2027
PATH Act Refund Chart



DATE ACCEPTED	DIRECT DEPOSIT EXPECTED
JAN 25 - JAN 30	MAR 1 - MAR 5
JAN 31 - FEB 6	MAR 1 - MAR 5
FEB 7 - FEB 13	MAR 1 - MAR 5
FEB 14 - FEB 20	MAR 1 - MAR 5
FEB 21 - FEB 27	MAR 5
FEB 28 - MAR 6	MAR 12
MAR 7 - MAR 13	MAR 19

Estimates for EITC and ACTC refunds, based on a January 25, 2027 IRS opening.

Key 2027 PATH Act Dates

IRS E-File Opens	January 25, 2027 (estimate)
PATH Act Hold Ends	February 15, 2027 (Presidents Day)
Where's My Refund Shows Dates	Around February 20, 2027 (estimate)
Most Early EITC And ACTC Refunds	First week of March 2027, around March 1
Tax Day	Thursday, April 15, 2027

The PATH Act bars the IRS from issuing any refund that claims the Earned Income Tax Credit or the Additional Child Tax Credit before February 15. The hold covers your entire refund. Dates are estimates from The College Investor based on past IRS release dates, for e-filed returns with direct deposit and no issues. Check your exact date with Where's My Refund at IRS.gov. Updated chart: thecollegeinvestor.com/45127/path-act-tax-refund-dates/