



How To File Your Ohio Income Tax Electronically

File Electronically → Pay Electronically → Receive Your Refund Electronically

Electronic filing has become the preferred method used by taxpayers, with more than 88% of all Ohio income tax returns filed electronically for tax year 2017. The electronic options available for filing a 2018 income tax return are:

Online Services/Ohio I-File

Use your computer to file your Ohio individual and/or school district income tax returns.



Ohio I-File is a free filing service that guides you through a series of questions and information requests. Based upon the information you provide, I-File computes your refund or balance due, electronically submits the tax information, provides you with a copy, gives you a filing confirmation number and directs you to the electronic payment options. See Online Services at tax.ohio.gov for more information on this service.

IRS e-file

Use IRS-approved tax preparation software to file your returns.



IRS e-file is a way to prepare and file your return electronically with the IRS and Ohio. More information, including a free federal e-filing program for qualified individuals, is available at www.irs.gov. You can also e-file through an approved, commercially available software program or you can have your return prepared and transmitted by an authorized tax professional. You may be charged for using this option.

Electronic Payments and Refunds

Pay by Electronic Check or Credit Card

Why not eliminate writing a check if you have tax due? Simply make your payment by using an **electronic check**. You can use this option to pay your tax due for your 2018 Ohio income tax return and/or school district income tax return. You can also use an **electronic check** to file and pay your 2019 estimated income tax (Ohio IT 1040ES) and/or your estimated school district income tax (SD 100ES). Find out how at tax.ohio.gov.

Direct Deposit Your Refund

Direct deposit is fast, simple, safe and secure. File your return electronically and use the direct deposit refund option to have your refund deposited automatically into your checking account, savings account, Individual Retirement Account or Annuity (IRA) or a pre-existing program administered by the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority (OTTA). Taxpayers may no longer split their refund into multiple accounts. Their entire refund must be deposited into a single account. See tax.ohio.gov for additional direct deposit information.

Please see the following on how to order forms and/or instructions from the Ohio Department of Taxation:

- Visit our Web site at tax.ohio.gov and click on the Forms tab; OR
- Call the 24-hour form request line at 1-800-282-1782.