## 2016-2017 FAFSA Verification

### Timeline Availability of 2015 IRS Tax Information for the FAFSA on the Web’s IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS-DRT) and for Requesting IRS Tax Return Transcripts

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<th>When a tax return filer —</th>
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| Has no amount owed to the IRS or has an expected refund at the time their tax return was submitted to the IRS | • Generally tax returns are accepted by the IRS within a day or two of the return having been electronically filed with the IRS.  
• In most cases, IRS DRT is available and an IRS Tax Return Transcript may be requested within 2-3 weeks after the return has been accepted by the IRS. | • Generally tax returns are accepted by the IRS when the tax return is received by the IRS.  
• In most cases, IRS DRT is available and an IRS Tax Return Transcript may be requested within 6-8 weeks after the tax return has been accepted by the IRS. |
| Has an amount owed to the IRS and makes a full payment on that amount at the time their tax return was submitted to the IRS | • Generally tax returns are accepted by the IRS within a day or two of the return having been electronically filed with the IRS.  
• In most cases, IRS DRT is available and an IRS Tax Return Transcript may be requested within 2-3 weeks after the return has been accepted by the IRS. | • IRS will process the tax return in June.  
• In most cases, IRS DRT is available and an IRS Tax Return Transcript may be requested within 2-3 weeks after the tax return has been processed by the IRS. |
| Has an amount owed and subsequent to submitting their tax return to the IRS, pays the full amount due | • Generally tax returns are accepted by the IRS within a day or two of the return having been electronically filed with the IRS.  
• In most cases, IRS DRT is available and an IRS Tax Return Transcript may be requested within 3-4 weeks after the full payment is made. | • IRS will process the tax return in June.  
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At the time their tax return was submitted to the IRS, has an amount owed and has not paid in full.

| • Generally tax returns are accepted by the IRS within a day or two of the return having been electronically filed with the IRS. However, IRS will not process the return until May. |
| • In most cases, IRS DRT is available and an IRS Tax Return Transcript may be requested within 2-3 weeks after the return has been processed in May. |
| • IRS will process the tax return in June. |
| • In most cases, IRS DRT is available and an IRS Tax Return Transcript may be requested within 2-3 weeks after the tax return has been processed by the IRS. |

Tax filers can expect to receive their IRS transcript

If requested **online using Get Transcript By Mail**—5-10 business days after request is submitted
If requested by **phone**—5-10 business days after request is submitted
If requested by **paper (IRS Form 4506-T or IRS Form 4506T-EZ)**—10 business days from the time the IRS receives and processes the signed request