

2007 Drain Schedule for Tax Year 2006 Returns



Transmitting Tax Returns

First Day for IRS E-filing: As of January 12th, 2007 the IRS begins accepting tax returns for electronic transmission. In preparation, the Orrtax Filing Center begins accepting electronically filed tax returns as of 6:00pm PST on January 11th, 2007. Orrtax transmits the returns as of 12:01am PST on January 12th, when the IRS begins accepting returns.

The IRS may begin accepting tax returns ahead of schedule (known as "early e-filing"). Early e-filing may begin January 9th, 2007, although it is subject to change by the IRS. Once early e-filing is confirmed by the IRS in late December, Orrtax will send a Service Bulletin confirming start dates and times for 2007 early e-filing.

If you collect e-file returns prior to January 12th, please be sure to set the proper expectation with your client. Generally, the first set of IRS acknowledgements arrives sometime on Sunday following opening day, as the IRS prefers to check their systems. For the 2006 tax filing season, we expect the first set of acknowledgements Sunday, January 14th, 2007.

Beginning January 12th and continuing through May 10th, 2007, the IRS completes three e-filing drain cycles per day at each of the five Submission Processing Centers (SPC). All returns transmit through one of the two "EMS FEPS" sites and are forwarded to the appropriate SPC, dependant on EFIN and any included state tax returns. The drain information and the location of the IRS e-help desk for each center is noted below:

Note: There will be no processing on Federal Holidays after April 21st, 2007.

SPC (IRS Service Centers)		Drain Times (Service Center local time)	e-help Desk 1.866.255.0654
Andover	(ANSPC)	11:00am, 6:00pm, 2:00am (EST)	Andover
Austin	(AUSPC)	11:00am, 6:00pm, 2:00am (CST)	Austin
Kansas City	(KCSPC)	11:00am, 6:00pm, 2:00am (CST)	Andover
Fresno	(FSPC)	11:00am, 6:00pm, 2:00am (PST)	Austin
Philadelphia	(PSPC)	11:00am, 6:00pm, 2:00am (EST)	Austin

Starting May 11th, 2007 and continuing through October 20, 2007, the IRS switches to one drain per day (use 11:00am local service time from the above list).

Early Tax Season Dates to Remember

December 29, 2006	Santa Barbara begins accepting Instant Loan (RAL Advance) transmissions.
December 29, 2006	HSBC begins accepting Instant Loan (Prefile/IRAL) transmissions.
December 29, 2006	Republic Bank begins accepting Instant Loan (NowRAL) transmissions.
January 9th, 2007	Early e-filing anticipated to begin.
January 12th, 2007	IRS nationwide e-filing begins.

