Direct Debit Fast Facts

Taxpayers who owe taxes and are e-filing their tax return can select for the amount to be automatically withdrawn from their bank account through direct debit.

Direct debit information is entered on the **E-file** screen of TaxSlayer in the **Taxpayer Bank Account Information** tab. This information must be supplied:

- Financial Institution Name
- Type of Account: checking or savings
- Routing Number - always 9 digits
- Bank Account Number
- Phone Number of the Taxpayer
- Date of Direct Debit

There are several constraints on the **direct debit entry** and the **direct debit date**.

- For the **current tax year**, the **latest date** for direct debit is **April 15th** for returns **transmitted up to and including April 14th**.

- For current year tax returns **transmitted on April 15th**, there can be **no direct debit**. The taxpayer must make a payment through another means. See How To Make a Payment.

- For **prior year returns**, there can **never be a future direct debit date**. The debit will be made as soon as the tax return is processed by the IRS.

- For all tax years, the date selected for direct debit cannot be more than 5 days prior to when the return is transmitted.

- Taxpayers **cannot direct debit a partial amount** on this TaxSlayer entry screen. It's all or nothing using this specific payment method. If the taxpayer plans to make a partial payment, click "Back" on the **Taxpayer Bank Account Information** tab, and select "Mail payment" as the payment method instead. The taxpayer should make the first partial payment through another means. See How To Make a Payment.