

Want a less taxing way to prepare your taxes?

Taxes can be, well, taxing. But Free File does the hard work for you. Using Free File, you can prepare and e-file your federal taxes, all for free. Free File, available exclusively through the IRS, offers a fast, safe and free way for you to do your federal taxes.

It's Fast. Free File is available 24/7. No lines. No waiting. Using Free File helps you do your own taxes online—hassle free. There's no need for you to be a tax expert. Software provides step-by-step guidance. You get a more accurate tax return. Best of all, e-file and direct deposit are still the fastest way to get your refund.

It's Safe. Join the 36 million taxpayers who already have used Free File safely and securely. Free File uses the latest encryption technology. You'll get an electronic receipt saying your return has been received by the IRS.

It's Free. Is your adjusted gross income \$57,000 or less for 2012 (and that's 70 percent of Americans)? Try easy-to-use, brand-name tax preparation software. There are nearly 15 software programs from which to choose. Make more than \$57,000? Try online fillable forms. Get started at www.irs.gov/freefile.



NEW. Some Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax counseling for the elderly (VITA/TCE) sites are making Free File available to eligible taxpayers. File your taxes yourself for FREE, with brand-name software and a little help from a certified IRS volunteer. Find a self-help VITA/TCE location near you at www.irs.gov, search word: VITA.

What about state tax returns? Some Free File partners offer free state tax return preparation, others offer it for a fee. Currently, there are 22 states and the District of Columbia that offer free state preparation and filing options.

IRS Free File: It's fast. It's safe. It's free.

You're just steps away from doing your federal income tax return for free!

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Get Ready

Gather all your income documents, such as Forms W-2 and 1099 as well as expense records that demonstrate tax credits and deductions.

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Go to Free File

Using your own computer? Go to www.irs.gov/freefile. Some VITA/TCE sites will display participating Free File companies.

3

Select a brand-name software product

If your adjusted gross income (AGI) was \$57,000 or less for 2012, use a software product for free.

If your AGI is higher, use Free File Fillable Forms.

4

Prepare your federal tax return

Prepare your tax return online at the company's website. Getting a refund? Use Direct Deposit. Owe taxes? Pay electronically.

5

Double check, print and e-file

Double check your entries for accuracy. Print a copy of your tax return for your records. Finally, e-file your return to ensure fast, safe delivery.



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Security Tip. Did you use a publicly accessible computer such as in a library or other outlet? Clear your browser history by emptying your cache to ensure all personal information has been deleted.