

# News Release

## Federal Tax Returns Due Today; Comptroller Reminds Md. Taxpayers of Extended July 15 Deadline

*Maryland filers have three more months to submit and pay personal income and quarterly estimated taxes*

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (April 18, 2022) - Federal individual income tax returns are due today, but Comptroller Peter Franchot reminds Marylanders that they have three more months to file and pay their state individual income taxes for tax year 2021.

In January, Comptroller Franchot extended the individual income tax filing and payment due date to Friday, July 15, 2022. He also extended the first and second quarter individual estimated tax payments for tax year 2022 to July 15, 2022. These extensions do not apply to pass-through entities or corporate estimated tax filers.

“Giving hardworking Marylanders extra time will help those experiencing the financial aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic a bit of breathing room,” Comptroller Franchot said. “Our agency’s staff has already processed more than 2 million returns and are getting refunds back into taxpayers’ wallets within a matter of days.”

Since the tax season started on January 24, the Comptroller’s Office has issued nearly \$1.63 billion in refunds to more than 1.5 million taxpayers. Last year, the Comptroller’s Office processed nearly 3.3 million returns and disbursed \$3.2 billion in refunds.

This is the third consecutive year Comptroller Franchot has extended filing and payment deadlines for state individual income taxes to July 15, each time to assist taxpayers facing financial difficulties due to the pandemic.

In 2021, the agency detected and blocked more than 11,000 fraudulent tax returns and withheld \$20.5 million in fraudulent refunds. Since the start of the current tax

filing season, the Comptroller's Office has intercepted and blocked 3,101 fraudulent returns worth \$6.7 million.

Comptroller Franchot urges Marylanders to file electronically, as it's the most secure and efficient way to submit a tax return. Most Marylanders who file electronically typically receive their state refunds in less than three business days. Marylanders can electronically file their state tax returns through the state's free iFile system, which can be accessed at [www.marylandtaxes.gov](http://www.marylandtaxes.gov).

The agency urges filers to consult our [blocked tax preparers list](#) prior to turning over any personal identifiable information to a third party.

Free state tax assistance is available through the Comptroller's 12 taxpayer service offices, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In-person and virtual appointments must be scheduled in advance at <https://marylandtaxes.gov/locations.php>. For more information on any tax-related matter, call **1-800-MD-TAXES (1-800-638-2937)** or **410-260-7980** in Central Maryland from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or email [taxhelp@marylandtaxes.gov](mailto:taxhelp@marylandtaxes.gov).

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