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## Tax Season Updates as of March 1, 2019

- Total Income Tax Returns Processed: 174,758
  - Returns Filed Electronically: 173,308
  - Refunds Issued: 115,653
  - Average Refund: \$433.36
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## Where's My Refund

Montanans can check their refund status using [Where's My Refund](#) in our TransAction Portal (TAP).

To check their refund, taxpayers will need:

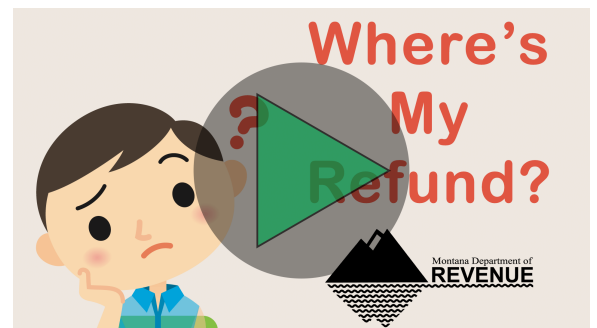
- Their Social Security Number
- Their requested refund amount

**It can take up to 90 days to issue a refund.**

[Learn more on our website](#)

[Check on a refund using TAP](#)

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# Changes to the College Contribution Credit

The college contribution credit a taxpayer may claim on the [Montana College Contribution Credit \(Form CC\)](#) is calculated based on the amount of charitable contribution made by the taxpayer to the foundation or general endowment fund of a college or university located in Montana.

Under the *Tax Cut and Jobs Act*, charitable deductions are not allowed for payments made to institutions of higher education when the taxpayer receives in return the right to purchase tickets for athletic events at the institution either directly or indirectly.

Other deductible charitable contributions made to a college located in Montana still qualify for the credit. However, if you take the credit for Montana tax purposes, you must reduce your charitable contribution by the corresponding amount.

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## Tax Payment Options

Taxpayers have multiple options to make a payment to the Department:

- Submit a payment with the e-filed return.
- Make a payment on our [Transaction Portal](#)
  - Pay with an e-check for free, no login required
  - Log in to pay with a Credit or Debit Card with a small processing fee
- Send in a check along with their return or [Montana Individual Income Tax Payment Voucher](#).

If a taxpayer can't pay their tax bill in full, they can request a payment plan:

- Log into the [TransAction Portal](#)
- Select the "Request a Payment Plan" option.
- Complete the requested information and submit.

We confirm most requests within 24 business hours.

Penalty and interest add up monthly until you pay the debt in full.

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# Calendar Events

## March 15, 2019

- [2018 Partnership Returns Due](#)
- [2018 S Corporation Returns Due](#)
- [Monthly Alcoholic Beverage Reports Due](#)
- [Monthly Withholding Payments Due](#)
- [Monthly Cigarette and Tobacco Returns Due](#)

## April 1, 2019

- [2019 Annual Centrally Assessed Property Returns Due](#)
- [2019 Natural Resource Proceeds Tax Returns and Payments Due](#)
- [2019 Resource Indemnity and Ground Water Tax Due for Metal Mines](#)

## April 15, 2019

- **[2018 Individual Income Tax Due](#)**
- [Property Tax Assistance Program \(PTAP\) Applications Due](#)
- [Montana Disabled Veteran \(MDV\) Property Tax Assistance Applications Due](#)
- [Quarterly Individual and Pass-through Estimated Payments Due](#)
- [Quarterly Medical Marijuana Provider Tax Returns and Payments Due](#)
- [Monthly Alcoholic Beverage Reports Due](#)
- [Monthly Cigarette and Tobacco Returns Due](#)
- [Monthly Withholding Payments Due](#)

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