

Delaware Personal Income Tax season begins January 23rd

Statewide, DE – Division of Revenue Director Patrick T. Carter announced today that the Delaware tax season will begin Friday, January 23, 2015. Citizens are encouraged to file their 2014 State of Delaware Personal Income Taxes online at www.delaware.gov. This year's filing deadline is April 30, 2015.

As always, Delaware urges taxpayers to electronically file (e-file) their returns. E-filing offers many advantages. Refunds from e-filed returns are issued on average between 1-2 weeks, while refunds from paper-filed returns average 3-4 weeks. Last year, the average time to issue a refund for all tax filing methods combined was just over 10 days.

Delaware offers the following e-file options:

1. *Those who don't need tax preparation software can e-file for free on the Delaware Division of Revenue website. This online system is extremely user-friendly and available 24/7. The system also allows taxpayers to file their returns and then schedule any payment due closer to the April 30th deadline. Taxpayers may pay their State of Delaware taxes on this system using a credit card or by debiting their bank account.*
2. *Those who prefer tax-preparation software can e-file their federal and state income tax returns for a fee, though these products also offer free-filing options for Delaware taxpayers who meet the following qualifications:*
 - *Adjusted gross income less than the software's established means criteria; or*
 - *Active-duty military with an adjusted gross income of \$60,000 or less (including Reservists*

- and National Guard); or*
- *Qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)*

For paper-filed returns, Revenue uses a modernized processing system that identifies tax filings based on the return. Therefore, any taxpayer who files a 2014 tax return using a previous-year return or who modifies the paper return in some way will experience significant delays. Paper tax returns are available for download at www.revenue.delaware.gov.

Because Delaware does not maintain reciprocity agreements with other states, it is important for anyone who is not a Delaware resident – but who has worked in Delaware – to understand that they must file a Delaware tax return. Likewise, Delaware Residents who work out-of-state are required to file returns with Delaware, in addition to the state where they worked.

By law, Delaware employees should receive their W-2 employment forms by January 31, 2015, for any job worked during the 2014 calendar year. Those who haven't received a W-2 by January 31st should contact their employer immediately.

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