

Sample article for organizations to use to reach customers and/or taxpayers (268 word count)

Customize and provide the following article to your customers to let them know about the eight new tax law topics for the Interactive Tax Assistant on IRS.gov.

Find answers to more tax questions with the Interactive Tax Assistant online tool

You can now get answers to your specific tax questions easier than ever on the [Interactive Tax Assistant](#) on IRS.gov. It guides you through a series of questions then provides the answers relating to your particular tax situation.

Here's how it works:

Simply select a topic from the list on the [ITA page](#) and answer a series of questions about your situation. For example, select the topic; *Do I need to file a tax return?* Follow the prompts to begin and continue through the subsequent screens. You will see the question, "What tax year are you asking about?" After you select a year from the drop-down menu, you will then be asked whether you were a U.S. citizen on the last day of that year. Click *yes* or *no*, and then go on to the next question, which asks about marital status. By working your way through these questions, you'll learn if you need to file a tax return.

This year, the following eight new topics were introduced on ITA.

1. Do I need to claim my gambling winnings and can I deduct my gambling losses?
2. Can I deduct my mortgage interest expenses?
3. Can I deduct my charitable contributions?
4. Can I claim my personal and/or spousal exemption?
5. Can I claim my expenses as miscellaneous itemized deductions on Schedule A (Form 1040)?
6. How do I file a deceased person's tax return?
7. Do I qualify for the credit for the elderly or disabled?
8. Can I deduct my moving expenses?

ITA is accurate and efficient and you can print the answers for future reference!