

IRS Launches New “IRS Account” Portal for Individual Taxpayers

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The IRS recently launched a new “IRS Account” portal for individual U.S. taxpayers, available at www.irs.gov/account (click the blue button that says “View your account”). Individuals who register and login to their secure accounts can review data from recently filed tax returns (Form 1040), obtain refund status information, and pay taxes online from a bank account or credit card account.

A Screenshot View of “IRS Account”

The screenshot displays the IRS Account portal interface. At the top, the IRS logo is on the left, and the user's name 'YALE YECHIEL N ROBINSON' with 'Profile' and 'Logout' links is on the right. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Total amount owed as of March 25, 2018:** \$0.00. A note states: 'The information provided is based on our current data. The numbers here may not reflect: Recently filed or processing returns, Pending payments or adjustments, Information on your business account, Installment agreement fees.' A link for 'Frequently asked questions about balances' is provided.
- Payment Options:** Includes buttons for 'PAY BY BANK ACCOUNT', 'PAY BY CARD', and 'GO TO PAYMENT PLANS'. A note says 'Fees apply when paying by card.'
- Amount Owed by Year:** A table showing the amount owed for each year from 2014 to 2017.
- Recent Payments (within 18 months):** A box indicating 'No payments received.' with a note that 'Payments may take 1 to 3 weeks to be listed.'
- Tax Records:** Displays key information from the current tax return for 2017: Form Filed: 1040, Filing Status: Married Filing Jointly, Total Exemptions Claimed: 3, Adjusted Gross Income: [Redacted], and Refund Amount as Shown on Return when Filed: [Redacted]. A button 'GET TAX RECORDS ONLINE' is at the bottom.

The footer contains the IRS logo and links for 'Give Feedback', 'Privacy Policy', and 'Accessibility'.

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The screenshot above represents my personal “IRS Account” main page on March 25, 2018. The top left of the main screen shows a zero balance, meaning that I don’t owe any taxes. The bottom left of the screen shows a zero balance for each of the years 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014. On the top right are blue buttons that read “Pay by Bank Account” and “Pay by Card.” The bottom center shows that I did not make any recent payments. On the bottom right are data from my 2017 U.S. income tax return. (I redacted the amounts of my adjusted gross income and my tax refund.)

Additional Information about “IRS Account”

The IRS announced the launch of the “IRS Account” portal in [a press release on March 19, 2018](#). The launch represents a significant achievement for the [IRS Future State Initiative](#), which aims to harness tax technology to improve the user experience of all U.S. taxpayers.

The “IRS Account” portal integrates functions that the IRS previously offered in separate online tools. Taxpayers can still use these separate online tools—for example, [“Where’s My Refund?”](#) and [“Direct Pay”](#). In addition, taxpayers can download the [IRS2Go mobile app](#) to look up refund status and make tax payments.

The “IRS Account” portal is available on Monday through Friday from 6:00 AM to 12:30 AM Eastern Time, and for limited hours on Saturday and Sunday.

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