

## General Information for Taxpayers Who File Returns Electronically

Thank you for taking part in the IRS Electronic Filing Program. Your federal income tax return for tax year \_\_\_\_\_ is being filed electronically with the \_\_\_\_\_ Service Center of the IRS by the services of \_\_\_\_\_. Since you are filing your return electronically, PLEASE DO NOT SEND A PAPER COPY OF YOUR RETURN TO THE IRS. IF YOU DO, IT WILL DELAY THE PROCESSING OF THE RETURN.

### If You Need to Make a Change to Your Return

If you need to change or correct the return you filed electronically, you should send a Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, to the IRS service center that processes paper returns for your area. The address is in your tax forms package, or you can call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040.

### Direct Deposit of Your Tax Refund

If you are expecting a refund, you may have chosen to have it deposited directly into a savings or checking account. The Form 8453, U.S. Individual Income Tax Declaration for Electronic Filing, you signed when you filed your return authorizes IRS to deposit your refund directly instead of sending you a check. This form also authorizes IRS to tell your electronic filer if your direct deposit request will be honored. (Note: Form 8453 is not a power of attorney and does not give IRS permission to discuss your tax affairs with your tax preparer or electronic filer.)

If your direct deposit request is not honored, it could be because you owe the government other amounts such as:

- federal taxes for an earlier year,
- a student loan,
- child support, or
- payments to another federal (or state) agency.

Also, some financial institutions do not allow direct deposit of a joint refund into an individual account.

### If You Need to Ask About Your Refund

The IRS will notify your electronic filer when they accept your return, usually within 48 hours. If it has been more than four weeks since the IRS accepted your return and you have not received your refund, you can call the IRS toll-free Tele-Tax return information number, 1-800-829-4477, to check the status of your refund. You will need to know the first social security number shown on your return, the filing status, and the exact amount of the refund you expect. Tele-Tax should give you the date for mailing or depositing your refund. You should receive your refund check within 30 days of that date, or within one week of that date if you chose direct deposit. If you don't receive it by then, or if Tele-Tax does not give you refund information, call your local IRS office at 1-800-829-1040.

### Refund Anticipation Loans

A refund anticipation loan is a loan made to you based on the refund you expect to receive. This loan is a contract between you and a lender. The IRS is not involved in this contract, cannot grant or deny the loan, and cannot answer any questions about it. **If you have any questions about a refund anticipation loan, contact your electronic filer or the lender.**

### If You Owe Tax

If your electronically filed return showed tax due, you must pay the amount you owe by April 15. BE SURE TO USE FORM 9282, Form 1040 Electronic Payment Voucher, which you can get from your electronic filer. Mail Form 9282, with your payment, to the IRS service center where your electronic return was filed. If the IRS does not receive your payment by April 15, they will send you a notice that asks for full payment of the tax due **plus penalties and interest.**