

# TAX SEASON COMMON QUESTIONS

Tax season opens January 27, 2025

**Do I need to file a tax return?**

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/check-if-you-need-to-file-a-tax-return>

**How do I file my tax return?**

<https://www.irs.gov/how-to-file-your-taxes-step-by-step>

**What documents do I need to file my taxes?**

<https://www.irs.gov/filing/gather-your-documents>

**Do I qualify for any credits or deductions?**

<https://www.irs.gov/credits-and-deductions-for-individuals>

**Can I file my taxes for free?**

<https://www.irs.gov/filing/individuals/how-to-file>

- **File taxes for free:** <https://www.irs.gov/filing/irs-free-file-do-your-taxes-for-free>
- **Direct file through IRS:** <https://directfile.irs.gov/>
  - The federal tax filing deadline is **April 15, 2025**. Direct File will be available until October 15, 2025.
- Tax season opens **January 7, 2025**. Fillable forms will be available online starting then.

**Who else can prepare my taxes?**

- **How to find a trusted partner to file your taxes:**  
<https://apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile/>
- **E-file with commercial tax prep software and pay electronically:**  
<https://www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-with-commercial-software>