

Personal tax tip #57

Filing your Maryland return electronically

Electronic filing is the fastest way to file your Maryland income tax and receive your refund. If you file electronically and choose direct deposit of your refund, we will transfer the funds to your bank account within several days from the date your return is accepted and processed.

There are three easy choices to file your Maryland return online:

From our Website

If you meet certain [requirements](#), you can file Form 502 [online](#) free of charge.

To use our free electronic filing service, you will need internet access with Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 or higher. If you are using a browser other than Internet Explorer and experience difficulties, try upgrading your browser to the latest version. Leave your browser setting for language set to default so JavaScript and cookies are enabled. You will need a copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader 4.0 or better installed to view tax documentation in the PDF format.

From your PC

You can file electronically from your personal computer, using [approved software](#) and link to the provider's site to file online from your PC, or link directly to a provider site to prepare your return and file online.

Use a tax professional

There are thousands of commercial tax preparers who are approved by the IRS and the Maryland Comptroller's Office to file your federal and Maryland tax returns electronically. Look for the authorized e-file provider signs - and just ask.

Pay by direct debit or credit card

Even if you owe tax, you can file electronically and pay your balance of taxes due by [direct debit](#) or with a [credit card](#). If you file electronically by April 15 and pay by direct debit, you will have until April 30 to make your electronic payment. All companies collect a non-refundable, convenience fee for processing the credit card payment; this fee does not go to the state of Maryland.

Do not include the amount of the convenience fee as part of the tax payment.

ONLINE PAYMENTS			
Vendor Name	Convenience Fee	Tax Types Supported	Credit Cards Accepted
NICUSA, Inc.	2.49%	All	Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express
PAYMENTS BY TELEPHONE - TOLL FREE 1-800-2PAY-TAX (1-800-272-9829)			
Vendor Name	Convenience Fee	Tax Types Supported	Credit Cards Accepted
Official Payments	2.49%	All	Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express

After your payment is authorized, you will be given a confirmation number that you should keep for your records.

For more information visit www.marylandtaxes.gov, or see Instruction 24 in the [Maryland tax booklet](#).