

Doc typo snarls refunds

They're getting a poor return on their precious time investment.

A mere typo in a tax document has threatened the refunds of more than 50,000 taxpayers in New York, leading to some receiving smaller payouts than anticipated, while others were sent notices asking for additional payments.

The error has since been corrected, officials said, but not everyone has collected their full refund yet.

The blunder emerged early in March when the state's Department of Taxation and Finance issued a notice to tax professionals regarding New York residents who are married and filing taxes jointly or who filed as a qualified surviving spouse, Times Union reported.

Reduced refunds came from a typo in one of the withholding tables included in the submitted tax forms.

According to the department, the typo was spotted in the third week of February and was fixed around the start of March. Those who have yet to file will not be affected by the error.

The issue affected around 52,000 people in the state of New York, which is less than 1% of all people who are expected to file returns this tax season.

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