

If I talk to a tax preparer is it confidential?

Tax preparers are required to keep your information confidential and cannot disclose any information you provide other than to submit your tax return.

What if I owe back taxes?

You may qualify for an Offer in Compromise if you are unable to pay your taxes in full or if you are facing severe or unusual economic hardship. Contact the IRS.

What if I am a felon or incarcerated?

If you are incarcerated and had taxable income you may designate a person to file for you. You must create a "Power of Attorney" for this person.

If you are a felon and had taxable income above the minimum levels you must file a return.

What if I have not filed taxes in years?

In many cases you may be due a refund for years in which you did not file. You will not be penalized for a late return if you owe no taxes.

If you have taxes due for prior years you will be subject to interest and penalties.

What if I have worked "under the table" and did not receive a tax form (I-9, W-2) from my employer?

You are required to report any income EVEN if you did not receive a statement from your employer.

**To contact the IRS directly please call:
1-800-829-1040**

**For additional questions,
please call (360) 746-0321.**

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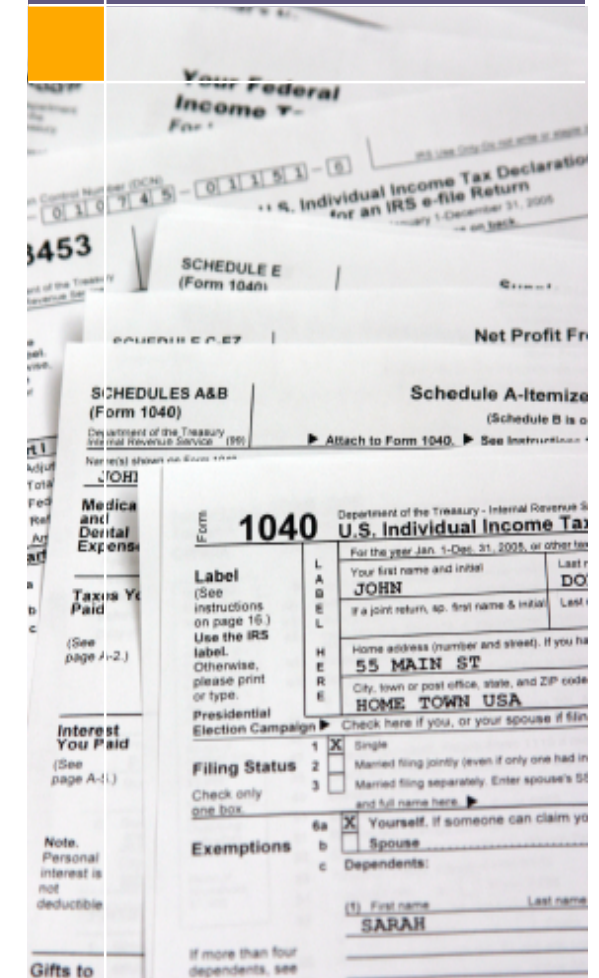
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Frequently Asked Questions About Filing Taxes

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What if I have misplaced my W-2 form?

You should contact your employer and ask for a replacement W-2.

If my income is only from Social Security (or GAU, etc.), do I still need to pay taxes?

No, if you have no other income you do not have to file.

What if I got laid off from my old job and they have not sent (or I have not received) my W-2 form?

You should contact your employer and ask for a replacement W-2.

If I don't think I owe any taxes, do I still need to file by April 15?

If you do not owe any tax you will not be penalized for filing late. However you should file by April 15 because you may be eligible for tax credits or refunds.

What can the IRS really DO to me if I don't file taxes?

The IRS can and will impose interest charges and penalties for non-payment of taxes due.

Can I file if I do not have a home address?

Yes, it is possible to use a post office box or "General Delivery" address. Check with the local post office about General Delivery.

The IRS can take money from your refund to pay the unpaid balance of the following:

- Unpaid Federal Tax Debt
- Back Child Support
- Unpaid Student Loans

The IRS cannot take your refund to pay back personal debts (credit cards, etc.)



How much income do I have to make before I need to file an income tax return?

If your filing status is:	And you are:	Then you must file if your income was over:
Single	Under 65	\$9,350
	65 or Older	\$10,750
Married filing jointly	Both spouses under 65	\$18,700
	One spouse over 65	\$19,800
	Both spouses over 65	\$20,900
Married filing separately	Any age	\$3,650
Head of household	Under 65	\$12,000
	65 or Older	\$13,400
Widow(er) (whose spouse died in 2007 or 2008) with a dependent child	Under 65	\$15,050
	65 or Older	\$16,150

Note 1: Income does not include Social Security benefits unless one-half of your Social Security benefits PLUS your other gross income is more than \$25,000 if single or \$32,000 if married filing jointly.

Note 2: You should file if you have taxes withheld to see if you have a refund due.

Note 3: You should file if you might have earned income credit. Example: For married filing jointly with two children and \$100 earned income might be eligible for \$50 earned income credit. For a single parent with two children and \$8000 earned income might be eligible for \$3210 earned income credit.