

News Release

Maryland Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman Issues a Statement on the Expansion of IRS Direct File for 2025 Tax Filing Season

Maryland among 24 states to offer Direct File for eligible individual filers

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (October 3, 2024) – Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman today issued the following statement on the expansion of IRS Direct File to 24 states, including Maryland, during the 2025 tax filing season:

I am proud that Maryland will now be one of 24 states partnering with the IRS to offer the Direct File program permanently and at no cost to tax filers beginning in 2025. In 2025, Direct File will offer expanded services at no cost to tax filers so that many more people will be able to access and use this important tool. Giving Americans the option to use a free and secure online filing tool is an important step toward modernizing our revenue administration systems and reducing burdens and costs for taxpayers.

Marylanders, especially lower and moderate-income individuals should not have to pay a portion of their hard-earned paychecks or tax refunds for another person, or a machine, to file their taxes. They deserve to have the flexibility to invest that money into themselves and their communities. Direct File is a secure and easy-to-use platform that has built-in support and guidance designed to make the process easier for more than 30 million eligible filers across the country and give taxpayers confidence to file with the IRS directly, instead of a third-party. Our hope is that this will also result in more Marylanders filing electronically, filing on time, and taking advantage of more tax credits that will reduce taxes they owe to the state and federal governments.

The Office of the Comptroller is committed to making our state tax system more accessible and efficient for the people of Maryland. Direct File is a key feature in our agency-wide modernization strategy. Maryland's Direct File platform will be available to an estimated 870,000 eligible filers when tax season begins in

January. We look forward to building on that momentum with the launch of Maryland Tax Connect for all personal income tax filers in 2026.

I applaud and thank the Biden-Harris Administration for their work to expand IRS Direct File and for bringing innovation to our nation's decades-old tax system.

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