need for correspondence with the IRS to clarify errors or omissions.
- **Easy.** The computer software leads you step-by-step. You can usually file a state tax return at the same time you electronically file your federal return.
- **Quicker Refunds.** Generally, when you file electronically, your refund will be issued in about half the time it would take if you filed a paper return. Those who choose direct deposit will get their refund in even less time.
- **Peace of mind.** Once the return is accepted for processing, the IRS electronically acknowledges receipt of the return.
- **Payment options.** With electronic filing, you can file your return early but wait to pay any balance due by the April deadline. You can also pay electronically, using a credit card, electronic funds withdrawal or, in some cases, the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System.
- **Request your Telephone Excise Tax Refund.** E-file can be used to request this refund.

For more information on e-filing, check the IRS Web site at IRS.gov. You will also find a withholding calculator and worksheet, along with Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, on the Web site. You may also get Form W-4 from your employer or by calling the IRS at 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).