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## IRS Goes Mobile With IRS2Go

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has been using social media like Twitter and YouTube to reach out and provide the latest federal tax news and information to the taxpayers. In keeping up with new technologies, they now have added to their tools a mobile application called IRS2Go.

The mobile application is a free download that offers a number of safe and secure ways to help taxpayers check on their refund status and receive daily tax tips during the tax filing season and periodically during the rest of the year.

### ***Refund Status***

Taxpayers can check the status of their federal refund through the new phone application with a few basic pieces of information. First, taxpayers enter a Social Security number, which is masked and encrypted for security purposes. Next, taxpayers pick the filing status they used on their tax return. Finally, taxpayers enter the amount of the refund.

For people who e-file, the refund function of the phone application will work within about 72 hours after taxpayers receive an e-mail acknowledgement saying the IRS received their return. (Layton Layton & Tobler LLP file almost all returns electronically.)

For people filing paper tax returns, longer processing times mean they will need to wait three to four weeks before they can check their refund status.

### ***Tax Updates***

Phone application users enter their e-mail address to automatically get daily tax tips. Tax Tips are simple, straightforward tips and reminders to help with tax planning and preparation. The plain English updates cover topics such as free tax help, child tax credits, the Earned Income Tax Credit, education credits and other topics.

Apple users can download the free IRS2Go application by visiting the Apple App Store. Android users can visit the Android Marketplace to download the free application.

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