



Welcome to the 2018 Tax Filing Season. Many of you have reached out with questions regarding pending tax law changes. Currently, the list of proposed changes is exhaustive and much is still undecided. We know that tax law changes can be both exciting and scary. Some things will probably be better, and some things will probably also be worse. The important thing to know, though, is that we've got your back. We will do our best to keep you informed of tax law changes as they become finalized, and we will head into this uncharted territory together. As these changes become permanent we'll be in the thick of it, looking for ways to maximize your tax situation and finding ways to minimize your tax liability. We will continue to make it our goal to make your tax return filing process a little less *taxing*.

We have a few methods of sharing tax changes and important tax updates, and we hope that you will take advantage of these services.

- ✓ Visit our website, www.taxingmatters.com, regularly for articles and be sure to sign up for our monthly email newsletter. These newsletters are filled with helpful information.
- ✓ We need your help! Please visit us on Facebook and like our page. We regularly post articles that we write for local publications along with tax changes and tax tips.

The enclosed organizer is designed especially for you in order to help you assemble your tax information, and we would like to take this opportunity to encourage its use. **Experience has taught us that when clients use these organizers there are less errors, greater consistency with previous years, and information is less likely to be omitted.**

Our goal is to prepare your tax returns in a convenient, competent, and efficient manner. **We encourage you to either mail your tax information to our Westport office, or drop it off at either of our Orleans or Westport office.** This allows us the opportunity to work on your taxes and compile a list of questions or missing information that we can then obtain from you via appointment, email, phone or fax. Also, please be sure to make a list of any questions you might have for us so that we can answer all of your questions after thoroughly reviewing your information.

Your completed tax package must be received by March 20th in order to allow us to complete your return without filing an extension. Please contact us if you are not able to file a timely return and would like us to file an extension on your behalf.

We are available year-round to answer any questions that you may have and encourage you to contact us. **Referrals are greatly appreciated!** We are fortunate to have built our client base on the referrals of satisfied clients. We take great pride in our continued relationships with our valued clients and can't thank you enough for your continued patronage.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sherri'.

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Miscellaneous Information

Name:

SSN:

Personal Information

Yes No

- Did your marital status change during the year?
If "Yes," explain _____
- Can you or your spouse be claimed as a dependent by someone else?
- Did your address change during the year?
Provide proof of identity to be eligible to e-file your tax return (driver's license or state-issued photo ID)

Dependent Information

- Did you have any changes in dependents during the year?
If "Yes," explain _____
- Can another person qualify to claim any dependents?
- Did you have any childcare expenses during the year?
- Did you have any adoption expenses during the year?
- Did you have any children under age 19 or a full-time student under age 24 with more than \$1900 of unearned income?
Provide documentation for proof of dependent related credits (school records, medical records, daycare records, etc.)

Health Care Information

- Did any member of your household NOT have healthcare coverage for the entire year?
Provide copies of all Forms 1095-A, 1095-B, 1095-C for ALL members of your household.
If any member of your household received an exemption from the marketplace, provide the Exemption Certificate Number (ECN).
- Did you receive any distributions from a Health Savings Account (HSA), Archer MSA, or Medicare Advantage MSA during the year?

Income, Purchases, Sales, and Debt Information

- Did you have a financial interest in or signature authority over a financial account or asset located in a foreign country?
- Did you receive a distribution from, or were you a grantor of, or transferor to, a foreign trust?
- Did you have any income from, or pay taxes to, a foreign country?
- Did you own property in a foreign country?
- Did you receive any tips not reported to your employer?
- Did you receive any disability income during the year?
- Did you cash any U.S. savings bonds during the year?
- Did you receive any other income not provided with this organizer?
If "Yes," explain _____
- Did you start a new business or purchase any rental property during the year?
- Did you sell an existing business, rental property, or other property during the year?
- Did you purchase any business assets or convert any assets to business use?
If "Yes," provide the cost of the asset, the date it was placed in service, and business use percentage.
- Did you purchase any gasoline, diesel, or special fuels for non-highway business use?
- Did you buy or sell any stocks, bonds, or other investments during the year?
- Did you sell a principal residence during the year?
If "Yes," provide closing documentation for the purchase and sale of the home
- Did you foreclose or abandon a principal residence or real property during the year?
- Did you refinance your principal home or second home or take out a home equity loan during the year?
If "Yes," provide all escrow, closing, and other pertinent documentation and information.
- Did you receive any principal or interest during this year from property sold in prior years?
- Did you rent out your home or use it for business?
- Did you sell, exchange, or purchase any real estate during the year?
- Did you acquire a new or additional interest in a partnership or S corporation?
- Did you have any debts canceled or forgiven this year?
- Does anyone owe you money that has become uncollectible?
- Did you purchase a new hybrid, alternative motor, or electric motor energy-efficient vehicle during the year?
If "Yes," provide the year, make, model, VIN, and date the vehicle was placed in service.

Itemized Deduction Information

- Did you pay out-of-pocket medical or dental expenses (premiums, prescriptions, mileage, etc.) during the year?
- Did you pay any long-term care premiums for yourself, your spouse, or a dependent during the year?
- Did you receive any state or local income tax refunds from prior years?

Miscellaneous Information

Name:

SSN:

Itemized Deduction Information (continued)

- | Yes | No | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you make any major purchases (vehicle, boat, etc.) during the year? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you pay any real estate property taxes or personal taxes during the year? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you pay mortgage interest during the year? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you make cash donations to charity during the year? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you make noncash donations to charity (clothes, furniture, etc.) during the year? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you donate a boat or vehicle during the year?
If "Yes," attach Form 1098-C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you have any job-related expenses that were not reimbursed by your employer (uniforms, safety equipment, etc.)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you use your vehicle on the job other than for commuting to work? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you work out of town at any time during the year? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you have gambling losses during the year? |

Retirement Information

- Did you receive any payments from a pension, profit sharing, or 401(k) plan during the year?
- Did you make any withdrawals from or contributions to an IRA, Roth, Keogh, SIMPLE, SEP, 401(k), myRA, or other qualified retirement plan during the year?
- Did you receive any Social Security benefits during the year?

Education Information

- Did you pay tuition expenses that were required for attending college, university, or vocational school for yourself, your spouse, or a dependent during the year (even if classes were attended in another year)?
- Did anyone in your household attend a post-secondary school during the year?
- Did you make a contribution to or receive a distribution from an Education Savings Account or Qualified Tuition Program during the year?
- Did you pay student loan interest for yourself, your spouse, or your dependent(s) during the year?

Miscellaneous Information

- Did you incur a loss due to damaged or stolen property?
If "Yes," provide the incident date, value of the property, and amount of insurance reimbursements.
- Did you pay wages to any household employees (babysitter, nanny, housekeeper, etc.)?
- Did you make any gifts to any one person in excess of \$14,000 during the year?
If "Yes," are you splitting the gift with your spouse? _____
- Did you incur moving expenses due to a change in employment?
- Did you make any energy-efficient improvements to your main home during the year?
- Are you a business owner who paid health insurance premiums for your employees during the year?
- Did you apply an overpayment of your 2016 taxes to your 2017 estimated taxes?
- If you have an overpayment of 2017 taxes, do you want the refund applied to your 2018 estimated taxes?
- Did you make any estimated payments toward your 2017 taxes?
- Do you want to have any refund or balance due directly deposited or withdrawn?
If "Yes," provide a canceled checking or savings slip.
- Did you receive any notices from the IRS or state taxing authority?
If "Yes," explain _____
- May the IRS discuss your tax return with your preparer?
- Would you like a copy of your tax return emailed to you instead of receiving a printed copy?

Preparer Notes

Miscellaneous Notes

2017 Summary Organizer Personal and Dependent Information

Personal Information

	Name	SSN	Date of birth	Healthcare coverage ALL year
Taxpayer				
Spouse				
Street address, city, state, and ZIP				
	Occupation	Daytime phone	Evening phone	Cell phone
Taxpayer				
Spouse				
Taxpayer email				
Spouse email				

Marital Status at end of 2017

- Married
 Married filing separately
 Single
 Widow(er) If spouse deceased in 2017 enter the date of death _____

Taxpayer

- Yes No
 Yes No
 Yes No
 Yes No

Spouse

- Yes No
 Yes No
 Yes No
 Yes No

- Are you blind?
 Are you disabled?
 Are you a full-time student?
 Do you want \$3 to go to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund?

Dependent Information

First and last name	SSN	Relationship	Months in home	Date of birth	Disabled	Full-time student	Healthcare coverage ALL year

List dependents required to file a return _____

Estimates

	Federal		Resident state		Resident city	
	Date paid	Amount	Date paid	Amount	Date paid	Amount
Overpayment applied from 2016	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
First quarter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Second quarter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Third quarter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fourth quarter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Additional payments	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Appointment Information & Notes

Your 2017 appointment is scheduled for _____

Notes

Other Income and Adjustments

Name: _____

SSN: _____

Other Income

	2017 Taxpayer	2016 Taxpayer	2017 Spouse	2016 Spouse
Scholarships or grants not reported on Form W-2	_____	_____	_____	_____
State income tax refund (attach Forms 1099-G)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alimony received	_____	_____	_____	_____
Unemployment compensation (attach Forms 1099-G)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Unemployment compensation repaid in 2017	_____	_____	_____	_____
Social Security Benefits (attach Forms 1099-SSA)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Railroad Retirement Benefits (attach Forms 1099-RRB)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Gambling winnings (attach Forms W2-G)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alaska Permanent Fund	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other income: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Adjustments

	2017 Taxpayer	2016 Taxpayer	2017 Spouse	2016 Spouse
Educator expenses (If you are an educator, enter the amount you paid for classroom supplies)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Contributions made to a Health Savings Account (HSA)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Contributions made to a Self-Employed Pension plan (SEP)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Payments made for Self-Employed Health Insurance for you, your spouse, or dependents	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alimony paid				
Name: _____ SSN: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____ SSN: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Contributions made to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Contributions made to a Roth IRA	_____	_____	_____	_____
Contributions made to a myRA	_____	_____	_____	_____
Interest paid on a student loan	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other adjustments: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Job-related Moving Expenses

	2017	2016
Number of miles from old home to old workplace	_____	_____
Number of miles from old home to new workplace	_____	_____
Expense to move household goods & personal effects and lodging expenses while traveling to your new home (Do not include cost of meals)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> This was a military move		

Schedule C - Profit or Loss from Business

Name: _____ SSN: _____

General Business Information

Business name _____ Employer ID number _____
 Professional product or service _____
 Business address, city, state, ZIP _____

- This business started or was acquired during 2017 Yes No Payments of \$600 or more were paid to an individual who is not your employee for services provided for this business
 This business was disposed of during 2017 Yes No You filed Form(s) 1099 for the individual(s)

Income

	2017	2016		2017	2016
Gross receipts or sales	_____	_____	Other income	_____	_____
Income from Form(s) 1099-MISC	_____	_____		_____	_____
Returns & allowances	_____	_____		_____	_____

Expenses

	2017	2016		2017	2016
Advertising	_____	_____	Travel	_____	_____
Car & truck expenses	_____	_____	Total meals & entertainment	_____	_____
Commissions & fees	_____	_____	Utilities	_____	_____
Contract labor	_____	_____	Wages	_____	_____
Depletion	_____	_____	Other expenses (list)	_____	_____
Employee benefit programs	_____	_____		_____	_____
Insurance (other than health)	_____	_____		_____	_____
Mortgage interest	_____	_____		_____	_____
Other interest	_____	_____		_____	_____
Legal & professional services	_____	_____		_____	_____
Office expenses	_____	_____		_____	_____
Pension & profit sharing plans	_____	_____		_____	_____
Rent or lease (vehicles, machinery, & equipment)	_____	_____		_____	_____
Rent (other business property)	_____	_____		_____	_____
Repairs & maintenance	_____	_____		_____	_____
Supplies	_____	_____		_____	_____
Taxes & licenses	_____	_____		_____	_____

Cost of Goods Sold

	2017	2016		2017	2016
Inventory at beginning of year	_____	_____	Materials & supplies	_____	_____
Purchases	_____	_____	Other costs	_____	_____
Cost of personal use items	_____	_____	Inventory at end of year	_____	_____
Cost of labor	_____	_____		_____	_____

There was a change in inventory method

Expenses Related to Business

Name: _____ SSN: _____

Auto Expense

Name of business vehicle is used for _____

Description of vehicle _____ Date vehicle was placed in service _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Another vehicle is available for personal use | <input type="checkbox"/> There is evidence to support your deduction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> This vehicle is available for use during off-duty hours | <input type="checkbox"/> The evidence is written |

Number of miles the vehicle was driven during 2017			Number of miles driven in prior years		
Business _____	Commuting _____	Total _____	Business _____	Total _____	
	2017	2016		2017	2016

Garage rent _____ Gas _____ Insurance _____ Licenses _____ Oil _____ Parking fees _____ Lease payments _____ Interest _____	Property tax _____ Repairs _____ Tires _____ Tolls _____ Other expenses _____ _____ _____ _____
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Business Use of Home

Name of business home is used for _____

What is the total square footage of your home that was used regularly and exclusively for business _____

What is the total square footage of your home _____

For daycare facilities not used exclusively for business, complete the following questions

How many days during the year was the area used _____ How many hours per day was the area used _____

- The daycare facility was in operation for the entire year

Expenses	Office expenses		Home expenses	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Mortgage interest	_____	_____	_____	_____
Real estate taxes	_____	_____	_____	_____
Excess mortgage interest	_____	_____	_____	_____
Insurance	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rent	_____	_____	_____	_____
Repairs & maintenance	_____	_____	_____	_____
Utilities	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other expenses	_____	_____	_____	_____

In the "Office expenses" column, enter those expenses that pertain exclusively to your office; in the "Home expenses" column, enter those expenses that pertain to the entire dwelling.

Other Information

Name: _____

SSN: _____

Mortgage Interest

Provide all copies of Form 1098

Lender's name	2017 Mortgage interest received	2016 Mortgage interest received	2017 Mortgage insurance premiums	2016 Mortgage insurance premiums	2017 Real estate taxes paid	2016 Real estate taxes paid
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Employee Business Expenses

	NOT reimbursed by your employer		Reimbursed by your employer not included on your W-2	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Rural mail carrier expenses	_____	_____	_____	_____
Parking fees, tolls, local transportation	_____	_____	_____	_____
Meals & entertainment	_____	_____	_____	_____
Overnight business travel expenses (Do not include meals & entertainment)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other business expenses	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

- You used your personal vehicle for your job during 2017
- You are a reservist
- You are a qualified performing artist
- You are a member of the clergy
- You are a fee-based state or local government official
- You are a disabled employee with impairment-related work expenses

Casualties and Thefts

Property description _____	Property description _____
Property location _____	Property location _____
Date property was damaged or stolen _____	Date property was damaged or stolen _____
Cost of property damaged or stolen _____	Cost of property damaged or stolen _____
Amount of damage _____	Amount of damage _____
Insurance reimbursement _____	Insurance reimbursement _____

Other Information

Name: _____

SSN: _____

Child and Other Dependent Care Expenses

Name of care provider	Address	SSN or EIN	Amount paid

Education Expenses

Provide all copies of Form 1098-T

Student name _____ Student name _____

Type of expense	Amount	Type of expense	Amount

Student name _____ Student name _____

Type of expense	Amount	Type of expense	Amount