



The documents you need for tax prep depend on your situation. To help you prepare to have your taxes prepared, we've created a checklist to help you know what information that may be needed.

Personal Information

Tax Identification Numbers are mandatory items on your checklist. All taxpayers will need the following to do their taxes.

- ☐ Your legal name, social security number or tax ID number, date of birth, a copy of your driver's license
- ☐ Your spouse's legal name, social security number or tax ID number, date of birth, a copy of their driver's license
- ☐ Identity Protection PIN, if one has been issued to you, your spouse, or your dependent by the IRS
- ☐ Routing and account numbers to receive your refund by direct deposit or pay your balance due if you choose
- ☐ Foreign reporting and residency information - if applicable

Dependent(s) Information

Parents and caregivers should gather this information as they review what they need to file their taxes.

- ☐ Dates of birth and social security numbers or tax ID numbers
- ☐ Copy of your child's birth certificate (not required but extremely helpful)
- ☐ Copy of your child's social security card (not required but extremely helpful)
- ☐ Childcare records (including the provider's tax ID number) if applicable
- ☐ Income of dependents and of other adults in your home
- ☐ Form 8332 showing that the child's custodial parent is releasing their right to claim a child to you, the noncustodial parent (if applicable)

Sources of Income

Many of these forms won't be needed to file taxes every year. For example, you will only receive the investment forms you may need to file your taxes if you have distributions or other activity.



Employed

- ☐ Forms W-2

Unemployed

- ☐ Unemployment (1099-G)

Self-Employed

- ☐ Forms 1099
- ☐ Schedules K-1
- ☐ Income records to verify amounts not reported on 1099-MISC
- ☐ 1099 NEC
- ☐ Records of all expenses and income reported on a Profit and Loss Statement
- ☐ Business-use asset information (cost, date placed in service, etc.) for depreciation
- ☐ Office in home information, if applicable
- ☐ Record of estimated tax payments made (Form 1040-ES)

Rental Income

- ☐ Record of income
- ☐ Record of expenses
- ☐ Mortgage Interest Statement 1098
- ☐ Property Tax Statement
- ☐ Rental asset information (cost, date placed in service, etc.) for depreciation
- ☐ Record of estimated tax payments made (Form 1040-ES)
- ☐ Closing Costs (if applicable)

Retirement Income

- ☐ Pension/IRA/annuity income (1099-R)
- ☐ Traditional IRA basis (i.e., amounts you contributed to the IRA that were already taxed)
- ☐ Social security/RRB income (SSA-1099, RRB-1099)

Savings & Investments or Dividends

- ☐ Interest



- ☐ Dividend income (1099-INT, 1099-OID, 1099-DIV)
- ☐ Income from sales of stock or other property (1099-B, 1099-S)
- ☐ Dates of acquisition and records of your cost or other basis in property you sold (if basis is not reported on 1099-B)
- ☐ Health Savings Account and long-term care reimbursements (1099-SA or 1099-LTC)
- ☐ Expenses related to your investments
- ☐ Record of estimated tax payments made (Form 1040-ES)
- ☐ Transactions involving cryptocurrency (Virtual currency)

Other Income & Losses

- ☐ Payment Card and Third-Party Network Transactions (1099-K)
- ☐ Gambling income (W-2G or records showing income, as well as expense records)
- ☐ Jury duty records
- ☐ Hobby income and expenses
- ☐ Prizes and awards
- ☐ Trust income
- ☐ Royalty Income 1099-MISC
- ☐ Any other 1099s received
- ☐ Record of alimony paid/received with ex-spouse's name and SSN
- ☐ State tax refund



Possible Deductions

The types of deductions you can take depend a lot on your life situation. It's likely you won't need all the documents listed below for your taxes.

Home and Vehicle Ownership

- ☐ Forms 1098 or other mortgage interest statements
- ☐ Real estate and personal property tax records
- ☐ Receipts for energy-saving home improvements (e.g., solar panels, solar water heater)
- ☐ Electric vehicle information
- ☐ All other 1098 series forms

Charitable Donations

- ☐ Charitable Contribution Statement (Checks, Cash etc)
- ☐ Records of non-cash charitable donations
- ☐ Amounts of miles driven for charitable or medical purposes

Medical Expenses

- ☐ Amounts paid for healthcare, insurance, and to doctors, dentists, and hospitals
- ☐ Amounts paid for qualified insurance premiums if paid outside of the Marketplace or an employer provided plan

Health Insurance

- ☐ Form 1095-A if you enrolled in an insurance plan through the Marketplace (Exchange)

Childcare Expenses

- ☐ Fees paid to a licensed childcare center or family childcare for your child(ren)
- ☐ Amounts paid to a baby-sitter or provider care for your child under age 13 while you work
- ☐ Expenses paid through a dependent care flexible spending account at work



- ☐ Receipt from the licensed childcare center or family childcare for care of your child(ren) that shows the providers name, Tax ID number, address of the facility, name of the childcare and phone number

Educational Expenses

- ☐ Forms 1098-T from educational institutions
- ☐ Receipts that itemize qualified educational expenses
- ☐ Records of any scholarships or fellowships you received
- ☐ Form 1098-E if you paid student loan interest

K-12 Educator Expenses

- ☐ Receipts for classroom expenses (for educators in grades K-12)

State and Local Taxes

- ☐ Amount of state and local income or sales tax paid (other than wage withholding)
- ☐ Invoice showing amount of vehicle sales tax paid and / or personal property tax on vehicles

Retirement & Other Savings

- ☐ Form 5498-SA showing HSA contributions
- ☐ Form 5498 showing IRA contributions
- ☐ All other 5498 series forms (5498-QA, 5498-ESA)
- ☐ Federally Declared Disaster
- ☐ City/county you lived/worked/had property in
- ☐ Records to support property losses (appraisal, clean-up costs, etc.)
- ☐ Records of rebuilding/repair costs
- ☐ Insurance reimbursements/claims to be paid
- ☐ FEMA assistance information
- ☐ Check the FEMA website (fema.gov) to see if your county has been declared a federal disaster area