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2012 IRS e-file Refund Cycle Chart

Based on when your return was accepted by the IRS, the **projected date** your refund will be direct deposited or mailed is shown on the chart below. This date is based on normal processing and assumes your return does not require further review. If your return does require review and additional information is needed, you will receive a notice. For the most up-to-date information on your refund, go to www.irs.gov and click on [Where's My Refund?](#) to check on any changes to the projected date shown below.

IRS accepts your return (by 11:00 am) between...	Projected Direct Deposit Sent*	Projected Paper Check Mailed*
Jan 17 and Jan 18, 2012	Jan 25, 2012	Jan 27, 2012
Jan 19 and Jan 25, 2012	Feb 1, 2012	Feb 3, 2012
Jan 26 and Feb 1, 2012	Feb 8, 2012	Feb 10, 2012
Feb 2 and Feb 8, 2012	Feb 15, 2012	Feb 17, 2012
Feb 9 and Feb 15, 2012	Feb 22, 2012	Feb 24, 2012
Feb 16 and Feb 22, 2012	Feb 29, 2012	Mar 2, 2012
Feb 23 and Feb 29, 2012	Mar 7, 2012	Mar 9, 2012
Mar 1 and Mar 7, 2012	Mar 14, 2012	Mar 16, 2012
Mar 8 and Mar 14, 2012	Mar 21, 2012	Mar 23, 2012
Mar 15 and Mar 21, 2012	Mar 28, 2012	Mar 30, 2012
Mar 22 and Mar 28, 2012	Apr 4, 2012	Apr 6, 2012
Mar 29 and Apr 4, 2012	Apr 11, 2012	Apr 13, 2012
Apr 5 and Apr 11, 2012	Apr 18, 2012	Apr 20, 2012
Apr 12 and Apr 18, 2012	Apr 25, 2012	Apr 27, 2012
Apr 19 and Apr 25, 2012	May 2, 2012	May 4, 2012
Apr 26 and May 2, 2012	May 9, 2012	May 11, 2012
May 3 and May 9, 2012	May 16, 2012	May 18, 2012
May 10 and May 16, 2012	May 23, 2012	May 25, 2012
May 17 and May 23, 2012	May 30, 2012	Jun 1, 2012
May 24 and May 30, 2012	Jun 6, 2012	Jun 8, 2012
May 31 and Jun 6, 2012	Jun 13, 2012	Jun 15, 2012
Jun 7 and Jun 13, 2012	Jun 20, 2012	Jun 22, 2012
Jun 14 and Jun 20, 2012	Jun 27, 2012	Jun 29, 2012
Jun 21 and Jun 27, 2012	Jul 4, 2012	Jul 6, 2012
Jun 28 and Jul 4, 2012	Jul 11, 2012	Jul 13, 2012

IRS accepts your return (by 11:00 am) between...	Projected Direct Deposit Sent*	Projected Paper Check Mailed*
Jul 5 and Jul 11, 2012	Jul 18, 2012	Jul 20, 2012
Jul 12 and Jul 18, 2012	Jul 25, 2012	Jul 27, 2012
Jul 19 and Jul 25, 2012	Aug 1, 2012	Aug 3, 2012
Jul 26 and Aug 1, 2012	Aug 8, 2012	Aug 10, 2012
Aug 2 and Aug 8, 2012	Aug 15, 2012	Aug 17, 2012
Aug 9 and Aug 15, 2012	Aug 22, 2012	Aug 24, 2012
Aug 16 and Aug 22, 2012	Aug 29, 2012	Aug 31, 2012
Aug 23 and Aug 29, 2012	Sep 5, 2012	Sep 7, 2012
Aug 30 and Sep 5, 2012	Sep 12, 2012	Sep 14, 2012
Sep 6 and Sep 12, 2012	Sep 19, 2012	Sep 21, 2012
Sep 13 and Sep 19, 2012	Sep 26, 2012	Sep 28, 2012
Sep 20 and Sep 26, 2012	Oct 3, 2012	Oct 5, 2012
Sep 27 and Oct 3, 2012	Oct 10, 2012	Oct 12, 2012
Oct 4 and Oct 10, 2012	Oct 17, 2012	Oct 19, 2012
Oct 11 and Oct 17, 2012	Oct 24, 2012	Oct 26, 2012
Oct 18 and Oct 24, 2012	Oct 31, 2012	Nov 2, 2012
Oct 25 and Oct 31, 2012	Nov 7, 2012	Nov 9, 2012
Nov 1 and Nov 7, 2012	Nov 14, 2012	Nov 16, 2012
Nov 8 and Nov 14, 2012	Nov 21, 2012	Nov 23, 2012
Nov 15 and Nov 21, 2012	Nov 28, 2012	Nov 30, 2012
Nov 22 and Nov 28, 2012	Dec 5, 2012	Dec 7, 2012
Nov 29 and Dec 5, 2012	Dec 12, 2012	Dec 14, 2012
Dec 6 and Dec 12, 2012	Dec 19, 2012	Dec 21, 2012
Dec 13 and Dec 19, 2012	Dec 27, 2012	Dec 31, 2012
Dec 20 and Dec 26, 2012	Jan 3, 2013	Jan 7, 2013

Refund Inquiries

You can check the status of your refund 72 hours after IRS acknowledges receipt of your e-filed return. For the fastest information go to www.irs.gov and click on [where's my refund?](#)

Or, download the free IRS2Go app to your Apple iPhone or iTouch, or Android device. IRS2Go is a new way to provide you with IRS information and tools.

***This is the projected date that the refund will be direct deposited or mailed. It may take up to 5 additional days for the financial institution to post the refund to your account, or for mail delivery.**



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