



Two National Changes May Affect Your Tax Filings and Refunds in 2026:

Postmark Delays

Due to federal government changes at the United States Postal Service, postmarks may no longer reflect the date you drop off your mail at your local post office. The postmark date is used to determine timely filing in Kentucky, so a mailing delay could trigger penalties or interest.

- **What can taxpayers do to protect themselves?**

For more details, see the [USPS Release](#).

- File electronically to remove uncertainty
- Request a **manual postmark** when dropping off items at the post office
- Mail early, don't wait until the deadline
- Use certified or registered mail for proof of mailing

Direct Deposit Refunds

Beginning April 1, 2026, the Kentucky Department of Revenue is implementing enhanced national requirements for fraud prevention. To receive your refund by direct deposit, the name on your tax return or tax refund application must exactly match the name on your bank account. Otherwise, a paper check will be mailed.

Taxpayers and businesses should review their name and bank account information prior to filing their returns to avoid delays.



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