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## **Tax Filing Tips from the Hawai'i Department of Taxation**

*April 20 is the Deadline to File Hawai'i State Individual Income Tax Returns*

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**HONOLULU** – The Hawai'i Department of Taxation (Department) announced that tax season has officially begun, and is providing the following information to assist taxpayers in avoiding delays and frustration during the filing process.

#### **Filing Deadlines**

The filing deadline for the State income tax return is April 20, 2023.

Note: The federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) filing deadline for tax returns or an extension to file is Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

#### **Safeguards Against Fraud and Identity Theft**

If you have been a victim of identity theft or would like extra protection, you may enroll in the Department's ID Theft Protection Program by visiting Hawai'i Tax Online at <https://hitax.hawaii.gov> in the "Individual" tile. Those enrolled in the program will be notified when an income tax return is filed with your name and social security number, and you will be asked to verify that you filed the tax return.

#### **File Electronically**

Compared to paper filing, e-filing improves accuracy, provides verification that a tax return was filed and is processed faster so that tax refunds are delivered quicker. There are now

more ways than ever to conveniently e-file your return. In addition to many fee-based commercial tax preparation software options, taxpayers can also file for free directly with the Department using Hawai'i Tax Online at <https://hitax.hawaii.gov>.

### **Use Direct Deposit**

Using direct deposit is the quickest way to receive your refund. Processing times are longer for taxpayers who choose to receive their refunds by check.

### **Check for Accuracy and Errors**

Avoid processing delays, adjustments to your return and additional correspondence from the Department by making sure: all social security numbers are correct, the appropriate filing status is selected, to attach required forms and your employee earning statements (HW-2s and W2s), and that you have signed your return.

### **Check Your Refund Status**

You may check the status of your income tax return filing. Visit the Department's website at <https://tax.hawaii.gov> and click on "Where's My Refund." You will need your Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number and the exact refund amount claimed as shown on your tax return.

### **Additional Information (Revised)**

At the time of the Act 115 refund's implementation last year, the Hawai'i Department of Taxation performed a review and made a determination that the Act 115 refund was not subject to state or federal tax. To date, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has not provided any guidance on that issue, but has announced they are currently evaluating the taxability of special tax refunds or payments made by states. The IRS was requested to immediately notify the Department when it makes a determination.

The Department would like to thank the public for its patience while this matter is being resolved and recommends that taxpayers follow the recent [IRS' guidance](#) until the IRS and the Department provide updated information.

### **For More Help**

Visit <https://tax.hawaii.gov> for additional information, forms, and guidance on filing individual income tax returns or other tax returns. If you unable to resolve an issue after reading form instructions and searching the Department website, Taxpayer Services agents are available by phone at (808) 587-4242 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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