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IRS reminder: Electronically filed 2016 tax returns due by November 18; disaster victims and others need to file on paper after November 18

The IRS today issued a reminder to individual taxpayers, including those in certain disaster areas, that if they want to file a 2016 tax return electronically, they must do so by Saturday, November 18, 2017.

The filing of paper versions of tax returns will remain available after November 18.

The IRS release—[IR-2017-183](#) (October 31, 2017)—states that IRS Modernized e-file (the system that processes electronically filed individual returns) will shut down after November 18, to allow the IRS to perform annual maintenance and to program the system for the upcoming 2018 tax-filing season. As a result, taxpayers who need to file their 2016 tax return after November 18 will need to do so on paper.

The IRS noted that certain taxpayers may be allowed to file until January 31, 2018—including eligible taxpayers who live in a federally declared disaster area (that is, taxpayers affected by hurricanes and tropical storms in Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and parts of Texas, Louisiana and South Carolina, as well as wildfire victims in parts of California).

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