

## Driver license requirement for taxpayers

If you use software to prepare your (and your spouse's, if applicable) personal income tax return, New York State **requires** you to include your driver license or non-driver ID information on the return. This applies to both you and your spouse. You must enter the information each tax year as New York State does **not** allow the retention of driver license information by tax preparation software.

This requirement applies to driver licenses or non-driver IDs from **any** state.

You must provide the following information from your (and your spouse's, if applicable) driver license or non-driver ID:

- the driver license or non-driver ID number;
- the issuing state;
- the issue date;
- the expiration date; and
- the first three characters of the document number (for New York State-issued licenses and non-driver IDs only).

If you or your spouse do not have a driver license or non-driver ID, you can indicate that within the software to fulfill this requirement.

### IDs and documents

#### **What we accept**

We accept information from your most **recent** driver license or non-driver ID. Whether your ID is active or expired, we will accept the return.

#### **How to locate the ID and document number**

The document numbers for New York State driver licenses and non-driver IDs consist of either 8 or 10 alphanumeric characters (we only require the first three characters).

To view the standard placement of the ID number and document number on New York State-issued licenses and IDs, visit the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles at [Sample Photo Documents](#).

#### **Why we want this information**

We will use the driver license and non-driver ID information as verification to protect you from fraud and identity theft.

### Extensions

If you do not have your information when you file your extension, you may check the *Did not provide ID* box. **However**, when you subsequently e-file your return, you **must** include your driver license or non-driver ID information.

### Compliance

New York States requires you to provide this information for you and your spouse (if applicable).

#### **If you don't include your ID information**

We use your ID information to help validate your identity; if we can't validate you, your refund may be delayed.

#### **If you have an out-of-state ID**

As long as you are providing a valid out-of-state ID, you should not experience any processing delay related to your ID.