



**New for  
2014**

## **85% of New Yorkers Can Prepare and E-File Their State Income Taxes for *FREE!***

*E-filing is safer, more accurate, and the fastest way to receive refunds*

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance is reminding New Yorkers that, for the first time, 85% of taxpayers can e-file their State income tax returns for free.

This became possible this year when the Tax Department made a new Income Tax Web File available.

### **Why e-file**

Nearly 90% of New York taxpayers e-file. Here's why:

- 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 to prevent data access.
- E-file is more accurate – e-file software does the math for you, and 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 \$58,000, 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 Web site - [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov).
- **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 Department's Web site. Eligibility requirements are available online.
- **IRS-Certified Volunteer Tax Sites** - Taxpayers with incomes under \$52,000 are eligible to have an IRS-certified volunteer prepare their return - at no cost. There are over 400 free tax preparation sites across New York State. More information, including a site lookup by zip code, is available on the IRS Web site.
- **AARP Tax-Aide Free Preparation** - The AARP's 300-plus free tax preparation sites in New York do not have income or age limits. Find a site near you.

### **Credit-Only Filers**

More than 200,000 New Yorkers, who are not required to file income tax returns, file credit forms for refunds each year. For the first time, these individuals and families can use New York's new Web File program to electronically file their forms - and receive their refunds twice as fast as they have in the past. 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 15th, 2014.  
Don't delay - file early to get your refund as soon as possible.**