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| **Timeline Availability of IRS Tax Information for the FAFSA on the Web’s IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS-DRT) and for Requesting IRS Tax Return Transcripts** | | |
| **When a tax return filer —** | **If Tax Return Filed Electronically** | **If Tax Return Filed by Paper** |
| 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. * 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. |
| 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 | | |

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