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Your First Stop for Information: IRS.gov

The screenshot shows the IRS.gov homepage with a dark blue header. The top navigation bar includes links for Help, News, English, Tax Pros, and Sign in. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for File, Pay, Refunds, Credits & Deductions, Forms, and Report Fraud, along with a search bar. The main content area features a large heading 'Do more with an IRS account' and a sub-heading 'Access your tax information with an Individual, Business or Tax Pro Account'. There are four feature icons: Refund status, Tax records, Payments, and Notifications. Below these are 'Create account' and 'Sign in' buttons. To the right, an illustration shows a woman sitting at a desk with a laptop. Further right, a section titled 'Where's my refund?' offers two ways to check: 'IRS account' (with a 'Sign in' button) and 'Refund tracker' (with a 'Use refund tracker' button). At the bottom, a 'How can we help you?' section lists nine services with corresponding icons: Get your refund status, Get your tax records and transcripts, Make a payment, Find forms & instructions, Get an identity protection PIN, Check Your Federal Tax Withholding, Apply for an Employer ID Number (EIN), Check your amended return status, and Use our tax help tools.



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Interactive Tax Assistant

Tools

Report phishing

Tax scams

Identity theft

Notices and letters

Appeals

Frequently asked questions

Accessibility

Contact your local IRS office

Contact an international IRS office

Tax topics

Other languages

We can help you online, by phone or in person.

Online tools and resources

You can get help online with self-service options.

[+ Check refund status](#)

[+ Correct or amend a return](#)

[+ Payments and penalties](#)

[+ Letter from the IRS](#)

[+ Identity theft, fraud and scams](#)

[+ File a tax return](#)

[+ Get a tax transcript](#)

[+ Business topics](#)

Help in your language

If you can't find the answers to your tax questions on [IRS.gov](#), we offer help in over 350 languages with the support of professional interpreters.

[+ Interpretation services](#)

Telephone and local assistance

If you mailed a tax return or letter and haven't yet heard from us, don't call or file a second return. Find expected wait times for [current IRS operations and services](#).

[+ IRS phone numbers](#)

[+ Your local IRS office](#)

[+ Free tax return help](#)

Get help from IRS-certified volunteers

[Free tax return preparation for qualifying taxpayers, if any of these situations apply](#)



[IRS.gov/help](https://www.irs.gov/help)



Processing Status for Tax Forms

- Shows current processing status for:
 - Form 1040 series
 - Letters and notices
 - Other tax forms

The screenshot shows the IRS website page for "Processing status for tax forms". The page includes a navigation bar with links for "File", "Pay", "Refunds", "Credits & Deductions", and "Forms & Instructions". A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area is titled "Processing status for tax forms" and includes a sub-header "Find our current processing status and what to expect for the tax form types listed below." The page is organized into several sections:

- Interactive Tax Assistant:** A sidebar menu with links to "Tools", "Report phishing", "Tax scams", "Identity theft", "Notices and letters", "Appeals", "Frequently asked questions", "Accessibility", "Contact your local IRS office", "Contact an international IRS office", "Tax topics", and "Other languages".
- Individual returns:** A section explaining that electronically filed Form 1040 returns are generally processed within 21 days, and paper returns received during the months below are currently being processed. It lists processing times for "Form 1040 series" (Original and Amended) and includes a disclaimer that it does not include returns requiring error correction or special handling.
- Business returns:** A section explaining that electronically filed original returns are generally processed within 21 days, and paper returns received during the months below are currently being processed. It lists processing times for "Form 1120 series" (Original and Amended), "Form 941" (Original and Amended), and "Form 1041" (Original and Amended). It also includes a disclaimer about error correction and special handling.
- Forms 2848 and 8821:** A section with a plus icon and the text "Forms 2848 and 8821".
- Other forms:** A section with a plus icon and the text "Other forms".
- Letters and notices:** A section with a plus icon and the text "Letters and notices".
- IRS operations:** A section with a plus icon and the text "See the latest filing information."



IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers



Should I visit a Taxpayer Assistance Center?

Taxpayers should be alert and aware of common scams, schemes and cons. Postings on social media can include inaccurate or misleading information. The IRS has recently seen schemes that encourage people to submit false, inaccurate tax returns in hopes of receiving large refunds.

Make sure you are eligible for any credits you claimed and that the information you entered is accurate – you may be asked to provide documentation to support any items claimed on your return and to file to do so on credit in some periods.

If you've received an IRS letter indicating you should visit an in-person appointment to verify your identity for a tax return you filed, there are important factors to consider before visiting a Taxpayer Assistance Center (TAC).

- Did you carefully review your tax return to ensure accuracy?
- If you used a tax preparer, did they sign the return. If so, how? If they didn't, they should know.
- If you claimed the R of the Credit (RTC), do you run a firm or are you an owner/partner? The RTC is meant for self-employed business and farming and is not available to most taxpayers.
- If you claimed the Sick & Family Leave Credit, did you verify that you are eligible under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act? These credits were available for self-employed individuals for 2020 and 2021, but the pandemic they are not available for 2022 tax returns and cannot be based on income earned as an employee.
- If you filed Social Security (SS), Unemployment Insurance (UI) or other income based on wages normally paid to non-employee? Do you have documentation to support your tax return?
- Do the wages and self-employment income on your tax return match the wages and self-employment on your W-2, 1099 or other documents provided by your employer?

If the information on your tax return is not accurate, you will not receive the refund claimed. While filing of a tax return claiming credits you don't qualify for can result in a significant penalty. Remember, you are responsible for the information provided on your tax return, no matter who prepared it.

If you do not meet the requirements to claim these credits, file an amended return and there is no need for you to visit a TAC. If you still need to be seen at a TAC, please call 844-545-5640 to make an appointment at a date and time convenient for you.

For more information on these and other scams and how to report them, visit these pages on IRS.gov:



Scams/Schemes Alerts



Dirty Deeds List



About the Notices & Return Preparer

For more information on these and other scams and how to report them, visit these pages on IRS.gov:

- Taxpayer Assistance Centers (TAC) offer in-person help year-round by appointment
- A [Taxpayer Assistance Center locator](#) is available to help you find the closest center



Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS)

- Independent organization within the IRS.
- Assists in resolving tax problems with the IRS when a taxpayer:
 - Is experiencing a financial/economic hardship or an immediate threat of adverse action.
 - Is not able to resolve the issue through normal IRS channels.
 - Has tried to contact the IRS, but no one has responded, or the IRS hasn't responded by the date promised.
- TAS Office of Systemic Advocacy accepts online submissions of systemic issues.

www.irs.gov/taxpayer-advocate

The screenshot shows the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for File, Pay, Refunds, Credits & Deductions, and Forms & Instructions. Below this is a search bar. The main heading is "Taxpayer Advocate Service". To the right of the heading are language options: English, Español, 中文(简体), 中文(繁體), 한국어, Русский, Tiếng Việt, and Kreyòl ayisyen. On the left side, there is a vertical menu with links to Taxpayer Bill of Rights, Low Income Taxpayer Clinics, Reports to Congress, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, and Systemic Advocacy. The main content area features a large banner with the text "Need help resolving your difficult IRS tax situation?" and "Visit the Taxpayer Advocate Service website and learn how we help taxpayers resolve their IRS problem." Below the banner is a "Visit TAS website" button. To the right of the banner is a section titled "Get help with your IRS problems" with a "Learn more" link. Further down, there is a "Common issues" section with a list of links: Tax refund offsets, I can't pay my taxes, I don't have my refund, I got a notice from the IRS, I want to know about my rights, I want to file for free, I made a mistake on my taxes, and I have questions about the Earned Income Tax Credit. Below this is a "More issues" link. At the bottom, there are two more sections: "Tax news & information" with a link to "Get all the latest tax news and information" and "NTA BLOG" with the text "NATIONAL TAXPAYER ADVOCATE" and a link to "IRS Appeals Moves Toward Greater Transparency by Sharing Appeals Case Memoranda With Taxpayers". A link to "Read the NTA's prior blogs" is also present.



Get Ready to File

- Get ready today to file your federal income tax return. Planning ahead can help you file an accurate return and avoid delays that can slow your tax refund.

www.irs.gov/getready

The screenshot shows the IRS website's 'Get ready to file your taxes' page. The page features a navigation bar with links for 'File', 'Pay', 'Refunds', 'Credits & Deductions', 'Forms', and 'Report Fraud'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main heading is 'Get ready to file your taxes', with language options for English, Español, 中文(简体), 中文(繁體), 한국어, Дисконт, Tiếng Việt, and Kreyòl Ayisyen. A left sidebar lists various taxpayer categories such as 'Individuals', 'Businesses and self-employed', 'Charities and nonprofits', 'International taxpayers', 'Governmental liaisons', 'Federal, state and local governments', 'Indian tribal governments', and 'Tax exempt bonds'. The main content area includes a paragraph about tax planning, a section titled 'What's new and what to consider the next time you file' with four bullet points: 'Taxpayers may receive a Form 1099-K', 'Changes that may affect your tax refund', 'Avoid refund delays and understand refund timing', and 'Make sure you've withheld enough tax'. Below this is a section 'Steps you can take now to make tax filing easier' with four bullet points: 'Create or access your account information at IRS.gov/account', 'Gather and organize your tax records', 'Check your individual tax identification number (ITIN)', and 'Get an Identity Protection Personal Identification Number (IP PIN)'. At the bottom, there is a 'Bookmark IRS.gov resources and online tools' section with four bullet points: 'File your taxes', 'Get your refund status', 'Volunteer to help eligible taxpayers file in your community', and 'Protect yourself and your money'. A 'Download publications' link is also present.



New Tax Law Changes

The One, Big, Beautiful Bill Act of 2025 was signed into law on July 4, 2025.

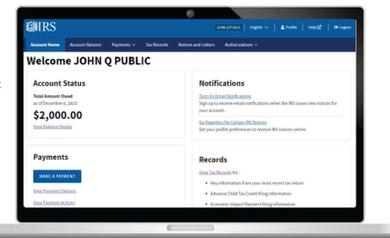
- The following provisions went into effect in 2025:
 - No tax on tips
 - No tax on overtime
 - No tax on car loan interest
 - Deduction for seniors
 - Expansion of HSA Eligibility
- There will be no changes to certain information returns or withholding tables for Tax Year 2025 related to the new law.
- Beginning in tax year 2025, a portion of the Adoption Credit is refundable up to \$5,000.
- Form 1099-K Reporting – retroactively reinstated the reporting threshold in effect prior to the passage of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.



Individual Online Account

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- View balance details, payment history, payment plan details, and key information from your most recent tax return
- Make an online payment
- Request a payment plan via the Online Payment Agreement (OPA)
- View Information return documents (Forms W-2, 1099, 1098, and 1095-A) needed for filing
- Access tax records via Get Transcript



Access Tax Records

- View key information from your most recently filed tax return, including your adjusted gross income.
- View payment amounts needed for filing, including Economic Impact Payments and advance Child Tax Credit payments.
- View copies of certain notices.

Manage Communications Preferences

- Go paperless for certain IRS notices.
- Get email notifications for new account information or activity.

View Your Balance

- View amount owed.
- Get a breakdown by tax year.

View or Create Payment Plans

- Learn about payment plan options.
- Apply for a new payment plan.
- View plan details if you have a payment plan.

Make and View Payments

- Make a payment from your bank account or by debit/credit card.
- View five years of payment history, including any estimated tax payments.
- View any pending or scheduled payments.

View Tax Pro Authorizations

- View any authorization requests from tax professionals.
- Approve and electronically sign power of attorneys and tax information authorizations from your tax professional.

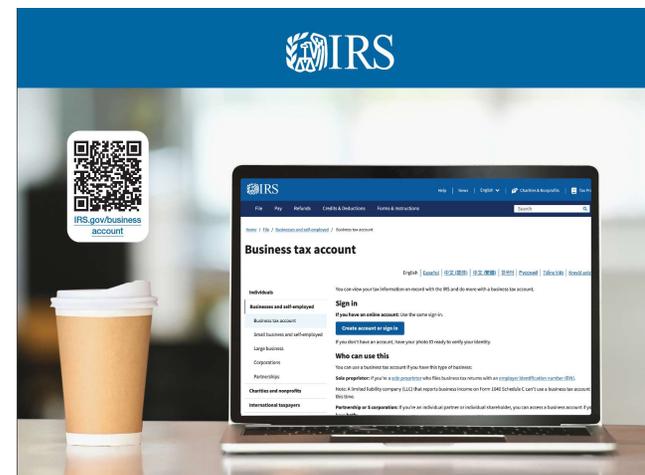
Create or access your account at irs.gov/account. If you don't have an existing account, have your photo identification ready.



Business Tax Account

Business Tax Account

- View and pay your tax balance or make a Federal Tax Deposit
- View your payment history for recent transactions
- Request a tax compliance check
- View the business name and address on file with the IRS
- View and download select digital notices or transcripts for payroll, income and excise tax returns



Access your Business Tax Account

Do more with a Business Tax Account

- View and pay your tax balance or make a Federal Tax Deposit
- View your payment history for recent transactions
- Request a tax compliance check
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Discover if you qualify to use a Business Tax Account at [IRS.gov/businessaccount](https://www.irs.gov/businessaccount)

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IRS Webinars

This screenshot shows the IRS website's search results for the term "webinars". The search bar at the top right contains the word "Webinars" and is highlighted with a red box and an arrow. Below the search bar, the search results section shows "webinars" entered in the search field. A "Sort By: Relevance" dropdown menu is visible. On the left side, there is a "Filter by..." section with categories like "General Information (106)", "News (59)", "About IRS (7)", and "Tax Administration (Non-...". A red box highlights a "Recommended by IRS" link titled "Webinars for Tax Practitioners" with the subtext "A list of webinars for tax practitioners."

This banner features the IRS logo and the text "Communications & Liaison" and "STAKEHOLDER LIAISON" on the right. The main text, set against a dark blue background with white text, reads: "Keys to Mastering Due Diligence Requirements and What to Expect During a Due Diligence Audit".

This screenshot shows the "Webinars for Tax Practitioners" page on the IRS website. The page title is "Webinars for Tax Practitioners" and the breadcrumb trail is "Home / File / Businesses and Self-Employed / Small Business and Self-Employed / Webinars for Tax Practitioners". A red arrow points from the "Recommended by IRS" link in the search results to this page. The page includes a "Related Resources" section with links to "Practitioner Local Liaison Meetings and Seminars", "Tax Practitioner Institute Classes", and "Workshops and Other Events in Spanish for Small Businesses". There are also sections for "Individuals" and "Upcoming Webinars".



Thank you