

How AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Can Help You Today

We offer free tax return preparation to anyone who needs it. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers are trained to help you file a variety of income tax forms and schedules.

In certain situations, however, our volunteers may be unable to provide assistance. The Volunteer Protection Act requires that our volunteers stay within the scope of tax law and policies set by the IRS and AARP Foundation. Here's a guide to what our Tax-Aide volunteers can — and can't — do.

We can prepare most returns with:

- Wages, interest, dividends, capital gains/losses, unemployment compensation, pensions and other retirement income, Social Security benefits.
- Self-employment income, with limits.
- Schedule K-1 that includes only interest, dividends, capital gains/losses, royalties, or foreign taxes (within limits).
- Qualified Business Income deduction.
- New qualified tips, overtime, vehicle loan interest and senior deductions.
- Itemized deductions, including noncash contributions to charity that total no more than \$5,000.
- Cancellation of nonbusiness credit card debt.
- IRA contributions — deductible or not.
- Most credits, such as earned income credit, education credits, child/additional child credit and credit for other dependents, child/dependent care credit, premium tax credit, simplified method foreign tax credit, and retirement savings credit.
- Estimated tax payments.
- Health Savings Accounts (HSA).
- Amendments to filed returns prepared and filed at this Tax-Aide site only.
- Certain prior year tax returns.

We can't prepare returns with:

- Self-employment if there are employees, losses, expenses that exceed \$20,000, depreciation, business use of home, 1099 filing requirements, more than one business per taxpayer, or other complicating factors.
- Hobby income or other activities not for profit.
- Complicated capital gains/losses, such as futures or options.
- Complicated Schedule K-1.
- Rental income, except land-only rentals or rentals of personal residence less than 15 days.
- Royalty income with expenses if not from self-employment.
- Tax on a Child's Investment and Other Unearned Income (Kiddie Tax).
- Farm income or expenses.
- Some investment income or itemized deductions that are not included in our training.
- Alternative Minimum Tax, Additional Medicare Tax, or Net Investment Income Tax.
- Foreign financial asset reporting requirements.
- Virtual currency bought, sold, or held.
- Solar energy and clean vehicle credits.
- Married taxpayer filing a return separately from spouse unless legally separated in a prior year (any filing status).
- A person whose divorce or legal separation became final in current tax year.
- Married filing joint with Injured spouse allocation.
- Cancellation of debt other than nonbusiness credit card debt (even if excluded from Federal taxable income).
- Legal settlements and judgments unless the entire amount is treated as taxable income.
- Taxpayers affected by bankruptcy.

The logo for AARP Foundation Tax-Aide. It features the word "AARP" in a large, bold, red font, followed by "Foundation" in a smaller, grey font, and "Tax-Aide" in a large, bold, black font below it.

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