

Tax Preparation Checklist

Below is a checklist to assist you in gathering all the important tax records and tax documents you need to prepare and efile your Federal and State Tax Returns efficiently and more effectively.

PLEASE PRINT THE TAX LIST BELOW, LOOK IT OVER, AND CHECK OFF THOSE ITEMS YOU HAVE HANDY FOR YOUR TAX RETURN.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Social security number & drivers license for you and your spouse
- Alimony paid plus full name and social security number
- Previous three years of tax returns (if applies)

INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE WHO MAY BELONG ON YOUR RETURN

- Dates of birth and social security numbers
- Childcare records (including the provider's tax ID number)
- Income of other adults in your home

EDUCATION PAYMENTS

- 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

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

- Forms W-2

SELF-EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

- Forms 1099-MISC, Schedules K-1, income records to verify amounts not reported on 1099s
- Records of all expenses — check registers or credit card statements, and receipts
- Business-use asset information (cost, date placed in service, etc.) for depreciation
- Office in home information, if applicable

BUSINESS USE OF VEHICLE INFORMATION

- Log showing total miles driven for the year (or beginning/ending odometer readings), total business miles driven for the year (other than commuting), and the business purpose of the mileage
- Amount of parking and tolls paid

RENTAL PROPERTY INCOME

- Records of income and expenses
- Rental asset information (cost, date placed in service, etc.) for depreciation

RETIREMENT INCOME AND CONTRIBUTIONS

- Pension/IRA/annuity income (1099-R)
- Social security/RRB income (1099-SSA, RRB-1099)
- Form 5498 showing IRA contributions
- Traditional IRA basis (i.e. amounts you contributed to the IRA that were already taxed)

SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS

- 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)

OTHER INCOME

Unemployment, state tax refund (1099-G)

Gambling income (W-2G as well as expense records)

Amount of any alimony received

Health Savings Account (1099-SA or 1099-LTC)

Jury duty records

Hobby income and expenses

Prizes and awards

Other 1099

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Marketplace (Exchange)

Form 1095-B and/or 1095-C if you had insurance coverage through any other source (i.e. an employer, insurance company Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, TRICARE, VA, etc.) Marketplace exemption certificate

OTHER DEDUCTIONS AND CREDITS

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

Form 5498-SA showing HSA contributions

All other 5498 series forms (5498-QA, 5498-ESA)

Record of moving expenses not reimbursed by employer

Forms 1098 or other mortgage interest statements

All other 1098 series forms

Amount of state/local income tax paid

Real estate and personal property tax records

Invoice showing amount of vehicle sales tax paid

Cash amounts donated

Records of non-cash charitable donations (GoodWill)

Amounts paid for healthcare insurance and to related expenses

Amounts of miles driven for charitable or medical purposes

Expenses related to your investments

Amount paid for preparation of last year's tax return

Employment-related expenses (dues, publications, tools, uniform cost and cleaning, travel)

Job-hunting expenses

Receipts for energy-saving home improvements

Record of estimated tax payments made