

## **IRS Services Guide**

## Help for Individual Taxpayers

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If you need help with General tax law information	<ul> <li>Go to IRS.gov and search Interactive Tax Assistant, Tax Topics, Frequently Asked Questions and IRS Tax Map to get answers to your tax questions</li> <li>Go to the Let Us Help You page for IRS tools, resources and toll free numbers if you need to call</li> <li>Go to IRS.gov/Pub 17, Your Federal Income Tax for Individuals, for information about recent tax law changes and interactive links to find answers to your questions</li> <li>Access tax law information using IRS eBooks for mobile devices</li> <li>Find tax law information in your electronic filing software</li> </ul>
Finding a qualified tax professional	<ul> <li>Search <u>IRS.gov/chooseataxpro</u> on IRS.gov to help you locate a qualified tax preparer</li> </ul>
Preparing a federal tax return	<ul> <li>Find free options on IRS.gov or in your community for those who qualify:</li> <li>Go to IRS.gov/FreeFile to find brand name software to prepare and e-file your return for free</li> <li>Go to IRS.gov/VITA to find free tax help. Select Free Tax Help on the IRS2Go app, or call 1-800-906-9887 to find the nearest location for free tax preparation</li> <li>Go to IRS.gov/TCE for free help with your taxes, or call 1-888-227-7669 to find the nearest location for free tax preparation</li> <li>Note: Use Direct Deposit when filing your return for a quicker refund. It's fast and safe.</li> </ul>
International tax issues	Go to IRS.gov and search International Taxpayers page
An issue that requires face-to-face assistance	<ul> <li>Service is by appointment. <u>Contact Your Local Office</u> lists locations.</li> <li>Call 844-545-5640 for an appointment.</li> <li>Go to IRS.gov and search <u>Let Us Help You</u> for other ways to get help.</li> </ul>
Getting a transcript or copy of a return	<ul> <li>Go to IRS.gov/GetTranscript</li> <li>Call the automated transcript toll-free line: 1-800-908-9946</li> <li>Mail in Form 4506-T (available on IRS.gov)</li> </ul>
Requesting IRS records through Freedom Of Information Act	Go to IRS.gov and search <u>Freedom of Information</u> to get FOIA guidelines for requesting IRS records
Making a tax payment	Go to IRS.gov/payments. You can pay by:  • Direct Pay (Individuals only – checking or savings account, free)  • Debit or credit card  • Electronic Federal Tax Payment System  • Check or money order, or  Download the IRS2Go mobile app to make a payment.
Checking on the status of a refund	<ul> <li>Go to <u>IRS.gov/refunds</u> for refund status</li> <li>Select Refund Status on the <u>IRS2Go</u> mobile app</li> <li>Call the automated refund hotline: 1-800-829-1954</li> </ul>
Checking the status of an amended return	Go to IRS.gov and search Where's My Amended Return to check status

Determining how much you owe	Go to IRS.gov/account to view the amount of tax you owe, 18 months of payment history or current year tax return information
Reporting health care coverage	<ul> <li>Go to IRS.gov/aca and learn how to report health care coverage</li> <li>Go to IRS.gov/ITA to determine if you must reconcile advance payments or if you can claim a Premium Tax Credit</li> <li>Go to IRS.gov/ITA to determine if you can claim a coverage exemption or if you must make an Individual Shared Responsibility payment</li> <li>Go to HealthCare.gov for information about the Health Insurance Marketplace</li> <li>Call toll-free 800-919-0452 for more health care related information</li> </ul>
What if I can't pay now?	Go to <a href="IRS.gov/payments">IRS.gov/payments</a> and select online payment agreement.  • Go to <a href="IRS.gov/OPA">IRS.gov/OPA</a> to apply for an Online Payment Agreement to pay your taxes over time  • Go to <a href="IRS.gov/OIC">IRS.gov/OIC</a> to find the Offer In Compromise pre-qualifier tool to settle for less than you owe
Understanding an IRS Notice or Letter	Go to IRS.gov and search <u>understanding your notice</u> to find additional information about your IRS notice or letter
Getting an Employer Identification Number (EIN)	<ul> <li>Go to IRS.gov/EIN to apply for an Online EIN Application</li> <li>Available Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Eastern time</li> </ul>
Getting an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)	Go to IRS.gov/ITIN to learn more about renewing an expired ITIN and to get an application
Understanding Identity Theft issues	Go to IRS.gov and search <u>Identity Theft</u> for information and videos
Obtaining a tax form or publication	Go to IRS.gov/forms-pubs
Contacting a local Taxpayer Advocate	• Go to IRS.gov and search <u>Taxpayer Advocate</u> or call them at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TTD: 1-800-829-4059



## Help for Tax Professionals

If you need help with	Here's where to find it
General Tax Professional Information	<ul> <li>Go to <u>IRS.gov/for-tax-pros</u> to find tools and information For Tax Pros</li> <li>Find Health Care Law information in the <u>ACA Information Center for Tax Professionals</u></li> </ul>
Getting a Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN)	<ul> <li>Go to IRS.gov/PTIN to get PTIN requirements and renew or sign up for a PTIN.</li> <li>Call toll-free: 1-877-613-7846</li> <li>International: 1-915-342-5655 (not toll-free)</li> <li>TTY: 1-877-613-3686</li> </ul>
Getting a Power of Attorney (POA)	Go to IRS.gov and search <u>POA</u> for information on Form 2848 and Instructions
Contacting the Practitioner Priority Service	Call toll-free: 1-866-860-4259 for help with a client account issue
Keeping up with the latest IRS information affecting tax professionals	<ul> <li>Go to IRS.gov and search "Join e-news" to subscribe to e-News for Tax professionals</li> <li>Follow IRS on Twitter, at: <a href="https://twitter.com/irstaxpros">https://twitter.com/irstaxpros</a></li> <li>Like IRS on Facebook, at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/IRStaxpros">https://www.facebook.com/IRStaxpros</a></li> </ul>