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## IRS Offers New Online Help Tools for 2008 Tax Filers

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WASHINGTON — Things have gotten easier for taxpayers who need help preparing their federal returns this year. The IRS has enhanced both Publication 17 and *Where's My Refund?*, two key electronic tools available on [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov), the official Web site of the IRS. These improvements will help any taxpayer with Internet access find answers to tax questions quickly, prepare returns accurately and file on time.

**Publication 17, *Your Federal Income Tax*** — The online version of Publication 17 now contains electronic links allowing users to more quickly navigate this widely used publication. Both the [downloadable PDF](#) and the [html version](#) of the 2007 Publication 17 contain more than 800 hyperlinks. The links allow users to jump immediately to other parts of the publication, reducing the time it takes to access information. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the html version of Publication 17 on IRS.gov is accessible to visually impaired taxpayers.

**Where's My Refund?** — The online refund-tracking tool *Where's My Refund?* is now available in Spanish as well as English. Taxpayers can access the Spanish version through either the [Where's My Refund? page](#) on IRS.gov or the [Spanish-language portal](#). The goal of this new feature is to make tax information available to taxpayers who don't speak English or those who know English as a second language. Taxpayers without Internet access can get the same information about their refunds by calling the IRS Refund Hotline at 1-800-829-1954.

### Official IRS Web Site Is [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov)

Taxpayers looking for the IRS online should type [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) into their Web browsers. Taxpayers should beware of Web sites that may resemble IRS.gov but end in *.com*, *.net*, *.org*, *.biz* or any other domain name extension. For the genuine IRS Web site, it's IRS.gov.