

H&R Block Reminds Taxpayers: W-2 on February 2

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New Mailing Date Could Mean Later Arrival for Some Forms

KANSAS CITY, MO, Jan 28, 2009 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX) -- Millions of taxpayers anxiously awaiting their W-2 to arrive so they can start their tax returns, may have to wait just a few days longer. Legally, employers have until Jan. 31 to have W-2 forms postmarked, but this year, that's a Saturday, so they have until Monday, February 2 to send the W-2.

"Employers may be mailing W-2 forms a few days later than in years past and that may have some taxpayers a bit restless," stated Gil Charney, principal tax researcher at the Tax Institute at H&R Block (NYSE: HRB). "But not to worry, there's still plenty of time. What's most important is to make sure the return is prepared accurately, whether doing it yourself or seeking the advice of a tax professional, to maximize your refund and avoid delays."

If a taxpayer finds themselves waiting by the mailbox and have yet to see their W-2 arrive, fret not. The Tax Institute says it can take up to a week for the W-2 to arrive. If that date still has come and gone, contact the employer immediately and inquire about the nature of the delay. It could be the taxpayer's address hasn't been updated since a recent move, or that the employer has the W-2 available online. If a taxpayer's employer has closed or there are issues that may prevent them from receiving it, there are other means of providing the IRS with the required information. A seasoned tax professional could easily assist with this process.

The Tax Institute also encourages taxpayers to review their W-2 for accuracy once they've received it, and make sure the information within seems reasonable.

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