



# HELPFUL TIPS

## to file with IRS Direct File

### Free

No fees or extra charges

### Easy

Step-by-step guidance

### Any device

Mobile, tablet, or desktop

### Secure

Your data is protected

### Live chat

With IRS customer support

### Spanish

File and chat live in Spanish

## Eligibility

Check your eligibility at [directfile.irs.gov](https://directfile.irs.gov) to determine if IRS Direct File is right for you. IRS Direct File is an option if you lived in one of these states in 2024 for the entire year:

Alaska	Kansas	New Jersey	South Dakota
Arizona	Maine	New Mexico	Tennessee
California	Maryland	New York	Texas
Connecticut	Massachusetts	North Carolina	Washington state
Florida	Nevada	Oregon	Wisconsin
Idaho	New Hampshire	Pennsylvania	Wyoming

## IRS Direct File supports the following types of income, credits and deductions:

### Income

- Wages from employers (Form W-2)
- Social Security benefits (Form SSA-1099)
- Unemployment compensation (Form 1099-G)
- Interest income (Form 1099-INT)
- Retirement income (Form 1099-R)

IRS Direct File is not an option for if you have other types of income such as gig economy, rental or business income.

### Credits

- Earned Income Tax Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Credit for Other Dependents
- Child and Dependent Care Credit
- Premium Tax Credit
- Credit for the Elderly or Disabled
- Retirement Savings Contribution Credit

IRS Direct File is not an option for if you claim other tax credits.

### Deductions

- Standard deduction
- Student loan interest
- Educator expenses
- Health Savings Account contribution

IRS Direct File is not an option if you itemize or claim other tax deductions.

## Get your documents ready

- **Social Security number or individual tax ID number (ITIN) for you and anyone else on your return**
- Retrieve your identity protection (**IP PIN**) for the calendar year
- Your current address — **notify IRS if you changed your address**
- **Check** for account and routing numbers to direct deposit your refund to your bank, prepaid debit card or mobile app

## Sign-in to IRS Direct File securely

- IRS Direct File uses **ID.me to secure your information and prevent fraud.**
- If you already have an ID.me account, you can use it for Direct File.
- If you don't have an ID.me account, you'll need to create one. From Direct File, you'll be taken to ID.me to create your account and verify your identity.
- **Learn more about the sign-up process for an IRS ID.me account** at the ID.me help center.

## Find out more about IRS Direct File

- **Welcome to Direct File – Eligibility Checker**
- **IRS Publication 5916, File for free with IRS Direct File**
- **IRS Publication 5917, IRS Direct File - What you need to know**
- **IRS Publication 5952, Are you ready to file with IRS Direct File?**
- Visit **Direct File** on IRS.gov

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