

TAX PREPARATION 2021

Due date April 15

Due to safety precautions and health care guidelines during the pandemic, the IRS has determined that the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for Elderly (TCE) programs will not be operating at full capacity, with many sites temporarily closed for an undetermined period of time. There are several alternative ways for eligible residents to receive free income tax filing assistance - online or by phone.

Volunteer Prepared Taxes

Reston Community Center

To request an appointment email reston.taxaide@gmail.com or call 571-293-2226 and leave a voice message. Provide your first and last name, your phone number and the best time for us to call you to set up your appointment. When we call you back, your caller ID will show: LEESBURG VA, with the number 571-293-2226. Please answer to avoid delays.

Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation Greater Washington DC Region

1516 Moorings Drive, Reston, VA 20190

Call 301-602-5825 to make an appointment.

Available languages: English, Chinese, Spanish

Centerville

Brandywine Swim Club, 9537 Helenwood Dr, Fairfax 22032.

Centrevilletaxaide@gmail.com Voice mail: 703-239-3742

Facilitated Self-Assistance (FSA) services

In consultation with the IRS, the Northern Virginia CASH coalition VITA and TCE sites will change from in-person services to Facilitated Self-Assistance (FSA) services. This is similar to the traditional VITA/TCE programs but uses IRS-certified income tax preparers to assist filers in their tax return preparation. The main difference between the traditional volunteer preparation and FSA boils down to who does most of the preparation. As the name suggests, FSA puts the taxpayer in charge of their taxes by walking them through their taxes (online or by phone) with free computer tax preparation software.

Visit [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) for a variety of online resources and tax help including tax forms, instructions and publications, online payment options, and to file with IRS Free File – free for most taxpayers.

Free Webinars

Beginning in March, the Fairfax County Department of Family Services and local IRS-certified VITA volunteers will be hosting a weekly webinar series discussing various topics on preparing and filing tax returns, tax law changes, as well as answering frequently asked questions. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions, engage with the tax professionals, and see the step-by-step process of filing their basic return through the [IRS Free File link](#). Get more information on the [webinar](#) series.

Free tax services for military members, veterans and their families.

It includes tax prep and e-filing software, and personalized support. Services are available from mid-January through mid-October. The program is provided by Military OneSource and the Department of Defense. [MilTax: Free Military Tax Return Preparation Services & Filing](#) or call 800-342-9647.

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AARP Tax Aide Presentation

Thursday, March 4 at 10:30 a.m.

Come join us to learn how AARP Tax Aide services will be conducted during the 2021 year, sites and locations, and registration process

Use your computer, smartphone, or tablet

- Log onto Zoom using internet or app
- Go to: <https://zoom.us/>
- Select join Meeting from the top right
- **Meeting ID: 901 875 2818**
- **Password: 8727**

Direct link to meeting: bit.ly/VCAASocialSPACE

Dial in: 1-929-205-6099
Meeting ID #
Password #

USEFUL LINKS

Phone numbers

VITA/TCE 800-906-9887

AARP 888-227-7669.

[Fairfax County Library Tax Information](https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/tax)

<https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/tax>

[Volunteer Income Tax Assistance \(VITA\)](http://nvacash.org/vita/)

<http://nvacash.org/vita/>

IRS

[Free Tax Return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers](https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers)

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers>

[Tax Information for Seniors & Retirees](https://www.irs.gov/individuals/seniors-retirees)

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/seniors-retirees>

[AARP Tax Preparation in Northern Virginia](https://taxaide.aarpfoundation.org/)

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[AARP Site Locator](https://secure.aarp.org/applications/VMISLocator/searchTaxAideLocations.action)

<https://secure.aarp.org/applications/VMISLocator/searchTaxAideLocations.action>

[VITA/TCE Locator Tool](https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/)

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