



## How To Make This Year's Tax Returns Quicker And Easier: File And Pay 2006 Taxes Electronically

(NAPSA)—Millions of Americans have discovered an easy way to make the annual ritual of preparing and completing tax returns less daunting: filing electronically. According to the IRS, more than 60 percent of taxes were filed electronically through April 29, 2005.

Filing electronically helps taxpayers by providing increased privacy and security, along with faster processing time. Americans can also benefit from fewer errors on returns and quicker refunds. Refunds can be automatically deposited into a checking or savings account via Direct Deposit in as few as seven business days.

For even greater speed and convenience, savvy tax filers are using payment cards to file and pay taxes in growing numbers. In fact, tax payments made on Visa cards increased 48 percent during the 12 months ending September 30, 2006, over the previous year.

Paying with a Visa card offers taxpayers additional benefits to paying taxes by check or money order. Whether filing by mail or online, paying taxes electronically offers peace of mind that the pay-

ment is made immediately, with proof of payment on the card statement. Electronic payments can be made by phone, online or when filing electronically and are accepted 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Electronic payment also allows cardholders to better manage their cash flow by spreading out payments if desired. What's more, paying taxes can be rewarding. Depending on the card program, taxpayers can earn miles, points or rewards for each tax dollar paid.

As an added benefit for Visa cardholders this year, H&R Block and LINK2GOV are offering a discounted rate of 1.99 percent on the standard service fee for tax payments filed in an H&R Block retail office through April 30, 2007. For details, please visit [www.visa.com/taxpay](http://www.visa.com/taxpay). In addition, TurboTaxOnline® and Official Payments Corp.® are offering a 15 percent discount off federal and state tax preparation fees for tax payments made through October 15, 2007. For more details, visit [www.officialpayments.com/turbotaxVISA](http://www.officialpayments.com/turbotaxVISA).

*Note: Cardholders may be charged a convenience fee for use of payment cards, which may vary based on the tax amount due and the service provider selected.*