

# What all do I need to bring to my tax appointment? Tax Preparation Checklist



## ➤ Personal Information

- A **form of identification** (and your spouse, if filing a joint return) such as driver's license, state issued ID, etc.
- Social Security numbers and dates of birth for you, your spouse, and any dependents you are claiming.
- New Client Only:** A copy of last year's tax return may be helpful but not required
- Bank account number and routing number, if depositing your refund directly into your account
- If claiming HEAD OF HOUSE**, a utility bill, property tax bill, copy of lease agreement, or other record showing you are the primary supporter of the household.

## ➤ Child(ren)'s Information

- Birth certificates** (or confirmation of birth from the hospital) for children you are claiming. Even if you think we have it, bring it just in case.
- A copy of each child's social security card – if easily obtainable.

**If any child listed on the return has a different last name from you (or your spouse), please be prepared to bring:**

- A copy of the custody agreement showing you are the primary custodian. Only need to provide the front page, page showing custody and last page with signatures.
- If there is no custody agreement, then be prepared to bring:*
- A copy of a recent report card, a school attendance record, daycare receipt, medical record from physician, or health insurance record as long as the child's address matches your residency address.

## ➤ Income Documents

- W-2** forms for you and your spouse
- 1099-MISC** forms for you and your spouse (for any independent contractor work)
- 1099-G** forms for unemployment income, or state or local tax refunds
- SSA-1099** for Social Security benefits received
- 1099-R**, Form 8606 for payments/distributions from IRAs or retirement plans
- 1099-INT, -DIV, -B, or K-1s** for investment or interest income
- 1099-S** forms for income from sale of a property
- Miscellaneous income: jury duty, gambling winnings, etc.
- Business or farming income and expenses
- Rental property income and expenses

## ➤ Adjustments

- Form 1098-E** for student loan interest paid (or loan statements for student loans)
- Form 1098-T** for tuition paid (or receipts/canceled checks for tuition paid for post-high school)

## ➤ Deductions and credits

- Child care costs: provider's name, address, tax ID, and amount paid
- Adoption costs: SSN of child; records of legal, medical and transportation costs
- Forms 1098:** Mortgage interest, private mortgage insurance (PMI), and points you paid
- Investment interest expenses
- Charitable donations: cash amounts, official charity receipts, canceled checks; value of donated
- Medical and dental expense records
- State and local income taxes paid
- Real estate taxes paid
- Personal property taxes: vehicle tag fees