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The following resources offer free, quality tax preparation from a local network of IRS-certified preparers for qualified individuals and families.

- [AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program](#): AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides tax assistance to anyone, free of charge, with a special focus on taxpayers who are over 50 or have low to moderate income. Tax-Aide volunteers are located nationwide and are both trained and IRS-certified every year to make sure they know about and understand the latest changes and additions to the tax code.
- [GetYourRefund](#): GetYourRefund offers a free, virtual service supported by the IRS, U.S. Department of Treasury, and the White House that helps low-income households across America receive high-quality tax services from the convenience of your home.
- [IRS Direct File](#): Direct File was launched March 12, 2024, by the IRS to create a free, public, and online tax filing tool to file taxes directly with the IRS. Direct File was launched in 12 pilot states: **Arizona**, California, Florida, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Nevada, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming.
- [IRS Free File Program](#): IRS Free File lets qualified taxpayers prepare and file federal income tax returns online using guided tax preparation software. It's safe, easy, and free. Those who don't qualify can still use Free File Fillable Forms. Individual tax filers, regardless of income, can use IRS Free File to electronically request an automatic tax-filing extension.
- [IRS Volunteer Tax Preparation Certification Program](#): The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free tax help for taxpayers who qualify.
- [MyFreeTaxes](#): MyFreeTaxes, brought to you by United Way, helps people file their federal and state taxes for free.

Important Dates

- **January 12**: IRS Free File opens.
- **January 16**: Due date for 2023 fourth quarter estimated tax payments.
- **January 29**: Filing season start date for individual tax returns.
- **April 15**: Due date of filing a tax return or to request an extension for most of the nation.
- **October 15**: Due date for extension filers.

What to Bring to Your Local VITA or TCE Site

For more information on what to bring to your local VITA or TCE site, please review the [Checklist for Free Tax Return Preparation](#).