

2021 Income Tax Filing Season Opens January 24th

The opening day for filing your 2021 Ohio individual income tax and/or school district income tax return is Monday, January 24, 2022, which coincides with the date that the IRS will begin accepting 2021 federal income tax returns.

Tax Commissioner Jeff McClain said Ohio taxpayers will find a few new changes that could impact the preparation of the state income tax return. Among those:

- Tax rates for all Ohio taxpayers have been reduced: those with taxable nonbusiness income of \$25,000 or less will pay no income tax; the tax rate on nonbusiness income of more than \$110,650 is now 3.99%, down from the previous top rate of 4.797%, while all other tax rates have been cut by 3.0%.
- Old schedules, new names: To better reflect the purpose, Schedule A is now called Ohio Schedule of Adjustments; Schedule J is now called Ohio Schedule of Dependents.
- Three new education tax credits are available to eligible taxpayers: for donating to a scholarship granting organization, for home school expenses, and for tuition to a non-chartered, non-public school.

For the fastest processing available, we recommend you submit your return electronically using our free I-File, or file using a commercial software product or tax preparer. As is true every year, paper returns take much longer to process than returns filed electronically. We appreciate that more than 92% of all Ohio individual and school district income tax returns filed last year were filed electronically.

The deadline for filing both your Ohio and federal tax return is April 18, 2022. As a reminder, a request for a filing extension does not extend your payment due date.

If you have additional questions or need assistance with your Ohio return, please visit tax.ohio.gov/emailus or call our taxpayer assistance line at 1-800-282-1780 (1-800-750-0750 for persons who use text telephones (TTYs) or adaptive telephone equipment).

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