## **Oregon electronic tax filing**



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Electronic filing is a fast, efficient, and accurate way to file an Oregon income tax return. Electronically filed returns bypass most manual steps required to process paper returns.

You will not mail anything to the department unless you owe tax. You will have until April 17, 2006, to pay the tax and avoid any penalty and interest.

Oregon electronic filing allows taxpayers to file:

- Their refund, zero-balance, or balance-due returns.
- Form 40, 40S, 40N, or 40P returns.

Oregon does not accept electronic filing of the following forms:

- Returns where the Oregon filing status is different from the federal.
- Form 90R, Oregon Elderly Rental Assistance.
- Prior-year returns.
- Noncalendar-year returns (or fiscal-year returns).

## Credit for taxes paid to another state

Are you claiming the credit for income taxes paid to another state on your electronic return? If so, you're required to send us a copy of the other state's income tax return and proof of payment. This information cannot be transmitted electronically with your Oregon return. After you electronically file your Oregon return, mail the other state's return and proof of payment to the Oregon Department of Revenue at:

COR-TROL Attn: Suspense PO Box 14999 Salem OR 97309

We will match your documents to your electronic return.

# Electronic signatures: The federal PIN and the Oregon Form EF

You now have two options for signing an electronically filed Oregon return:

- 1. Oregon recognizes the federal personal identification number (PIN) as the signature for the Oregon return. You will not need to complete Oregon Form EF if you use the federal PIN.
- 2. If you use federal Form 8453 to sign the return, you also need to complete Oregon Form EF. Please do not send Form EF to the department unless you're asked. Keep Form EF with your tax records for three years after:
  - the due date of your return, or
  - the date you filed your return

whichever is later.

## Rejected returns

If the IRS rejects a federal return due to errors, they will also reject the attached Oregon return. Likewise, the federal return will be rejected if the IRS rejects the Oregon return.

Oregon uses a feature of the Federal/State Electronic Filing program called "consistency checking." The IRS checks several items on the Oregon return to make sure they match the information on the federal return. If one or more of these items don't match or the state return is improperly formatted, the IRS will reject both the federal and state returns.

Returns rejected by the IRS will need to be corrected and resubmitted or mailed to the department.

#### **Balance-due returns**

You may file a balance-due return at any time before the due date, but payment must be postmarked on or before April 17, 2006 to avoid penalty and interest. Form 40-V, *Oregon Income Tax Payment Voucher*, must accompany all payments. Do not make unnecessary marks (such as return form type) on Form 40-V. Send payments with a completed Form 40-V to:

Return Payments Oregon Department of Revenue PO Box 14555 Salem OR 97309-5018

**Important reminder:** Penalty and interest will be charged on unpaid tax starting on April 18, 2006.

## Will my e-filed return be reviewed?

Any return, no matter how it is filed, may be reviewed by the department. However, your electronic filing software helps check your return for errors before it is transmitted to the department. E-filing is usually more accurate, so there's less chance your return will be reviewed or adjusted during processing.

## Practitioner participation in e-filing

Practitioners are automatically approved for Oregon electronic filing after the IRS acceptance of Form 8633, *Application to Participate in the Electronic Filing Program.* There is no separate registration required for Oregon.

## **Copy of return for client**

If you are a paid tax preparer or software vendor, the copy you provide to the client must be an exact copy of the tax return you submit to the department.

## **Taxpayer assistance**

General tax information www.oregon.gov/DOR
Salem 503-378-4988
Toll-free from an Oregon prefix 1-800-356-4222
Asistencia en español:
Salem503-945-8618
Gratis de prefijo de Oregon1-800-356-4222
TTY (hearing or speech impaired; machine only):
Salem503-945-8617
Toll-free from an Oregon prefix 1-800-886-7204

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):** Call one of the help numbers for information in alternative formats.