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# *South Carolina tax season now underway*

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SENECA — Income tax season is officially open after the South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR) started accepting 2022 individual returns on Monday.

SCDOR will begin processing returns on Feb. 6 to allow employers time to meet the Jan. 31 W-2 submission deadline, a news release from the agency said. The filing date for both state and federal returns has been extended by three days to April 18.

“Tax return and refund processing is expected to take 6-8 weeks from February 6 or the date you file, whichever is later, to allow the SCDOR to use all available tools to check for fraud and protect your refund,” the release said. “Fighting fraud to protect taxpayer dollars is our priority.”

Beginning this filing period, military retirement pay is now excluded from the state income tax.

Refund status can be checked online at [dor.sc.gov/refund](http://dor.sc.gov/refund).