

## **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.*

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### **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!