



House Tax Committee

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Mission/Vision/Values

Mission

Working together to fund Minnesota's future.

Vision

Everyone reports, pays, and receives the right amount: no more, no less.

Values

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, and Accountability



- <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7979507/video/497017961>



Filing Season Update

Tentative Process for Updating Tax Filing Systems



Tax Processing System Development and Testing

Minnesota
Department
of Revenue

August

Publish Near
Final Forms

Requirements and
Development

Internal Test

Production and
Test with IRS

January

Implementation

Software Providers

Requirements and
Development

Software
Provider Test

Software
Production

Software Provider Certification and Testing

Revenue's Priorities

- Minimize impact to customers
- Support voluntary compliance
- Assist taxpayers and preparers
- Protect integrity of the tax system

Who qualifies?

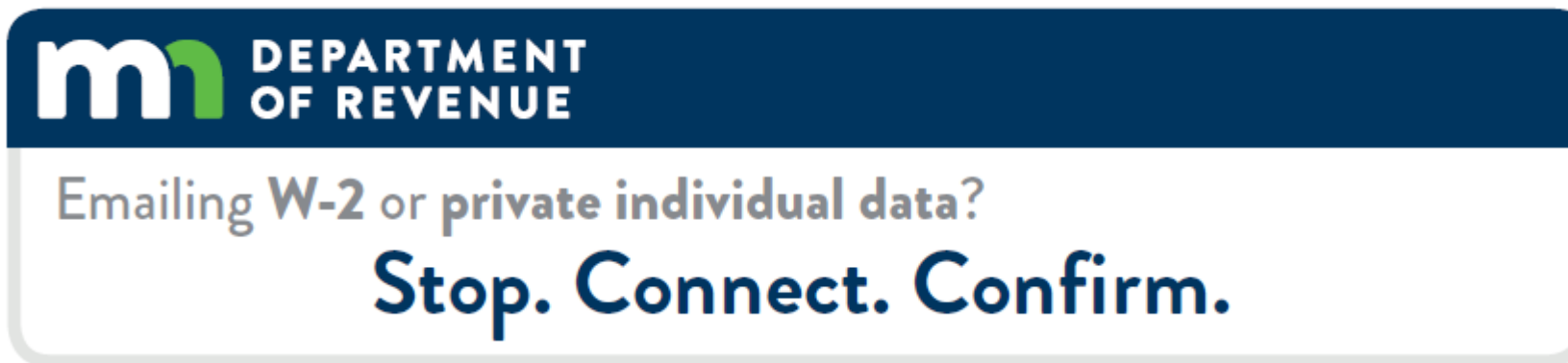
- You may qualify for free electronic filing if your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) is \$72,000 or less.

Why file electronically?

- You will be using the most up-to-date forms and instructions.
- It takes you step-by-step through the filing process.
- It saves you from having to take the time to mail in your return.

Protecting Taxpayer information

- ID Theft and Refund Fraud
- Security and Training
- Securing taxpayer information is everyone's job.





Minnesota Department of Revenue COVID-19 Response

- Individual Income Tax grace period
- Sales Tax grace period
- Lawful Gambling Tax grace period
- MinnesotaCare Tax grace period
- Occupation Tax grace period
- Additional options to calculate 2020 estimated tax
- COVID-19 abatement guidelines

COVID-19 Related Actions

- Change to Liquor Posting
 - Businesses required to suspend or reduce services under Executive Order 20-04 will not be subject to Liquor Posting for taxes and returns due February 1, 2020, to four months after the Executive Order ends.
- Change to Tax or Debt Collection
 - Taxpayers experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 and are concerned about paying tax debt or other agency debt can contact us to discuss available options.
 - We are committed to working with our customers during this difficult time.

COVID-19 Information



COVID-19 Penalty Relief: You may ask us to cancel or reduce filing or payment penalties if you have a reasonable cause or are negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, updates, and resources, see [Our Response to COVID-19](#).



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INDIVIDUALS

BUSINESSES

TAX PROFESSIONALS

GOVERNMENTS

Top Tasks

[Where's My Refund?](#)

[Make a Payment](#)

[Log in to e-Services](#)

[Register for a Tax ID](#)

[Calculate a Sales Tax Rate](#)

[Find a Form](#)



COVID-19 Business Relief Payments

We will send COVID-19 Business Relief Payments to eligible businesses under an economic relief package signed into law December 16. For details, see [COVID-19 Business Relief Payments](#).



Tax Law Update

We're evaluating how a recent state law change aligns Minnesota's tax code with federal expensing rules for Section 179 business property for 2020 and, in some cases, previous tax years. For more information, see [Tax Law Changes](#).



Check Your Refund Online

Get the latest information on where your income tax or property tax refund is in the

FEATURED VIDEO



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- Many free tax return preparation sites in Minnesota suspended or limited their services last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Some of our VITA partners do expect to return to in-person services this filing season with proper precautions in place, and we are working with many of our partners to establish a virtual option for taxpayers.
- A list of in-person and virtual VITA sites will be on our website later this month once filing season is open and the sites have completed their certification.

Relief Programs

- Local Government Distributions
 - \$841 million was authorized for distribution to local governments
 - \$838 million was paid to eligible jurisdictions which submitted certifications
 - 1,615 out of 1,888 eligible jurisdictions received an aid payment from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund
- Business Relief Payments
 - Providing aid for restaurants, bars, gyms, and bowling centers that meet the qualifications under the December 2020 law.



Thank you

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