

How to create an IRS account

1. Go to <https://www.irs.gov/payments/view-your-tax-account> to create an account with the IRS. This will take some time as you'll have to take multiple steps to confirm your identity.
2. Once logged into your account, you'll see the **Account Home** page. Click **View Tax Records**.
3. On the next page, click the **Get Transcript** button.
4. Here you'll see a drop-down menu asking the reason you need a transcript. Select **Federal Tax** and leave the **Customer File Number** field empty. Click the **Go** button.
5. The following page will show your **Return Transcript, Records of Account Transcript, Account Transcript** and **Wage & Income Transcript** for the last four years. You'll want the **2020 Account Transcript**.
6. This will open a PDF of your transcript: Focus on the **Transactions** section. What you're looking for is an entry listed as **Refund issued**, and it should have a date in late May or June.

If you don't have that, it likely means the IRS hasn't gotten to your return yet.