

# Processing status of the tax return

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## Competent Department

- [Finanzamt Bremerhaven](#)
- [Finanzamt Bremen](#)

## Basic information

Tax returns are generally processed in the order in which they are received. Depending on the tax case, there are complex and less complex issues, so that no general statement can be made about the processing status of a tax return.

How long does the processing take?

The processing time depends on how many tax returns are submitted at any one time or within a given period. An increased volume of returns and therefore a longer processing time at the tax offices is to be expected, particularly on the statutory submission deadlines.

Statutory filing deadlines for citizens without tax advice:

Taxation period Filing deadline

2021 01.11.2022

2022 02.10.2023

2023 02.09.2024

2024 31.07.2025

2025 31.07.2026

Statutory filing deadlines for citizens with tax advice:

Taxation period Filing deadline

2021 31.08.2023

2022 31.07.2024

2023 02.06.2025

2024 30.04.2026

2025 01.03.2027

In addition, different work statuses may occur in the individual work areas of the tax offices, for example due to sickness or vacation-related absences.

The date given is therefore only a guideline for the current processing of incoming returns. The individual processing of your tax return may deviate from this, i.e. it may take place earlier or later.

#### Bremen tax office

- Profit income (tradespeople and self-employed persons, tax number 460-200-0000 to 460-283-99999): 29.07.2024
- Surplus income (employee cases, tax numbers 460-300-0000 to 460-579-99999): 24.06.2024

#### Bremerhaven tax office

- Profit income (tradespeople and self-employed persons, tax number 475-200-00000 to 475-283-99999): 11.09.2024
- Surplus income (employee cases, tax numbers 475-300-00000 to 475-579-99999): 07.10.2024

Status: 15.11.2024

## Procedure

### More information

Help us!

To ensure that your tax return is processed quickly and smoothly, we would like to point out that tax returns should be submitted in electronic form (e.g. via <http://www.elster.de/>) and in full wherever possible.

To respond to inquiries from the tax office or to submit the following documents, you can also use [www.elster.de](http://www.elster.de) for this purpose:

- Applications for adjustment of advance payments
- Requests for extension of deadlines
- Appeals
- Submission of documents for the tax return
- Other messages to the tax office