



## 90% of New Yorkers can prepare and e-file their state income taxes for FREE!

E-filing is safer, more accurate, and delivers refunds faster than filing a paper return.

### Why e-file?

- E-file is faster. E-filers receive their tax refunds twice as fast as paper filers.
- E-file is safer. E-filed returns are submitted through a highly secure, encrypted system.
- E-file is more accurate. E-file software does the math for you. As a result, the error rate for e-filed returns is a whopping 20 times lower than for paper returns.

### Free e-file options

- **Free state and federal e-filing** - If your income is under \$62,000, you can prepare **and** e-file your federal *and* state returns at no cost through approved e-file software directly from the Tax Department's website. Visit [tax.ny.gov](http://tax.ny.gov) to learn more.
- **New York State Web File** - Most New Yorkers, of all income levels, can prepare and e-file their New York State tax return directly at the Tax Department's Web site. Eligibility requirements are available online.
- **New York State free tax assistance sites** – If your income is under \$62,000, you're eligible to file your federal and state taxes at one of the Tax Department's 85 free tax assistance sites across the state. Tax department volunteers will be on hand to answer your questions and assist you. Visit [tax.ny.gov/fsa](http://tax.ny.gov/fsa) for a list of locations.
- **Free tax preparation by trained volunteers** – If your income is under \$54,000, you're eligible for free federal and state tax preparation by volunteers who are trained by the IRS and/or AARP. Visit [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) to find a site near you.

### Credit-only filers

If you're not required to file an income tax return, but are still eligible for valuable credits, you can receive your refund faster by using New York State Web File. The accepted credit forms are **Form IT-214**, *Real Property Tax Credit*, and **Form NYC-210**, *New York City School Tax Credit*.

**The filing deadline is April 18, 2016.**

Don't delay - file early to get your refund as soon as possible.