

Idaho State Tax Commission: Update on filing 2025 Idaho income tax now that conformity is law.

BOISE, Idaho — Feb. 17, 2026 — Now that Governor Little has signed the conformity bill, House Bill 559, the Idaho State Tax Commission is developing a plan for taxpayers to claim the new conformity deductions. The plan will also include details on how the more than 158,000 taxpayers who've already filed their 2025 income taxes can take advantage of the new deductions. The Tax Commission will provide more guidance over the next few weeks.

House Bill 559 conforms to most of the provisions in the federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act. This includes the larger standard deduction amounts, the enhanced senior deduction, and the deductions for qualified tips from wages, car loan interest, and overtime compensation.

To implement the bill:

- The Tax Commission will need to update its forms, instructions, and systems to incorporate the conformity changes before it can process tax returns.
- Tax software companies will need to update their systems, and the Tax Commission must test and verify those updates.
- Refunds will be delayed beyond normal timeframes as the Tax Commission makes these updates.

“The changes to forms and systems normally take nine months for the Tax Commission to complete,” said Chairman Jeff McCray. “However, it’s a priority for us to make the updates and provide a plan for taxpayers to follow as soon as possible.”

Those who are concerned about the timing of the changes and the tax due date can get an automatic filing extension by making sure they've paid enough of their tax by April 15. To qualify they should either pay 80% of the estimated tax they owe for 2025 or 100% of the total tax reported on their 2024 income tax return (if they filed a return). They can use the worksheet on Idaho [Form 51 – Voucher, Estimated Payment of Individual Income Tax](#), to determine any needed payment.

Visit tax.idaho.gov to get tax forms, make payments, and find tax help. You can also get help by calling (208) 334-7660 in the Boise area or toll free at (800) 972-7660. Please note that the Tax Commission’s call center hours have changed due to staffing limitations. The call center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. MST (7 a.m. to 4 p.m. PST), except on the 2nd Wednesday of the month when the phones open at 9:30 a.m. MST.

The deadline to file 2025 income taxes is Wednesday, April 15.

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Changing tax policy after the filing system has begun is highly unusual. As the Idaho Tax Commission's statement says, forms, instruction and systems will have to be redesigned. This includes the Taxslayer system TVVITA uses for returns. As the statement notes, this redesign process normally takes 9 months and depends partly upon how quickly tax software companies can update their systems.

Teton Valley VITA is taking the following steps to deal with this situation:

- We will continue to file Federal returns but will not file Idaho returns until the new redesigned system is fully functional.
- When the Taxslayer form for Idaho is fully functional, we will re-run the return as a "state only" filing. This will not alter the Federal return in any way. The Idaho return is based on the Federal return. The redesign will pull the numbers for the new deductions—Enhanced Senior, No Tax on Tips, etc.—from the Federal return that has been filed. So, there should be no need for you (the taxpayer) to supply any additional information or to file an amended Federal return.
- Once we have run the updated Idaho returns, we will contact you with the results. You can authorize us to file the Idaho return by text message or email, or you can visit one of our sites to pick up a print copy of the Idaho return. We can also email you a copy.
- For Idaho returns that have already been filed, we will follow whatever process Idaho comes up with for filing an amended return.
- We will continue to produce an Idaho return for you to review when you review your Federal return prior to signing. As the Tax Commission's statement indicates, you need to have paid 80% of your estimated Idaho income tax in order to get an extension on filing the Idaho return after April 15. This provision should apply to very few Idaho taxpayers.