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### **Filing Your State Taxes Correctly And On Time** *Make Sure You Take Advantage Of Tax Credits*

The 2010 tax season is underway. The N.C. Department of Revenue offers the following tax tips to make sure you file your taxes correctly and on time.

**Plan to file your taxes electronically:** filing your taxes electronically is fast, convenient and more accurate than paper filing. Plus, you receive a confirmation that your return and/or payment has been received. Direct deposit of your state income tax refund is available only if you e-file. If you owe additional tax, you can make payments electronically on the agency's website by bank draft, Visa, or MasterCard. Just visit [www.dornc.com](http://www.dornc.com), click on Electronic Services for Individuals and then D-400V Individual Payment Voucher.

Last year more than half of North Carolina taxpayers filed electronically. The opportunity to e-file for free is available for those that meet certain eligibility requirements. More information about e-filing, including free and other low cost filing options, is available by clicking the e-file link on the front page of the agency's website or going directly to [www.dornc.com/electronic/e-file.html](http://www.dornc.com/electronic/e-file.html).

**You may qualify for the earned income tax credit:** the state Earned Income Tax Credit increases this year to 5 percent of a taxpayer's federal credit. Check your [eligibility](#) for the federal and state earned income tax credits. If you qualify for the federal credit, you qualify for the state credit. Taxpayers with incomes as high as \$43,000 may qualify.

**Don't file photocopies of tax forms:** if you file using paper forms, please use pre-printed forms or forms you download from the department's website. Photocopies of forms may not scan correctly, which could delay the processing of your return or cause errors that would require you to file an amended return.

Taxpayers can get tax forms mailed to them free of charge by calling 1-877-252-3052 during regular business hours or by writing to the department. Taxpayers can also order

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forms from the department's website at <http://www.dornc.com/request/>. Forms are also available for downloading from the agency's website at <http://www.dornc.com/downloads/individual.html>.

**Make sure you include your correct address:** thousands of state tax refunds are returned each year because taxpayers put an incorrect address on their returns. Double-check your personal information – including your current address – before you send in your return.

**Make your check out to the N.C. Department of Revenue:** some taxpayers send checks made out to the Internal Revenue Service for their state taxes. If you owe any state tax, make your check out to the N.C. Department of Revenue.

**You may qualify for free tax preparation and filing:** taxpayers with low- to moderate incomes may qualify for free tax preparation and filing assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service. Go to <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=107626,00.html> for more information on the tax assistance programs available.

## Questions, Or To Get More Information

Please call the Taxpayer Assistance and Collections Center at 1-877-252-3052 if you have any questions about this issue.

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