Want a less taxing way to prepare your taxes?

Taxes can be, well, taxing. But Free File does the hard work for you. Using Free File, you can prepare and e-file your federal taxes, all for free. Free File, available exclusively through the IRS, offers a fast, safe and free way for you to do your federal taxes.

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NEW. Some Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax counseling for the elderly (VITA/TCE) sites are making Free File available to eligible taxpayers. File your taxes yourself for FREE, with brand-name software and a little help from a certified IRS volunteer. Find a self-help VITA/TCE location near you at **www.irs.gov, search word: VITA.**

What about state tax returns? Some Free File partners offer free state tax return preparation, others offer it for a fee. Currently, there are 22 states and the District of Columbia that offer free state preparation and filing options.

IRS Free File: It's fast. It's safe. It's free.

You're just steps away from doing your federal income tax return for free!

1 Get Ready

Gather all your income documents, such as Forms W-2 and 1099 as well as expense records that demonstrate tax credits and deductions.

2 Go to Free File

Using your own computer? Go to **www.irs.gov/freefile.**

Some VITA/TCE sites will display participating Free File companies.

3 Select a brand-name software product

If your adjusted gross income (AGI) was $57,000 or less for 2012, use a software product for free.

If your AGI is higher, use Free File Fillable Forms.

4 Prepare your federal tax return

Prepare your tax return online at the company's website.

Getting a refund? Use Direct Deposit. Owe taxes? Pay electronically.

5 Double check, print and e-file

Double check your entries for accuracy. Print a copy of your tax return for your records.

Finally, e-file your return to ensure fast, safe delivery.

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