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States Requiring Driver License information to file Tax Returns.

Requiring driver license information when filing tax returns is a growing trend among states. This is an effort to verify legitimate tax returns and deter fraud. Some states are requiring the information. Other states are asking for it and have indicated that returns will be processed more quickly if the information is provided. Most likely, state refunds will be issued more quickly if the information is provided.

The State of New York Department of Taxation has recently issued guidance that taxpayers will be required to provide information from their driver license when filing their New York State personal income tax returns. This requirement applies regardless of whether the driver license is issued by New York or from another state. If you will be filing a 2016 New York State Tax Return, please include a copy of your driver license with the other tax documents you provide us.

Rhode Island and Alabama are also requiring driver license information.

New Jersey has indicated that providing driver license information is optional and providing it may not result in returns being processed any faster.

The Internal Revenue Service is not requesting driver license information.

We will continue to monitor this on a state by state basis. Please be prepared to provide us with a copy of your driver license upon our request.

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