IRS refund schedule 2027

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Estimated federal refund dates for 2026 tax returns filed in 2027, by the week the IRS accepts your e-filed return. Most e-filed returns with direct deposit are refunded within 21 days of acceptance. Assumes the season opens about Jan 25, 2027.

IRS accepts your e-filed return	Direct deposit	Paper check	With EITC or ACTC, direct deposit
Jan 25 – Jan 31	Feb 4 – Feb 21	Feb 9 – Mar 3	Mar 2 – Mar 5
Feb 1 – Feb 7	Feb 11 – Feb 28	Feb 16 – Mar 10	Mar 2 – Mar 5
Feb 8 – Feb 14	Feb 18 – Mar 7	Feb 23 – Mar 17	Mar 2 – Mar 7
Feb 15 – Feb 21	Feb 25 – Mar 14	Mar 2 – Mar 24	Mar 2 – Mar 14
Feb 22 – Feb 28	Mar 4 – Mar 21	Mar 9 – Mar 31	Mar 4 – Mar 21
Mar 1 – Mar 7	Mar 11 – Mar 28	Mar 16 – Apr 7	Mar 11 – Mar 28
Mar 8 – Mar 14	Mar 18 – Apr 4	Mar 23 – Apr 14	Mar 18 – Apr 4
Mar 15 – Mar 21	Mar 25 – Apr 11	Mar 30 – Apr 21	Mar 25 – Apr 11
Mar 22 – Mar 28	Apr 1 – Apr 18	Apr 6 – Apr 28	Apr 1 – Apr 18
Mar 29 – Apr 4	Apr 8 – Apr 25	Apr 13 – May 5	Apr 8 – Apr 25
Apr 5 – Apr 11	Apr 15 – May 2	Apr 20 – May 12	Apr 15 – May 2
Apr 12 – Apr 18	Apr 22 – May 9	Apr 27 – May 19	Apr 22 – May 9

Paper returns: six to eight weeks or more after the IRS receives them. EITC and ACTC refunds can't be released before mid-February (PATH Act). Errors, identity checks and offsets for debts can delay any refund.

Check your status: irs.gov/refunds (SSN, filing status and exact refund amount needed).

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