Department of Revenue Services- Resident Tax Filing Information

The Department of Revenue Services (DRS) has made changes to the services the agency is providing to taxpayers. Most notably, DRS will **no longer send out bulk paper state tax forms or instructions to town halls or public libraries.**

In its place, DRS instituted several customer focused initiatives to assist CT taxpayers during this income tax filing season.

Receive State Tax Forms by Mail

Tax payers may request for paper tax forms and instructions to be mailed to their home.

DRS Website

Taxpayers have the ability to access the tax forms and instructions from the DRS website and may download and print the forms. <u>https://portal.ct.gov/DRS</u>

Secure Videoconferencing

Taxpayers may schedule appointments to receive real-time tax assistance.

Drop Box

Tax payers may deliver, during normal business hours, hard copies of filings and payments to DRS Drop Box **located in Hartford at 450 Columbus Blvd**. The drop box will be monitored and emptied multiple times a day.

Online Filings

Free electronic filing of individual income tax forms. <u>https://portal.ct.gov/DRS/TSC/TSC-Online</u>

Visit the DRS web page for business hours, phone numbers, email address for questions and portal for electronic filings. <u>https://portal.ct.gov/DRS/DRS-Forms/DRS-Info-Services-and-Assistance/Services</u>

DRS Press Release (02/09/2021).

2021 Connecticut Income Tax Filing Season: FAQ

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When does the DRS individual income tax filing season begin this year?

The DRS **Taxpayer Service Center** (see 'TSC-Individual Login') began accepting online individual income tax returns beginning the week of Monday, January 18th, 2021.

What is the best way to file my Connecticut income tax return?

DRS strongly recommends electronic filing. The DRS Taxpayer Service Center is an easy, secure, and free option, and electronic filing is the quickest way to get your state refund if you are expecting one. Because Connecticut's individual income tax return begins with federal adjusted gross income, it is often beneficial to file your federal income tax return first.

When will the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) begin accepting federal income tax returns?

The IRS **announced** it will open their federal tax filing season on Friday, February 12th, 2021.

Where can I find Connecticut individual income tax forms and instructions?

Visit the DRS website **here**. While paper forms may be helpful in preparing your return, DRS highly recommends electronic filing when you are ready to file.

What is the best way to contact DRS if I have a question about state taxes or my state income tax return?

To reach DRS by phone during normal business hours – Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - call 860-297-5962 (from anywhere); 800-382-9463 (within CT, outside Greater Hartford area only); or 860-297-4911 (Hearing Impaired, TDD/TT users only). Taxpayers may also email DRS at **DRS@po.state.ct.us**.

Does DRS offer assistance via video conference?

Yes. Taxpayers can schedule an appointment to receive DRS tax assistance from the comfort of their own homes, from a trained DRS professional during normal business hours. To schedule an appointment, contact the DRS Taxpayer Service Center at 860-297-5770 (you may leave a voicemail). Taxpayers should be prepared

Telephone: 860-297-5962 Email: <u>DRS@po.state.ct.us</u> Hours Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm with the pertinent tax information before contacting DRS to ensure an efficient customer service outcome.

What public announcements has DRS made about the 2021 Connecticut income tax filing season? (added 2/9/2021) 2/9/2020: Revenue Services: Online individual income tax filing for Connecticut returns available

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