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## Tax Season Updates as of March 28, 2019

<b>Total Income Tax Returns Processed</b>	301,393
<b>Returns Filed Electronically</b>	289,339
<b>Refunds Issued</b>	226,625
<b>Average Refund</b>	\$444.56

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## Individual Income Tax Interest Rates

Effective January 1, 2019, the annual interest rate assessed on past due individual income taxes is 5 percent.

Each year the interest rate is based on the underpayment rate established by the United States Department of Treasury for the third quarter of the preceding year.

Note that the same interest rate is assessed for underpayment of estimated taxes due on your 2018 return. The rate also applies to trusts, estates and pass-through entities.

If you do not file a return by April 15, remember that the automatic extension to file is not an extension to pay. Interest will be assessed on amounts due after April 15.

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# Reminders to Preparers when Filing Montana Tax Forms

Below are some helpful reminders when filing your clients' taxes:

- If your client is expecting a refund by direct deposit, or owes for taxes due, verify the client's bank routing and account numbers are current and correct. Many banks have been acquired by other banks and the routing numbers have changed. Banks are rejecting direct debit payments and direct deposits if the routing, account numbers, or both are incorrect.
- Paper tax forms must:
  - Be signed and dated by the taxpayers
  - Include all schedules applicable to your client
  - Be legible and formatted like the official Montana return
  - Not have masked IDs (SSNs, FEINs, PTINs)
  - Not have watermarks across the pages

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## Calendar Events

### 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](#)

### April 30, 2019

- [First Quarter 2019 Natural Resource Production Taxes Due](#)
- [First Quarter 2019 Oil & Gas Production Tax Returns and Payments Due](#)
- [First Quarter 2019 Consumer Counsel Fee \(CCT\), Public Service Commission Fee \(PSR\), and Wholesale Energy Transaction \(WET\) taxes due.](#)

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