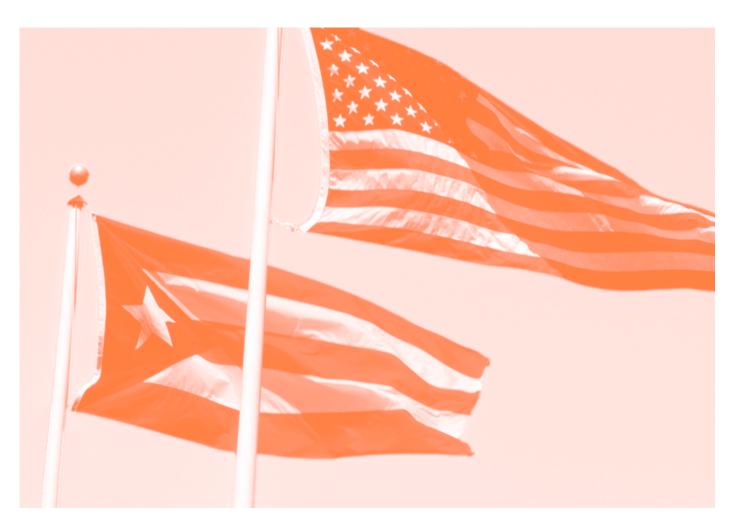


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VITA/TCE Puerto Rico Resource Guide

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) / Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE)

2023 RETURNS





Take your VITA/TCE training online at **www.apps. irs.gov/app/vita**. Link to the Practice Lab to gain experience using tax software and take the certification test online, with immediate scoring and feedback.



How to Get Technical Updates?

Updates to the volunteer training materials will be contained in Publication 4491-X, VITA/TCE Training Supplement. The most recent version can be downloaded at: www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4491x.pdf

Volunteer Standards of Conduct

VITA/TCE Program

The mission of the VITA/TCE return preparation program is to assist eligible taxpayers in satisfying their tax responsibilities by providing free tax return preparation. To establish the greatest degree of public trust, volunteers are required to maintain the highest standards of ethical conduct and provide quality service.

Annually all VITA/TCE volunteers must pass the Volunteer Standards of Conduct (VSC) certification test and agree that they will adhere to the VSC by signing and dating Form 13615, Volunteer Standards of Conduct Agreement, prior to volunteering at a VITA/TCE site. In addition, return preparers, quality reviewers, coordinators, and tax law instructors must certify in Intake/Interview and Quality Review. Volunteers who answer tax law questions, instruct tax law classes, prepare or correct tax returns, or conduct quality reviews of completed returns must also certify in tax law prior to signing the form. Form 13615 is not valid until the site coordinator, sponsoring partner, instructor, or IRS contact confirms the volunteer's identity, name and address, and signs and dates the form and signs and dates the form.

As a volunteer in the VITA/TCE programs, you must adhere to the following Volunteer Standards of Conduct:

- **VSC 1** Follow the Quality Site Requirements (QSR).
- **VSC 2** Do not accept payment, ask for donations, or accept refund payments for federal or state tax return preparation from customers.
- **VSC 3** Do not solicit business from taxpayers you assist or use the information you gained about them (their information) for any direct or indirect personal benefit for yourself or any other specific individual.
- **VSC 4** Do not knowingly prepare false returns.
- **VSC 5** Do not engage in criminal, infamous, dishonest, notoriously disgraceful conduct, or any other conduct considered to have a negative effect on the VITA/TCE programs.
- VSC 6 Treat all taxpayers in a professional, courteous, and respectful manner.

Failure to comply with these standards could result in, but is not limited to, the following:

- Your removal from all VITA/TCE programs;
- Inclusion in the IRS Volunteer Registry to bar future VITA/TCE activity indefinitely;
- Deactivation of your sponsoring partner's site VITA/TCE EFIN (electronic filing ID number);
- · Removal of all IRS products, supplies, loaned equipment, and taxpayer information from your site;
- Termination of your sponsoring organization's partnership with the IRS;
- · Termination of grant funds from the IRS to your sponsoring partner; and
- · Referral of your conduct for potential TIGTA and criminal investigations.

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Confidentiality Statement:

All tax information you receive from taxpayers in your volunteer capacity is strictly confidential and should not, under any circumstances, be disclosed to unauthorized individuals.

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How to Use this Guide

This publication is designed to assist you in preparing an accurate paper or software-prepared return using TaxSlayer. It is divided into three major sections—Level I, Level II, and Software Hints.

Level I section contains tax law in the form of decision trees, charts, and interview tips. Level II section has advanced tax law topics. The TaxSlayer section has step-by-step procedures for electronic tax return preparation using computer software.

The Link & Learn Taxes Puerto Rico course is divided into **Level I** and **Level II**. For volunteers assisting taxpayers in Puerto Rico, volunteers must first pass the **regular Basic or Advanced VITA/TCE test**. Next they should proceed to the **Level I** of the Puerto Rico test. Students can stop there or proceed to the **Level II** of the Puerto Rico exam. Each course must be passed with a minimum score of 80% for certification.

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Are You Ready to Get Started?

Complete this assessment by entering a check mark in the box for "Yes." Resolve all "No" (unchecked boxes) responses with your site coordinator before assisting taxpayers.

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• 1. Have you signed:
□ a. The Volunteer Agreement/Standards of Conduct?
□ b. The Property Loan Agreement (if applicable)?
2. Do you know the following:
□ a. Your duties at the site?
□ b. Site contacts (emergency, reporting delays, technical issues, etc.)?
□ c. When you are expected at the site?
☐ d. Your site identification number (SIDN)?
3. Do you have your:
□ a. VITA/TCE Volunteer Resource Guide (Publication 4012)?
□ b. Your Federal Income Tax (Publication 17)?
□ c. Name badge (Form 14509, <i>Volunteer ID Insert</i>) depicting your certification level?
□ d. VITA/TCE Puerto Rico Resource Guide (Publication 4696 (PR))?
• 4. Are the following items at the site:
□ a. Intake/Interview & Quality Review Sheet (Form 13614-C)?
□ b. Overprinted return forms, schedules, worksheets, etc.?

Quality and Tax Alerts for IRS Volunteer Programs

For the latest volunteer tax law updates and other helpful tips throughout the filing season you can go to **www.IRS.gov**—keyword: Volunteer Tax Alerts. Your site coordinator should share these messages with you. Also, for more information you can visit the Partner and Volunteer Resource Center.

The Five-Step Interview Process



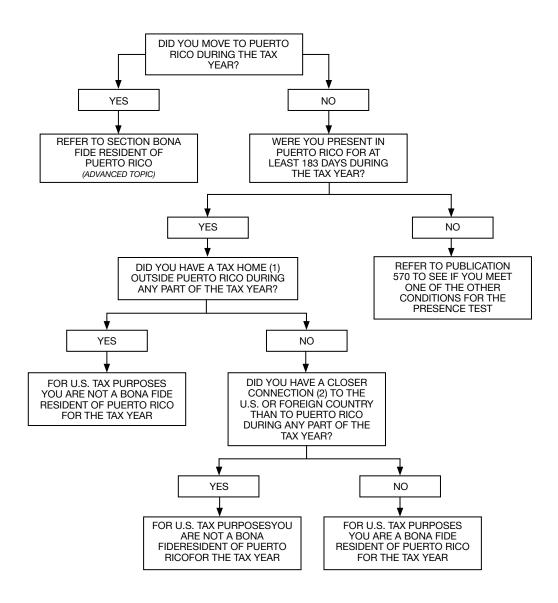
Interview Steps	Goal	Suggested Actions
Step 1	Cultivate a comfortable environment and put the taxpayer at ease.	 Introduce yourself; engage in small talk (discuss the weather, difficulty in locating the site, apologize if long wait, etc.). Explain the tax return preparation process—the interview, how the information they provide will assist you in determining whether they must file a return, their eligibility for tax credits, etc. Allow the taxpayers to share any expectations, needs, and/or concerns by asking whether they have questions before beginning and encouraging them to ask questions throughout the process.
Step 2	Use active listening skills	 Watch for nonverbal listening cues (tone of voice, body language, eye contact, etc.). Listen, then respond by restating, paraphrasing, and/or encouraging further dialogue.
Step 3	Review responses to the intake questions (Form 13614-C or equivalent).	 Confirm all the information completed by the taxpayer on the intake form responses to the (Form 13614-C or approved alternative) Review all the information and documents presented by the taxpayer including W-2s, 1099s, 1098s, etc. Scan the information for completeness.
Step 4	Working with the taxpayer, complete the critical intake questions – page 2-3 of Form 13614-C	Don't assume anything use the interview tips and decision trees in Publication 4012 and Publication 4696(PR) to confirm: Marital status (filing status) Eligibility for Child Tax Credit
Step 5	Advise taxpayer of the next steps	Restate the tax return preparation process, quality review procedures, signature and record keeping requirements, etc.

Form 13614-C, Intake/Interview and Quality Review Sheet

Form 13614 C Page 1

Form 13614-C (October 2023)	Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service Intake/Interview and Quality Review Sheet							OMB Number 1545-1964						
You will need: • Tax Information such a • Social Security cards o								•						
	Volunteers								ghest ethica x@irs.gov	l standard	s.			
Part I – Your Personal Inforn	nation (If you a	re filing a j	oint return	ı, enter y	your name	es in the	same orde	er as last y	/ear's return)					
1. Your first name		M.I.	Last n	ame				В	est contact n	umber	Are yo ☐ Ye	you a U.S. citizen? Yes		
2. Your spouse's first name		M.I.	Last n	ame				В	est contact n			your spouse a U.S. citizen? Yes ☐ No		
3. Mailing address						Apt #	City				State	Z	IP code	
4. Your Date of Birth	5. Your job ti	tle		6.	Last year	, were yo	u:			a. Fu	ll-time stud	lent 🗌 Y	es 🗌 No	
				b.	Totally ar	nd permai	nently disa	abled [Yes 🗌 N	lo c. Le	gally blind	□ Y	es 🗌 No	
7. Your spouse's Date of Birth	8. Your spou	se's job titl	е	9.	Last year	, was you	r spouse:			a. Fu	ll-time stud	lent 🗌 Y	es 🗌 No	
				b.	Totally ar	nd permai	nently disa	abled [Yes 🗌 N	lo c. Le	gally blind	□ Y	es 🗌 No	
10. Can anyone claim you or y	our spouse as	a depende	nt?						Yes 🗌 N	lo 🗌 Ui	nsure			
11. Have you, your spouse, or	dependents be	en a victim	of tax rel	lated ide	entity thef	t or been	issued ar	Identity F	rotection PIN	1?		□ Y	es 🗌 No	
12. Provide an email address (optional) (this	email addre	ess will no	t be use	ed for con	tacts fron	n the Inter	nal Rever	ue Service)					
Part II – Marital Status and	l Household	Informati	on											
1. As of December 31, 2023, v	vhat 🗌 Ne	ver Married	d (Th	nis inclu	des regist	tered don	nestic part	tnerships,	civil unions,	or other for	mal relatio	nships unde	er state law)	
was your marital status?	☐ Ma	rried	a.	If Yes, I	Did you g	et marrie	d in 2023	?				□ Y	es 🗌 No	
			b.	Did you	live with	your spo	use during	g any part	of the last size	c months o	f 2023?	□ Y	es 🗌 No	
	☐ Div	orced	Da	ate of fir	nal decree	•								
	☐ Leg	gally Separ	ated Da	ate of se	eparate m	aintenan	ce decree							
	☐ Wid	dowed	Υe	ear of sp	ouse's de	eath				_				
2. List the names below of:										_				
• everyone who lived with y	ou last year (ot	her than yo	ur spouse	e)				If a	dditional spa	ce is need	ed check h	ere 🗌 and	list on page 3	
 anyone you supported but 	did not live wit	h you last y	/ear						To be co	mpleted b	y a Certifi	ed Volunte	er Preparer	
Name (first, last) Do not enter your name or spouse's name below	(mm/dd/yy)	son, daughter, parent,	Number of months lived in your home last year	US Citizen (yes/no)	Resident of US, Canada, or Mexico last year (yes/no)	Married as of 12/31/2	Student last year	Totally and Permanent Disabled (yes/no)	person a qualifying child/relative of any other person?	Did this person provide more than 50% of his/ her own	of income?	Did the taxpayer(s) provide more than 50% of support for this person?	half the cost of maintaining a home for this	
(a)		none, etc)	(4)	(0)	(f)	(a)	(b)	(1)	(yes/no)	support?		(yes/no/n/a)	person?	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)		(yes,no,n/a)			(yes/no)	
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Determining Puerto Rico Residency Status For U.S. Tax Purposes



⁽¹⁾ Your tax home is your regular or main place of business, employment, or post of duty regardless of where you maintain your family home. If you do not have a regular or main place of business because of the nature of your work, then your tax home is the place where you regularly live. If you do not fit either of these categories, you are considered an itinerant and your tax home is wherever you work.

⁽²⁾ You will be considered to have a closer connection to Puerto Rico than to the United States or to a foreign country if you maintained more significant contacts with Puerto Rico than with the United States or foreign country. In determining if you have maintained more significant contacts with Puerto Rico review the facts and circumstances to be considered in Publication 570, Tax Guide for Individuals With Income From U.S. Possessions.

Chart A: Who Must File

Chart A: Who Must file?					
Were you a bona fide resident of Puerto Rico for at least part of	Yes: Continue				
the tax year?	No: Consult Publication 4012 Tab A				
Do you have any of the following income:	Yes: Go to Chart B: Who Must File-Worksheet for Bona Fide				
Income from sources outside of Puerto Rico?	Residents of Puerto Rico with Exempt Income to determine if a				
 Income as a civilian or military employee of the U.S. government? 	U.S. return must be filed.				
• Income from pensions as a civilian or military employee of the U.S. government?	No: Continue				
Taxable Social Security benefits?					
Do you have any of the following income:	Yes: File Form 1040 SS, U.S. Self-employment Tax Return.				
 Net earnings from self-employment of at least \$400? Wages of \$108.28 or more from a church or qualified church-controlled organization that is exempt from employer Social Security and Medicare taxes? 	No: You are not required to file a Federal Tax Return. However, Use Chart C to determine if you should file a tax return to claim a refund and/or any refundable credits.				
 Tips you did not report to your employer or wages you received from an employer who did not withhold Social Security and Medicare taxes? 					

Complete the worksheet (Chart B: Who Must File – Worksheet for Bona Fide Residents of Puerto Rico with Exempt Income) on the next page to determine if a U.S. return must be filed. After completing the worksheet, a return must be filed if the taxpayer's gross income subject to U.S. tax, line 2a, is equal to or more than line 2d of the worksheet. If the taxpayer is married filing a separate return, a return must be filed if the taxpayer's gross income subject to U.S. tax is equal to or more than \$5.

Residents of Puerto Rico

If you are a resident of Puerto Rico for the entire year, gross income does not include income from sources within Puerto Rico, except for amounts received as an employee of the United States or a U.S. agency. If you receive income from Puerto Rico sources that is not subject to U.S. tax, you must reduce your standard deduction. As a result, the amount of income you must have before you are required to file a U.S. income tax return is lower that the applicable amount.

This computation (allowable portion of standard deduction), must be made before you can determine if you must file a U.S. tax return, because the minimum income level at which you must file a return is based, in part, on the standard deduction for your particular filing status.

Residents of Puerto Rico (continued)

Chart B: Who Must File – Worksheet for Bona Fide Residents of Puerto Rico with Exempt Income (under IRC Section 933)

If your filing status is:	
Single	under 65 enter \$13,850 65 or older enter \$ 15,700
Married filing jointly	both under 65 enter \$ 27,700 one 65 or older enter \$29,200 both 65 or older enter \$30,700
Head of household	under 65 enter \$20,800 65 or older enter \$ 22,650
Qualifying Surviving spouse with dependent child	under 65 enter \$27,700 65 or older enter \$29,200
Married filing separately	See note after line 2d below.

CAUTION: If someone can claim you as a dependent, enter amount from the Standard Deduction Worksheet for Dependents in Instructions for Form 1040 or Form 1040SR, as applicable.

2. Allowable portion of STANDARD DEDUCTION

a. Gross Income subject to U.S. tax (include taxable social security benefits)	
b. Total gross income from all sources (including exempt P.R. Income)	
c. Divide line 2a by line 2b	
d. Multiply STANDARD DEDUCTION (line 1) by line 2c	

^{*} You must file a return if your gross income subject to U.S. tax (line 2a) is equal to or more than line 2d. If you are married filing a separate return, you must file a return if your gross income subject to U.S. tax is equal to or more than \$5.

Chart C: Should you file a tax return?					
Did you have federal income tax withheld from any income, including unemployment benefits?	Yes: File form 1040 or 1040SR to claim a refund of taxes withheld.				
	No: Continue				
Do you qualify for the additional child tax credit?	Yes: File Form 1040 SS (SP) or Form 1040 SS to claim the credit.				
	No: You should not file a federal tax return.				

Source Rules for Income

The origin of the income determines the source either the U.S., Puerto Rico, or foreign.

- U.S. citizens and residents are taxed by the United States on their worldwide income, no matter where it originates.
- The source of income is very important to nonresident aliens because they are taxed by the U.S. only on U.S. source income.
- Source rules are also used to determine the foreign tax credit.

The following table will help you to decide the source of income.

Table 1: Determining Source of Income

Sources Rule					
Item of Income	Factor Determining Source				
Salaries and other compensation	Where the service is performed				
U.S. Social Security Benefits	*U.S. Source income by definition (IRC Sec. 861)				
Pensions	Contributions: Where services were performed that earned the pensions. Investment earnings: Where pension trust is located.				
Interest	Residence of the payer				
Dividends	Location of the payer				
Rents	Location of the property				
Royalties:	Natural resources: Location of property. Patents, copyrights, etc.: Where the property is used.				
Sale of stock or other nondepreciable personal property	** Seller's tax home (but see Special Rules for Gains From Dispositions of Certain Property in Publication 570 for exceptions)				
Sale of real property	Location of the property				
Capital Gain Distribution paid by U.S.	Residence of shareholder				
Unemployment Compensation.	For U.S. income tax purposes, generally the source of income is where the taxpayer performed the underlying services				

* Special Rules

^{*} Bona Fide Residents of Puerto Rico should use Publication 915, Social Security Benefits and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits, to determine how much of their Social Security Benefits may be taxable.

^{**} There are special rules for gains from dispositions of certain investment property (for example, stocks, bonds, debt instruments, diamonds, and gold) owned by a U.S. citizen or resident alien prior to becoming a bona fide resident of a possession. For additional details see Publication 570.

Standard Deduction

Allocation of the Standard Deduction When the Taxpayer Has Exempt Puerto Rico Source Income

The standard deduction is a dollar amount that reduces the amount of income on which the taxpayer is taxed.

The standard deduction depends on:

- the taxpayer's filing status,
- whether the taxpayer (or the taxpayer's spouse) is age 65 or older and/or blind, and
- whether the taxpayer can be claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's return.

For those taxpayers who do not itemize, the standard deduction must be apportioned on the ratio of gross income subject to U.S. federal tax to gross income from all sources. This adjustment must be made prior to entering the standard deduction on Form 1040, line 12 or line 12 of Form 1040SR.

Filing status	Standard deduction
Single	\$13,850
Married filing jointly, or Qualifying Surviving Spouse	\$27,700
Married filing separately	\$13,850
Head of household	\$20,800

If the taxpayer is 65 or older at the end of the year and/or blind, he or she is allowed a higher standard deduction.

Chart C: Standard Deduction Worksheet

Worksheet For Puerto Rico Filers With Exempt Income Under Section 933 Who Do Not Itemize Deductions
1. Enter STANDARD DEDUCTION for:
Single or Married filing separately enter \$13,850
CAUTION: If you are 65 or over and/or blind, enter amount from the Standard Deduction Worksheet in the instructions for Form 1040, as applicable;
or
If someone can claim you as a dependent, enter amount from the Standard Deduction Worksheet in the instructions for Form 1040, as applicable.
2. Allowable portion of STANDARD DEDUCTION:
a. Gross income subject to U.S. tax

Child Tax Credit and Additional Child Tax Credit

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 amended the requirements for bona fide residents of Puerto Rico who claim the additional child tax credit. For tax year 2023, bona fide residents of Puerto Rico with one qualifying child who are not required to file a U.S. income tax return and have Social Security and/or Medicare taxes withheld from their wages or paid Self-Employment tax will be eligible to claim the credit.

Requirements

To qualify, the taxpayer must meet the following conditions:

- Be a bona fide resident of Puerto Rico
- Have one or more qualifying children under 17 years old at the end of the tax year (born on 2007 or after)
- Must claim the child as a dependent
- Child must have a valid Social Security Number

Income limits on this credit?

To be eligible for the full amount of credit, Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) cannot exceed:

- \$400,000 for married filing a joint return
- \$200,000 For all other filing statuses

Amount of Credit

For 2023, the amount of credit is \$2,000 per qualifying child. Up to \$1,600 of the credit is refundable if the taxpayer has earned income subject to U.S. tax or had Social Security and Medicare taxes withheld or paid Self-Employment taxes.

The credit is reduced \$50 for each \$1,000 (or fraction thereof) of income limits indicated above. The taxpayer must consider all income received in Puerto Rico.

Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI)-

Is determined under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code (and not under the income tax laws of Puerto Rico). For this limit, MAGI includes items exempt under IRC Section 933 such as wages, interest, dividends, unemployment compensation, alimony received (if taxable), and taxable amount of pensions and annuities. Include any profit or (loss) from Schedule F, Profit or Loss From Farming, or Schedule C, Profit or Loss From Business (Sole Proprietorship). Also, include your taxable social security benefits. Also, please verify the instructions of Form 1040 SS and Form 1040 SS (SP).

How to claim the credit?

- If the taxpayer pays self-employment tax use Form 1040 SS (SP), Declaración de Impuestos Federal sobre el Trabajo por Cuenta Propia (Incluyendo el Credito Tributario Adicional por Hijos para Residentes Bona Fide de Puerto Rico) or Form 1040 (SS) U.S. Self Employment Tax Return (Including the Child Tax Credit for Bona Fide Residents of Puerto Rico). Bona fide residents of Puerto Rico who do not have to file a federal income tax return use Form 1040 SS (SP) or Form 1040 SS to claim the additional child tax credit if they have at least one qualifying child and have Social Security and Medicare taxes withheld or paid Social Security and Medicare taxes on self-employment income.
- Bona fide residents of Puerto Rico who must file a federal income tax return must complete Form 1040, or Form 1040SR, and Schedule 8812, Credits for Qualifying Children and Other Dependents.

Other Dependents Non-Refundable Credit

There is a \$500 Non refundable credit per dependent other than a qualifying child. This credit can only be used to reduce the federal income tax obligation and cannot be claimed on Form 1040 SS (SP) or 1040 SS.

Child and Dependent Care Credit

For 2023, the Child and Dependent Care Credit is non-refundable and can only be used to reduce the federal income tax obligation.

Interview Tips for the Additional Child Tax Credit

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Step 1	Is this child your son, daughter, adopted child, stepchild, foster child, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, or a descendant of any of them (for example, your grandchild, niece, or nephew)?	If YES, go to Step 2. If NO, you cannot claim the additional child tax credit for this child. STOP if the taxpayer has no other children.
Step 2	Is this child 16 years old or younger at end of the tax year?	If YES, go to Step 3. If NO, you cannot claim the additional child tax credit for this child. STOP if the taxpayer has no other children.
Step 3	Did the child provide over half of his or her own support for	If NO, go to Step 4. If YES, you cannot claim the additional child tax credit for this child. STOP if the taxpayer has no other children.
Step 4	Did the child live with you for more than half of tax year? If did not live with you for the required time, exceptions apply such as; Exception to Time-Lived-with-You Kidnapped Child Children of Divorced or Separated or Never Married Parents.	If YES, go to Step 5. If NO, you cannot claim the additional child tax credit for this child. STOP if the taxpayer has no other children.
Step 5	Is this child a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or resident of the United States? Note: A national is an individual who, although not a U.S. citizen, owes his or her allegiance to the United States. U.S. nationals include American Samoans and Northern Mariana Islanders who become U.S. nationals instead of U.S. citizens.	If YES, go to Step 6. If NO, you cannot claim the additional child tax credit for this child. STOP if the taxpayer has no other children.
Step 6	Does the child have a valid Social Security number?	If NO, you cannot claim the additional child tax credit for this child STOP if the taxpayer has no other children. If YES, the child is a qualifying child. Go to step 7.
Step 7	Is the child your dependent? Only the taxpayer who is claiming the child as a dependent can claim the child for the child tax credit.	If YES, the child is a qualifying child. Go to Step 8. If No, you cannot claim the additional child tax credit for this child. STOP if the taxpayer has no other children.

Interview Tips for the Additional Child Tax Credit

Qualifying Child

Step 8	Were you a bona fide resident of Puerto Rico during 2023?	If YES, go to Step 9 If NO, STOP. Use Schedule 8812 and Form 1040 to claim the credit. Consult Pub. 4012 Tab G for more information.
Step 9	Are you required to file a U.S. Individual Income Tax Return (Form 1040/1040SR)? (Refer to Who Must File?	If YES, STOP. Use Schedule 8812 and Form 1040 to claim the credit If NO, use Form 1040 SS (SP) or Form 1040 SS to claim the credit.

Bona Fide Residents of Puerto Rico

In order to be able to exclude the income sourced in Puerto Rico, the taxpayer must be a bona fide resident of Puerto Rico for the entire tax year.

Generally, taxpayers are considered bona fide resident of Puerto Rico if during the tax year, the taxpayer:

- Meet the presence test,
- Do not have a tax home outside Puerto Rico during any part of the tax year, and
- Do not have a closer connection, during any part of the tax year, to the U.S. or to a foreign country than to Puerto Rico.

Presence Test

If you are a U.S. citizen or resident alien, you will satisfy the presence test for the entire tax year if you meet one of the following conditions.

- 1. You were present in the relevant possession for at least 183 days during the tax year.
- 2. You were present in the relevant possession for at least 549 days during the 3-year period that includes the current tax year and the 2 immediately preceding tax years. During each year of the 3-year period, you must be present in the relevant possession or at least 60 days.
- 3. You were present in the United States for no more than 90 days during the tax year.
- 4. You had earned income in the United States of no more than a total of \$3,000 and were present for more days in the relevant possession than in the United States during the tax year. Earned income is pay for personal services performed, such as wages, salaries, or professional fees.
- 5. You had no significant connection to the United States during the tax year.

Tax Home

You will have met the tax home test if you did not have a tax home outside the relevant possession during any part of the tax year. Your tax home is your regular or main place of business, employment, or post of duty regardless of where you maintain your family home. If you do not have a regular or main place of business because of the nature of your work, then your tax home is the place where you regularly live. If you do not fit either of these categories, you are considered an itinerant and your tax home is wherever you work.

Closer Connection

You will have met the closer connection test if, during any part of the tax year, you do not have a closer connection to the United States or a foreign country than to the relevant U.S. possession.

You will be considered to have a closer connection to a possession than to the United States or to a foreign country if you have maintained more significant contacts with the possession(s) than with the United States or foreign country. In determining if you have maintained more significant contacts with the relevant possession, the facts and circumstances to be considered include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The location of your permanent home.
- · The location of your family.
- The location of personal belongings, such as automobiles, furniture, clothing, and jewelry owned by you and your family.
- The location of social, political, cultural, professional, or religious organizations with which you have a current relationship.
- The location where you conduct your routine personal banking activities.

Bona Fide Residents of Puerto Rico (continued)

- The location where you conduct business activities (other than those that go into determining your tax home).
- The location of the jurisdiction in which you hold a driver's license.
- The location of the jurisdiction in which you vote.
- The location of charitable organizations to which you contribute.
- The country of residence you designate on forms and documents.
- The types of official forms and documents you file, such as Form W-8BEN, Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding and Reporting, or Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification.

Your connections to the relevant possession will be compared to the total of your connections with the United States and foreign countries. Your answers to the questions on Form 8898, *Statement for Individuals Who Begin or End Bona Fide Residence in a U.S. Possession*, Part III, will help establish the jurisdiction to which you have a closer connection.

Refer taxpayer to Publication 570 for more details.

Special Rules for Year of Move to Puerto Rico

Taxpayers moving to Puerto Rico during the year may still be able to meet the tax home and closer connection test for that year.

Taxpayers will satisfy the tax home and closer connection test in the tax year of move to Puerto Rico if they meets all of the following:

- Taxpayer has not been a bona fide resident of Puerto Rico in any of the 3 tax year immediately preceding the move.
- In the year of move, taxpayer does not have a tax home outside Puerto Rico or a closer connection to the U.S. or foreign country than to Puerto Rico during any of the last 183 days of the tax year.
- Taxpayer is a bona fide resident of Puerto Rico for each of the 3 tax years immediately following the move.

Year of Move from Puerto Rico

Taxpayer will be considered a bona fide resident of Puerto Rico for the part of the tax year preceding their move from Puerto Rico if:

- Taxpayer is a U.S. citizen,
- Taxpayer is a bona fide resident of Puerto Rico for at least 2 tax years immediately preceding the tax year of move,
- Cease to be a bona fide resident of Puerto Rico during the tax year,
- · Cease to have a tax home in Puerto Rico during the tax year, and
- Have a closer connection to Puerto Rico than to the U.S. or a foreign country throughout the part of the tax year preceding the date on which the taxpayer ceases to have a tax home in Puerto Rico.

Taxpayers who meet the above conditions can exclude the income sourced in Puerto Rico prior to their move from Puerto Rico.

Reporting a Change in Bona Fide Residence

This form must be completed when the worldwide gross income, including Puerto Rico exempt income, in that tax year, is more than \$75,000. If both spouses are required to file Form 8898, a separate Form 8898 must be filed for each one.

Mail Form 8898 separately from your tax return by the due date (including extensions) for filing Form 1040.

Mail form to: Internal Revenue Service

3651 S. IH 35 MS 4301AUSC Austin TX 78741

One of the conditions of filing this form is having worldwide gross income in that tax year of more than \$75,000. Completing this form is out-of-scope for the VITA /TCE Program.

Adjustments to Income

Adjustments to income are amounts that a taxpayer can subtract from their total income. The result is "adjusted gross income", which the taxpayer uses to compute certain deductions that are subject to income limitations.

There are several adjustments to income that mostly affect Puerto Rico residents:

- Self-employment tax deduction
- Student loan interest deduction
- Alimony Paid
- IRA

What do I need?

- Taxpayer's Intake/Interview & Quality Review Sheet
- Publication 970
- Form 1098-E, Student Loan Interest Statement
- Social Security Number (SSN) of the spouse paying/receiving alimony

Puerto Rico Exempt Income



Adjustments that apply to exempt Puerto Rico source income are not deductible on a federal tax return.

Self-Employment Tax Deduction

Individuals who do not have a U.S. tax filing requirement, but have income connected with a trade or business in Puerto Rico:

- Must file Form 1040-SS (SP) or Form 1040 SS, U.S. Self Employment Tax Return, to report their self-employment income
- May have to pay self-employment tax
- Cannot take the self-employment tax deduction on Form 1040, Schedule 1 Part II Line 15 because this
 deduction is related to excluded income.

Student Loan Interest Deduction

Taxpayers, who paid interest on a student loan during the tax year, may be able to deduct up to \$2,500 of the interest paid. If the taxpayer paid \$600 or more in interest to a single lender, the taxpayer should receive a statement from the lender showing the amount of interest paid.

Alimony Paid

Taxpayers who paid alimony to a resident of Puerto Rico during the tax year may deduct their payments regardless of whether the recipient reports their income.



Alimony paid pursuant to a divorce or separation instrument executed on or before December 31, 2018 is deductible. Under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, alimony payments are no longer deductible by the payer and are not included as income to the recipient if the divorce or separation agreement was executed after December 31, 2018.

IRAs

Puerto Rico residents may be able to contribute money to an IRA and take the IRA deduction on their U.S. income tax return. To take the deduction:

- The taxpayer must have earned income from U.S. sources. Income excluded under IRC Section 933 is not eligible for an IRA deduction.
- All other rules for IRA contributions are met.
- The IRA trust account must be in the U.S.

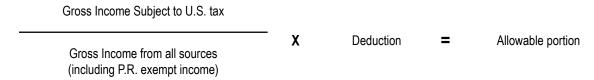
Itemized Deductions

Itemized deductions are subtractions from a taxpayer's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) that reduce the amount of income that is taxed. Most taxpayers have a choice of taking a standard deduction or itemizing deductions. Taxpayers should use the type of deduction that results in the lowest tax. Itemized deductions include medical expenses, taxes, deductible interest, charitable contributions, casualty and theft losses, and other itemized deductions. The itemized deductions are recorded on Schedule A and then transferred to Form 1040. Schedule A should include only the allowable portion of each deduction.

Determining the Allowable Portion of the Standard Deduction or Itemized Deductions

For Puerto Rico filers who itemize, the itemized deductions must be allocated based on total gross income from all sources (including Puerto Rico source income). This allocation decreases each itemized deduction. Refer to Publication 1321, *Special Instructions For Bona Fide Residents Of Puerto Rico Who Must File A U.S. Individual Income Tax Return*, for more information.

To calculate the allowable portion of a deduction for each itemized deduction use the following formula Formula for allowable portion:



Note: Round all fractions to four places.

The numerator of the fraction is the gross income subject to U.S tax and the denominator is the total gross income from all sources. See the example for Elias and Delani below for the computation of the standard deduction.

Example: Elias Noble and Delani Santa are filing a joint return and both are under age 65. This year, Elias earned \$40,000 as a federal employee in Puerto Rico and Delani earned \$10,000 from her job at a bank in Puerto Rico.

Formula for allowable portion of the standard deduction

- $= \frac{\$40,000}{50,000} \times \$27,700$
- $= 0.80 \times $27,700$
- = \$22,160

Puerto Rico Exempt Income



Deductions that apply to exempt Puerto Rico income are not deductible on a federal tax return.

Itemized Deductions (continued)

Deductions that do not specifically apply to a particular type of income must be allocated between gross income subject to U.S. tax and total gross income from all sources. Examples of deductions that do not apply to a particular type of income are alimony payments and certain itemized deductions, such as:

- Medical expenses
- · Charitable contributions
- Real estate taxes on the taxpayer's home
- Mortgage interest on the taxpayer's home

Example

Elias and Delani are filing a joint return. They are bona fide residents of Puerto Rico and both are under 65 years of age. Elias works for the federal government and Delani for a bank in Puerto Rico. During 2023, Elias earned \$ 40,000 as a federal employee and Delani earned \$10,000 from her job. They have itemized deductions of \$27,000 that do not apply to any specific type of income (medical and dental \$ 4,000, real estate taxes \$5,000, mortgage interest on their home of \$12,000 and charitable contributions \$6,000 (cash contributions). Each deduction is allocated as follows:

fect of Puerto Rico exempt income on itemized deductions:			
Itemized	Expense Amount	Formula : Allowable Portion	Deduction
Medical and Dental	\$4,000	(40,000 ÷ 50,000) x 4,000	*\$200
Real Estate Taxes	\$5,000	(40,000 ÷ 50,000) x 5,000	\$4,000
Mortgage Interest	\$12,000	(40,000 ÷ 50,000) x 12,000	\$9,600
Charitable Contributions	\$6,000	(40,000 ÷ 50,000) x 6,000	\$4,800
Total	\$27,000		\$18,600

^{*}Medical expenses must exceed 7.5% of the taxpayer's Adjusted Gross Income.

To figure the standard deduction amount for Elias and Delani use the "Worksheet For Puerto Rico Filers With Exempt Income Under Section 933 Who Do Not Itemize Deductions" in Publication 1321. The allowable portion of the standard deduction for Elias & Delani is \$22,160 (\$27,700 x 0.80). The allowable amount of the Itemized deductions from Schedule A is \$18,600. In most cases, your federal income tax will be less if you take the larger of your itemized deductions or the standard deduction.



It may be advantageous for the taxpayer to itemize deductions only if the amount is larger than the allowable standard deduction amount.

Social Security Benefits

Social security benefits are payments made under Title II of the Social Security Act. They include OASDI (Old Age, Survivors, Disability Insurance), and some workers' compensation benefits. Generally, if social security benefits are the taxpayer's only source of income, then the benefits are not taxable and the taxpayer probably does not need to file a federal income tax return.

If the taxpayer received social security benefits plus other income (including exempt Puerto Rico source income), up to 85% of the social security benefit may be taxable.

Social security benefits are reported to the taxpayer on Form SSA-1099, *Social Security Benefit Statement*. To correctly calculate the taxable portion, you need to know the amount in box 5 (Net Benefits) of Form SSA-1099.

Calculating the Taxable Portion



The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA) suspended (reduced to \$0) the personal and dependency exemptions for tax years 2018 through 2025.. Now, residents of Puerto Rico with exempt Puerto Rico source income under Internal Revenue Code Section 933 can only claim the adjusted standard deduction to reduce the taxable portion of the Social Security benefits. Publication 1321 is used to calculate the allowable portion of the standard deduction.

Are the benefits taxable?

To determine if any portion of the social security benefits is taxable, compare taxpayer's (and spouse's, if married filing jointly):

- Base amount (corresponding to the taxpayer's filing status), and
- Total income (including exempt Puerto Rico source income and interest), plus one-half of the social security benefits

If the total income is more than the base amount for the taxpayer's filing status, part of the social security benefits may be taxable. In general, the higher the taxpayer's total income is, the greater the taxable portion of social security benefits will be (up to 85% of the benefits received).

Worksheet 1 Figuring Your Taxable Benefits

Residents of Puerto Rico with exempt Puerto Rico source income must use the Worksheet 1 in Publication 915 to calculate the taxable portion of social security benefits, not the worksheet included with Form 1040 instructions.

- Enter the amount from box 5 of each of the Form(s) SSA-1099s on line 1 of Worksheet 1. Also, enter this amount on line 6a of Form 1040 or 1040SR.
- Include benefits received by both spouses if filing Married Filing Jointly
- Do not include any dependents' SSA-1099s
- Enter the total amount from Form 1040 or 1040SR, lines 1z, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 7 and 8 on line 3 of the Worksheet 1
- Enter the amount from Form 1040 or 1040SR, line 2a, on line 4 of the Worksheet 1
- On line 5 of the Worksheet 1, enter the total of any exclusions/adjustments for: adoption benefits (Form 8839, line 28), Foreign Earned Income or Housing (Form 2555, lines 45 and 50), certain income of bona fide residents of Puerto Rico*
- Give the completed worksheet to the taxpayer for their records

^{*} Wages, exempt and taxable interest, dividends, taxable IRAs and pensions (without the \$11,000 or \$15,000 exemption amount granted by the Puerto Rico Treasury Department),net capital gain or loss (up to \$3,000), net income from self-employment and any other Puerto Rico source income exempt under Section 933.

Calculating the Taxable Portion (continued)

Base Amounts

Taxpayer's base amounts are determined by their filing status.

Filing Status	Base Amount
Married Filing Separately (and taxpayer lived with spouse for any part of tax year)	\$0
Single Head of Household Qualifying Surviving spouse	\$25,000
Married Filing Separately (and taxpayer lived separately form spouse for entire tax year)	
Married Filing Jointly	\$32,000

Filing Status



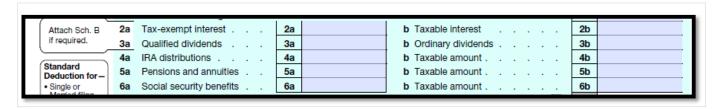
For taxpayers who plan to file as Married Filing Separately, be sure to ask whether they lived with their spouse for any part of the tax year, as that changes the base amount.



Income Calculation

When calculating the taxable portion of taxpayer's social security benefits, compare the base amount to the total of:

- Exempt income earned by Puerto Rico residents
- All other income, including tax-exempt interest
- · One-half of the
- Social security net benefit for the year (Form SSA-1099, box 5) or
- Railroad Retirement Benefits (Form RRB-1099, box 5)



If the amount on line 8 of the Worksheet 1: Figuring Your Taxable Benefits exceeds the taxpayers' base amount (line 9 of the worksheet), complete the worksheet to determine the taxable portion of Social Security benefits (Line 19 of the worksheet). Enter this amount on line 6b of Form 1040 or 1040SR.

Foreign Tax Credit

What is the foreign tax credit (FTC)?

The foreign tax credit was created to avoid double taxation when foreign source income is taxed by both the U.S. and the country or U.S. possession from which it is derived.

For Puerto Rico residents, the foreign tax credit reduces a taxpayer's tax liability by some or all of the Puerto Rico taxes paid or accrued during the tax year.

What form is used to claim the foreign tax credit?

Form 1116 is used to claim the Foreign Tax Credit

Who may take the credit?

Taxpayers who paid income taxes to a foreign country or U.S. possession may be entitled to take the foreign tax credit.

QUALIFYING TAXES

The foreign tax credit, generally include taxes paid to a foreign country or U.S. possession on:

- Wages
- Dividends
- Interest
- Royalties
- Annuities

Interview Tips for the Foreign Tax Credit

Step	Step		
Step 1	Did you receive income from Puerto Rico or foreign sources? Note: Refer to Table 1, Determining Source of Income in Tab B	If YES, go to Step 2 If NO, STOP. You cannot claim FTC	
Step 2	Was this income taxable to the United States?	If YES, go to Step 3 If NO, STOP. You cannot claim FTC. Explain to the taxpayer they cannot take the credit on exempt Puerto Rico income.	
Step 3	Did you pay income taxes to Puerto Rico or foreign country?	If YES, you may be eligible to claim FTC. You must use Form 1116 to figure out the credit. If NO, explain to the taxpayer they cannot take the credit because the credit is limited to the allocated amount of U.S. taxes imposed on the foreign income, or the actual amount of foreign tax paid or accrued*	

^{*} Carry back and forward rules may allow a taxpayer to use excess foreign taxes paid in prior years to be used in current year Form 1116, Foreign Tax Credits. This topic is out-of-scope for the VITA/TCE Program. Publication 514, Foreign Tax Credit for Individuals, explains in detail the computation to claim the unused foreign taxes paid or accrued. Form 1116, Foreign Tax Credit

Determine the taxable gross income sourced in the foreign country or U.S. possession taxable to the United States.

Taxable Income from Sources Outside the United States

Form 1116, Foreign Tax Credit

Gross Income from sources Outside the United States (line 1 of Part 1, Form 1116):

Amounts entered on Part I, line 1a of Form 1116 are gross income figures.

Gross income does not include:

• exempt income from foreign or possession Sources exempt under IRC Section 933 or the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) earned by federal employees which is exempt under IRC Section 912.

Categories of Income

A separate Form 1116 must be completed for each category of income listed in the heading section and only one income category can be checked per form.

Examples of Categories of Income

Passive Category Income: Includes dividends, interest, royalties, rents and annuities

General Category Income: Includes wages and salaries.

Foreign Tax Credit – Allocation of Income



Compensation for services or retirement income performed within and outside the United States If you can not segregate compensation for services or retirement income performed partly within and partly outside the United States, use the following formulas to compute foreign income.

Allocation of Income for compensation for services and retirement income

Formula for compensation for services:

In order to determine how much income should be considered foreign for purposes of Form 1116, an apportionment should be made on a time basis. That is, you must include foreign gross income, or the amount that results from multiplying the total amount received by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days services performed in foreign countries, and the denominator of which is the total number of days of service for which payment was received.

Days in Puerto Rico and/or foreign country Total number of days for total payment	- х	Total Compensation	=	Amount of foreign income (line 1a of Part 1, Form 1116)
	etirement	Income (Distributions at	tributab	le to contributions):
Years in Puerto Rico and/or foreign country	v	Annual ponsion	_	Amount of foreign income
Total years of service	— ^	Annual pension	_	(line 1a of Part 1, Form 1116)

Deductions and Losses



Taxable Income from Foreign Sources

In order to arrive at the taxable income from foreign sources you must determine the deduction and losses from the foreign or possession income reported in Part I, line 1a of Form 1116.

Deductions that are definitely related to the foreign source income (line 2 of Part I, Form 1116)

Examples of some expenses that are definitely related to specific income:

Moving expenses (deduction suspended for tax years 2018-2025 except for members of the Armed Forces
of the United States).

Pro rata share of other deductions not definitely related (lines 3a-3g of Part I, Form 1116)

Foreign gross income must be reduced by an allowable portion of other expenses and deductions (such as the adjustments for alimony paid (TCJA eliminates deductions for alimony payments required by post-2018 divorce agreements), certain itemized deductions, or the standard deduction) which are not definitely related to specific items of income.

Certain Itemized Deductions or Standard Deduction (line 3a of Part I, Form 1116)

If itemizing deductions, enter on line 3a certain itemized deductions such as medical expenses, general sale tax, and real estate taxes for your home. These amounts are taken from lines 4, 5 a and 5 b of Schedule A.

Note: Schedule A will already show deductions modified due to exempt income under IRC Section 933 (Puerto Rico source income).

Standard Deduction

If not itemizing, enter the standard deduction. If the standard deduction was modified due to exempt income under IRC Section 933 (Puerto Rico source income), enter on line 3a of Form 1116 the allowable portion of the standard deduction as figured on line 2d of the Publication 1321 worksheet.

Other deductions (line 3b of Part 1, Form 1116)

Enter any other deductions that do not definitely relate to any specific type of income (for example, the deduction for alimony paid) (TCJA eliminates deductions for alimony payments required by post-2018 divorce agreements) and any other deductions that are not definitely related to a specific class of income, including deductions shown on Schedule 1, Part II, Adjustments to Income.

Gross foreign source income (line 3d of Part I, Form 1116)

Enter on line 3d gross foreign source income (Puerto Rico source income) taxable to the U.S. from the category checked in Part I of Form 1116. Do not include the COLA on line 3d or any other exempt income.

Gross income from all sources (line 3e of Part I, Form 1116)

Enter on line 3e gross income from all sources and all categories, both U.S. and foreign. Do not include the COLA on line 3e or any other exempt income. If the taxpayer does not have income source in the U.S. and is only completing Form 1116 for one category of income, line 3d and 3e will be the same.

Line 3f - Divide line 3d by line 3e and round off the results to four decimal places. Enter the results, but don't enter more than "1".

Deductions and Losses (continued)

Pro rata share of interest expense (line 4 of Part I. Form 1116)

The interest expense is subject to a separate allocation on Form 1116, line 4. If your gross income (including Puerto Rico exempt income) does not exceed \$5,000, all of the mortgage interest expense can be allocated to U.S. source income and does not need to be included in this part. Otherwise, deductible home mortgage interest (including points) is apportioned using a gross income method. Use the Worksheet for Home Mortgage Interest on Form 1116 to apportion this interest.

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1.	Enter gross foreign source income* of the type s Form 1116. Don't enter income excluded on Fo 2555	orm
2.	Enter gross income from all sources. Don't ente excluded on Form 2555	
3.	Divide line 1 by line 2 and enter the result as a d (rounded to at least four places)	
4.	Enter deductible home mortgage interest (from l Schedule A (Form 1040))	
5.	Multiply line 4 by line 3. Enter the result here and appropriate Form 1116, line 4a	
con	you have to report income from more than one conplete a separate worksheet for each country. Us untry on line 1 of the worksheet.	-

Other interest expense (*line 4b of Part 1, Form 1116*) Other interest expense includes investment interest, interest incurred in a trade or business, and passive activity interest. See Publication 514 for more information.

Losses from foreign sources (*line 5 of Part 1, Form 1116*) If you have capital losses from foreign sources, see Publication 514 for more information. Foreign Taxes Paid or Accrued

Part II. Form 1116

Taxpayers may choose to take the foreign tax credit for their Puerto Rico taxes in the year those taxes were paid or accrued.

- If they take the foreign tax credit the year the taxes are paid, then they can claim payments and withholdings
 of taxes to the Puerto Rico government for their foreign tax credit. Additional taxes owed to the Puerto Rico
 government for that tax year are not included.
- If they take the foreign tax credit the year the taxes are accrued, then they can claim their entire Puerto Rico tax liability as of December 31 (Total Tax Determined) on Form 482 Puerto Rico Individual Income Tax Return for their foreign tax credit, regardless of when the taxes are paid.

Figuring the Credit

Part III. Form 1116

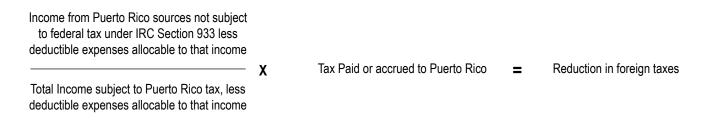
Reduction in Foreign Taxes

Taxpayers cannot claim a foreign tax credit for taxes paid on excluded Puerto Rico source income.

The taxes allocated to the exempt Puerto Rico source income should be included in Part III, line 12 of Form 1116, as a reduction in foreign taxes.

Taxes paid on exempt income **are not allowed** as part of the foreign tax credit. To find the amount allocable to the exempt income, multiply the taxes paid or accrued to Puerto Rico by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the exempt income from Puerto Rico sources under IRC Section 933, less deductible expenses allocable to that income. The denominator is the total amount of income subject to Puerto Rico tax less deductible expenses allocable to that income. This fraction is multiplied by the tax paid or accrued to Puerto Rico.

Formula for reduction in foreign taxes:



Foreign Tax Credit Redeterminations

If you claim a credit for foreign taxes paid, and you receive a refund of all or part of those taxes in a later year, you must file an amended return reducing the taxes credited by the amount refunded.

If you claim the foreign tax credit based on foreign taxes accrued instead of foreign taxes paid, your credit must be redetermined in any of the following situations.

- 1. Your accrued taxes when paid differ from the amount you claimed as a credit.
- 2. You do not pay the accrued taxes within 2 years after the close of the tax year to which they relate.
- 3. After you pay the accrued taxes, you receive a full or partial refund of them.

Caution: Starting 2021 Schedule C, Form 1116 is used to report Foreign Tax Credit Redetermination. This form is out of scope of VITA.

Other Taxes

Earnings Subject to Self-Employment Tax

Includes

- Net earnings from self-employment (SE) from other than a church employee of \$400 or more.
- · Partnership income and guaranteed payments.
- Wages of employees of churches and other religious organizations (not ministers), if you earned at least \$108.28.
- Services performed as a minister, member of a religious order who has not taken a vow of poverty, or a Christian Science practitioner (unless IRS approval for exemption has been obtained).
- Income from farm rental if you materially participated in the production or management of farm products on such land.
- Cash or a payment in kind from the Department of Agriculture for participating in a land diversion program.
- Fees and other payments received for services as a Director of a corporation.
- Income from the retail sale of newspapers if you were age 18 or older and kept the profits.
- Income received as a direct seller.
- Income of certain crew members of fishing vessels with crews of normally fewer than 10 people.
- Fees as a state or local government employee if you were paid only on a fee basis and the job was not covered under a federal-state social security coverage agreement.
- Fees received as a professional fiduciary, or as a non-professional fiduciary if the fees relate to active participation in the operation of the estate's business, or the management of an estate that required extensive management activities over a long period of time.

Does Not Include

- Salaries, fees, etc subject to Social Security and Medicare withholding received for performing services as an employee.
- Fees received for services performed as a notary public.
- Income from real estate rental not in the course of a trade or business as a real estate broker.
- Income from farm rental if you did not materially participate in the production or management of farm products on such land.
- Dividend and interest income earned not in the course of a trade or business as a dealer in stocks and securities.
- · Net operating losses from previous years.
- Gain or loss from the sale or exchange of capital assets, or other property not held as stock or inventory in a trade or business, or held primarily for sale in the course of an ordinary trade or business.

Caution: Neither the owner's contribution for a Keogh plan nor the Self-Employed Health Insurance deduction are allowed for SE tax on Schedule SE or Form 1040 SS (SP).

Other Taxes (continued)

Overview of the Methods for Calculating Self-Employment Tax

There are three ways to figure your net earnings from self-employment:

- 1. The regular method
- 2. The non-farm optional method
- 3. The farm optional method

You must use the regular method unless you are eligible to use one or both of the optional methods.

Why use an optional method? You may want to use the optional methods when you have a loss or a small net profit and any of the following applies:

- You want to receive credit for Social Security benefit coverage.
- You are entitled to the additional child tax credit (An optional method may increase your earned income, which could increase your credit.)
- You incurred child or dependent care expenses for which you could claim a credit (An optional method may increase your earned income, which could increase your credit.)
- You are entitled to the earned income credit (An optional method may increase your earned income, which could increase your credit.)

Effects of using an optional method. Using an optional method could increase your SE tax. Paying more SE tax could result in you getting higher benefits when you retire.

If you use either or both optional methods, you must figure and pay the SE tax due under these methods even if you would have had a smaller tax or no tax using the regular method.

The optional methods may be used only to figure your SE tax. To figure income tax, include your actual earnings in gross income, regardless of which method you use to determine SE tax.

For VITA/TCE scope purposes, you will not be using the farm optional method.

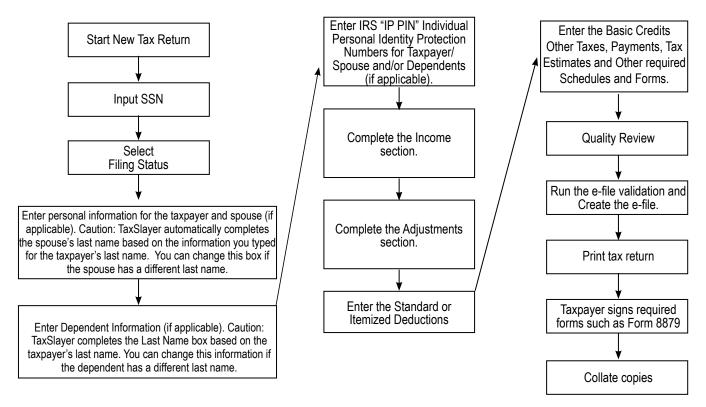
Self-employment tax consists of Social Security tax (12.4%) and Medicare tax (2.9%) on earnings of workers who work for themselves and have no employer withholding.

For 2023, the maximum amount of self-employment income subject to social security is \$160,200.

Medicare taxes are imposed at a flat tax rate of 2.9% on wages, salaries, and business or farming income earned by self-employed individuals.

If you expect to owe self-employment tax of \$1,000 or more for 2023, you may need to make estimated tax payments. Use Form 1040-ES, to figure your required payments.

Starting - New Return Flow Chart



Create a NEW Return - Select Start New Tax Return



Input and confirm social security numbers

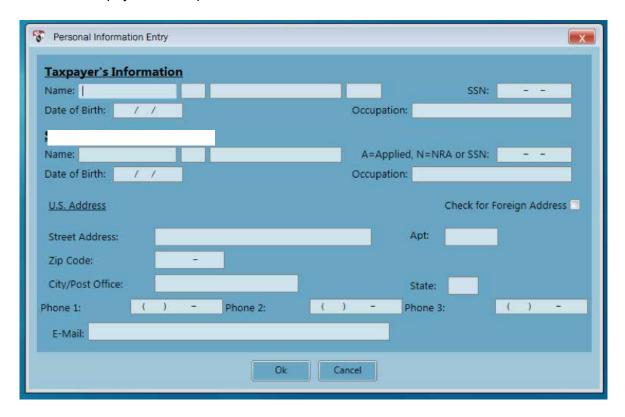


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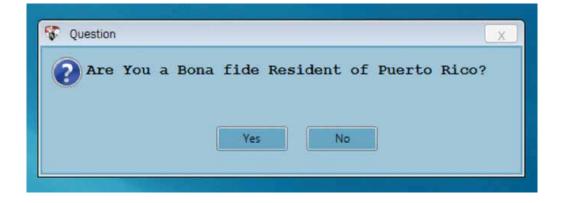


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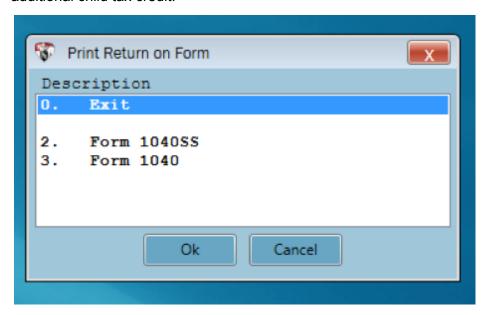


Use Publication 4696(PR), VITA/TCEPuerto Rico Resource Guide to determine Residency Status for U.S. Tax Purposes.

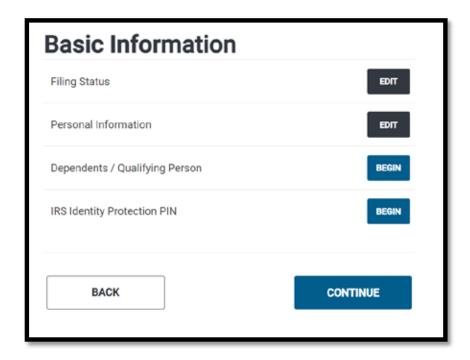


Starting a New Return (continued)

Always use Form 1040, except for bona fide residents of Puerto Rico filing a U.S. return just to claim the additional child tax credit.

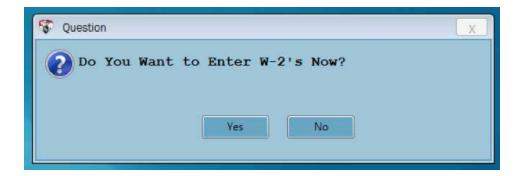


Enter Taxpayer's dependents (Name, Age, SSN, Relation, Months in Home, etc.)



Starting a New Return (continued)

Complete Form W-2 to report the salaries of federal employees working in Puerto Rico. Also, Form W-2 is used to report salaries and other compensation for services performed in the United States.



Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC)

A. Residents of Puerto Rico who files a Federal Tax Return just to claim the ACTC.

Example: Edward Rico and Angelina Alta are married, Edward works for a private company in Puerto Rico and file a joint return only to claim the ACTC. His wages for this year were \$25,000. They have two qualifying children. (see Form 1040 -SS for Edward and Angelina on Page 41).

Select Form W-2 PR if the taxpayer works for the local government or for the private sector in Puerto Rico.



Select the Correct Filing Status

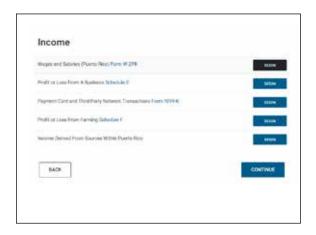


Hint, if the taxpayer is filing a U.S. tax return just to claim the Additional Child Tax Credit and the earned income is only from Puerto Rico souces, select Form 1040 SS (SP) or Form 1040 SS.



Determine the residency status and check Yes if the taxpayer is a Bona fide resident of Puerto Rico.
Remember: In general, Section 933 of the Internal Revenue Code states that if you are a resident of Puerto Rico for the en re tax year, you are considered a bona fide resident.

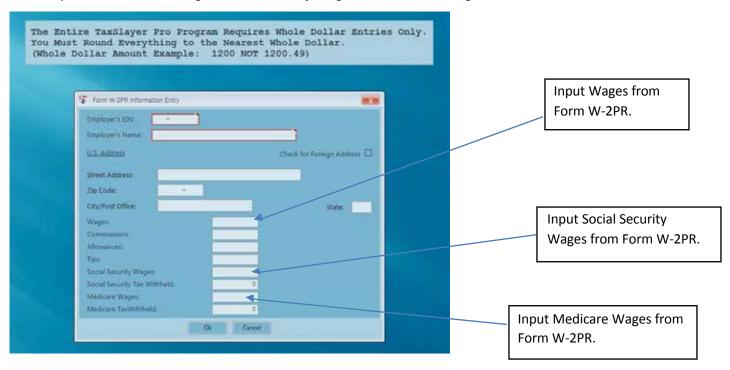
Taxpayers with self-employment income can claim the additional child tax credit on Form 1040 SS.



The additional child tax credit is available with one qualifying child. For tax year 2023, bona fide residents of Puerto Rico with one qualifying child who are not required to file a U.S. income tax return and have Social security and Medicare taxes withheld from their wages or paid SE tax will be eligible to claim the credit.

Click "BEGIN" to input Form W-2PR.

Hints: Input the amounts of Wages, Social Security Wages and Medicare Wages.





Line 18. Check line 18 to input income derived from sources within Puerto Rico from Form W-2PR.



TIP: In order for Form 1040 SS or Form SS (SP) to calculate the Additional Child Tax Credit you must enter the amount of Income Derived from Sources within Puerto Rico

W-2PR
Wages and tax statement (Puerto Rico)

Profit or loss from business
Reported on Schedule C

Form 1099-K
Payment card and third party network transactions

Profit or Loss From Farming
Reported on Schedule F

Puerto Rico Income
Taxable Income from sources within Puerto Rico

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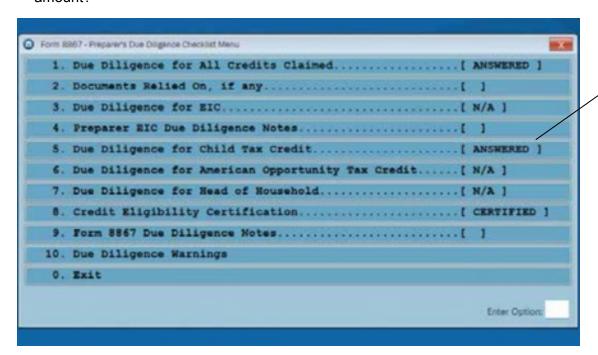
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CONTINUE

Important: Input the Income derived from Puerto Rico sources

Answer the Due Diligence Questions

- Have you determined that the taxpayer has not release the claim for this dependent to another person?
- Did you review adequate information to determine that the taxpayer is eligible to claim the credit and in what amount?



The federal Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 (the VPA or the Act) aims to promote volunteerism by limiting, and in many cases completely eliminating, a volunteer's risk of tort liability when acting for nonprofit organization organization or government entities. You are protected by the federal Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 as long as you are only preparing returns within the scope of the VITA/ TCE programs.

Credit Eligibility Certification

☐ Check box if the dependent does not have an SSN/ITIN/ATIN
Was this person a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or U.S. resident alien? (See Pub. 519 for the definition of a U.S. national or U.S. resident alien) If they were not, you can't claim the child tax credit or the credit for other dependents for this person. *
○ Yes
○ No

Hint: Verify the listing of forms for the return, go to "Client Form Listing Summary"

FORM 1040 (PR)	ISTING OF FORMS FOR THIS RETURN	
FORM W-2PR		
FORM 8812 (ADDITIONAL CHILD TAX CREDIT)	
	E-FILE SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION)	
UICK SUMMARY *		
SUMMARY	FEDERAL	
FILING STATUS	2	
TOTAL INCOME	0	
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	0	
ADJUSTED GROSS INCOM	E 0	
DEDUCTIONS	0	
EXEMPTIONS	0	
TAXABLE INCOME	0	
TAX	0	
CREDITS	0	
PAYMENTS	6,600	
REFUND	6,600	
AMOUNT DUE	0	

Additional Child Tax Credit – Form 1040 – SS (English version)

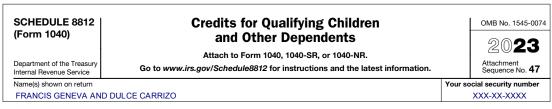
Example: Edward Rico and Angelina Alta have two qualifying children (ages 3 and 9 years old) that entitled them to claim the additional child tax credit. Edward works for a private company in Puerto Rico and file a joint return only to claim the ACTC. His wages for this year were \$25,000 (had Social Security and Medicare taxes withheld; \$1,550 and \$362.50, respectively). They have two qualifying children (Juan and Linda).

Form	1040-SS		mployment Tax Return ax Credit for Bona Fide Residents of	Puerto Rico			Verify names and social security numbers with
	rtment of the Treasury		the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islan	nds, or Puerto Ric	• 20 23	~	social security cards.
Interr	nal Revenue Service Your first name and in	For the year Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2023, or other tax year	beginning, 2023, and ending	, 20, Your	social security number		
	EDWARD		RICO	rour	social security number		
ايد		e's first name and initial	Last name	Spou	se's social security number		
Please type or print.	ANGELINA		ALTA	-			
ō	Home address (numb	er, street, and apt. no., or rural route)					
ξ	123 TABONUCO S	BEAS					
ase	City, town or post offi	ce, commonwealth or territory, and ZIP code	/ / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / 				
E	GUAYNABO PR 00	0968					All of the following tests
	Foreign country name	•	Foreign province/state/county		Foreign postal code		must be met to claim
			ard, award, or payment for property of	or services); o			someone as a qualifying
_		a digital asset (or a financial interest	in a digital asset)? (See instructions) .		Yes No		child:
_		ax and Credits					
1		Check the box for your filing status.					
			g separately (MFS) Head of house	hold UQua	lifying surviving spouse		Relationship test
_		the MFS box, enter spouse's social se			Al		Residency test
2			ona fide resident of Puerto Rico and yo children, see instructions and check h		the additional child tax	ľ	Age test
	(a) First		(b) Child's social security numbe		s relationship to you		•
JUA	AN RICO	Lastrano	125-00-XXXX	SON	o relationerily to you		Support test
	DA RICO		126-00-XXXX	DAUGHTER	·		Citizen, resident
			7 001				or national test
				1-5			or national test
3	Self-employme	ent tax from Schedule SE (Form	1040), line 12. Attach applicable sch	nedules (see			
					3		
4	Household em	ployment taxes (see instructions). At	tach Schedule H (Form 1040)		4		
5	Additional Med	dicare Tax. Attach Form 8959			_5		
6		l lines 3 through 5. See instructions			6		
7		d tax payments (see instructions) .	7				
8		security tax withheld (see instruction					Type account numbers
9		d tax credit from Part II, line 19		1,913		-	
10		uture use	10				exactly as shown on check.
11:		alified sick and family leave wages					
		taken before April 1, 2021					For savings account
		dified sick and family leave wages taken after March 31, 2021, and bef					•
12					12 1,913		obtain a statement from
13			e 12. This is the amount you overpaid		13 1,913		the financial institution to
14			rm 8888 is attached, check here		14a 1,913		verify the routing number
	b Routing numb		c Type: ☐ Checking	_	1,010		•
	d Account numb			3-			and account number.
15		13 you want applied to 2024 estim	ated tax				
16	Amount you	owe. If line 6 is more than line 12, sub	otract line 12 from line 6. See instruction	ns	16		
	Amount you c	owe. If line 6 is more than line 12, sur	oract line 12 from line 6. See instructio		16]	
OIIII	1040 00 (2020)				rage ∠	1_	Include all income under
			aiming Additional Child Tax Cred		ructions.	-	IRC Section 933.
1			age 17 with the required social securi	ty number?			
		ou can't claim the credit.					(see definition of Modified
_	Yes. Go to						Adjusted Gross Income on
2	Number of qua	lifying children under age 17 with the	e required social security number:		2 2 2 2		
_	2	x \$1,600. Enter the result			2 3,200		the instructions of Form
3		dified adjusted gross income	3	25,000			1040 SS or Form 1040 SS
4		unt shown below for your filing statu	s	400,000			(SP)).
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B. Taxpayers with U.S. Taxable Earned Income

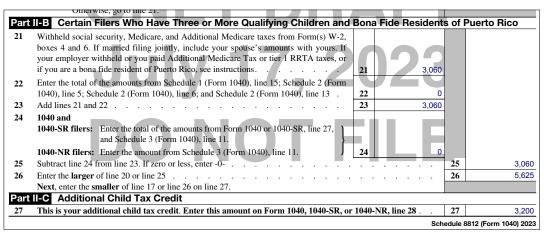
Example: Francis Geneva and Dulce Carrizo are married, both under 65, filing a joint return and have two children Elsa and Fabian who are 4 and 11 years old, respectively. The children qualify for claiming the ACTC. Francis is a federal employee in Puerto Rico who receives a Form W-2 showing \$40,000 on box 1. Elsa is a housewife who did not have an outside career. The Puerto Rico tax liability for this year is \$1,500.

Schedule 8812



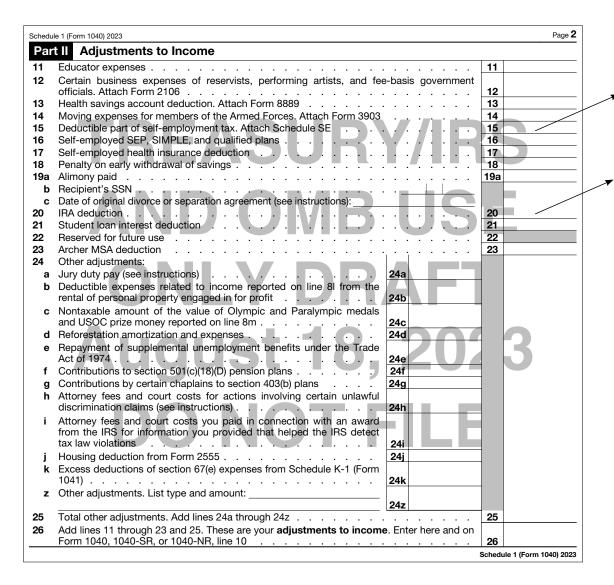
Par	Child Tax Credit and Credit for Other Dependents		
1	Enter the amount from line 11 of your Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR	1	40,000
2a	Enter income from Puerto Rico that you excluded		
b	Enter the amounts from lines 45 and 50 of your Form 2555		
c	Enter the amount from line 15 of your Form 4563		
d	Add lines 2a through 2c	2d	0
3	Add lines 1 and 2d	3	40,000
4	Number of qualifying children under age 17 with the required social security number 2		
5	Multiply line 4 by \$2,000	5	4,000
6	Number of other dependents, including any qualifying children who are not under age		
	17 or who do not have the required social security number		
	Caution: Do not include yourself, your spouse, or anyone who is not a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or U.S. resident		
	alien. Also, do not include anyone you included on line 4.		
7	Multiply line 6 by \$500	7	0
8	Add lines 5 and 7	8	4,000
9	Enter the amount shown below for your filing status.		
	• Married filing jointly—\$400,000		
	• All other filing statuses—\$200,000 J	9	400,000
10	Subtract line 9 from line 3.		
	• If zero or less, enter -0		
	• If more than zero and not a multiple of \$1,000, enter the next multiple of \$1,000. For		
	example, if the result is \$425, enter \$1,000; if the result is \$1,025, enter \$2,000, etc.	10	0
11	Multiply line 10 by 5% (0.05)	11	0
12	Is the amount on line 8 more than the amount on line 11?	12	4,000
	No. STOP. You cannot take the child tax credit, credit for other dependents, or additional child tax credit.		
	Skip Parts II-A and II-B. Enter -0- on lines 14 and 27.		
	Yes. Subtract line 11 from line 8. Enter the result.		
13	Enter the amount from Credit Limit Worksheet A	13	0
14	Enter the smaller of line 12 or line 13. This is your child tax credit and credit for other dependents	14	0
	Enter this amount on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR, line 19.		

If the taxpayer has income subject to federal income tax, the credit must be claimed using Form 1040 along with Schedule 8812.





Adjustments to Income

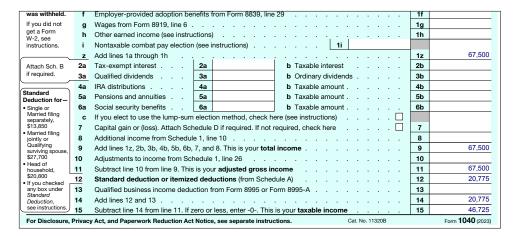


If the deduction is related to excluded income for U.S. income tax purposes, deductible part of self-employment tax on line 15 can not be taken.

IRA trust account must be in the U.S.

Deductions

Example: Mike Gallatin and Maria Granite are U.S. citizens and bona fide residents of Puerto Rico for the entire year. They file a joint return and both are under age 65. This year, Mike earned \$22,500 from Puerto Rico sources. Maria earned \$67,500 from the U.S. Government. They have \$27,000 of itemized deductions that do not apply to any specific type of income (see the table below with the itemized deductions).



Only the allowable portion of the standard or itemized deductions are reported on Form 1040.

"Standard deduction modified due to exempt income under IRC Section 933". Allowable portion of Standard Deduction \$20,775 = (\$67,500/\$90,000) x \$27,700.

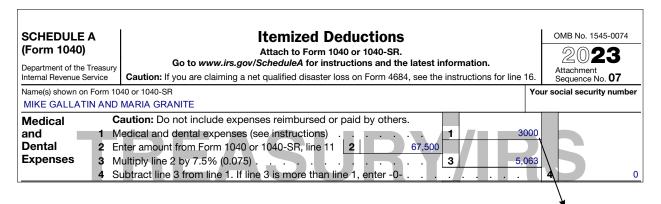
 In most cases, your federal income tax will be less if you take the larger amount between standard deduction or itemized deductions.

Effect of Puerto Rico exempt income on itemized deductions:

Itemized Deduction	Expense Amount	Formula: Allowable Portion	Deduction
Medical and Dental	\$4,000	(67,500 ÷ 90,000) x 4,000	\$0*
Real Estate Taxes	\$5,000	(67,500 ÷ 90,000) x 5,000	\$3,750
Mortgage Interest	\$12,000	(67,500 ÷ 90,000) x 12,000	\$9,000
Charitable Contributions	\$6,000	(67,600 ÷ 90,000) x 6,000	\$4,500
Total	\$27,000		\$17,250

^{*}Medical expenses must exceed 7.5% of the taxpayer's Adjusted Gross Income.

Exhibit Allocation of Itemized Deduction for Mike and Maria – Medical Expenses



\$3000 (Only the allowable portion is transferred to line 1 (\$4,000 x 0.75= \$3,000)

Deductions (continued)

Exhibit Allocation of itemized deduction for Mike and Maria-Real Estate Taxes

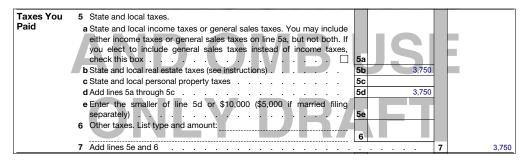


Exhibit Allocation of itemized deduction for Mike and Maria - Home Mortgage

Interest You Paid	8 Home mortgage interest and points. If you didn't use all of your home mortgage loan(s) to buy, build, or improve your home, see				
Caution: Your	instructions and check this box				
mortgage interest deduction may be limited. See instructions.	a Home mortgage interest and points reported to you on Form 1098. See instructions if limited	8a	9,000		
instructions.	b Home mortgage interest not reported to you on Form 1098. See instructions if limited. If paid to the person from whom you bought the home, see instructions and show that person's name, identifying no.,				
	and address	8b			
	c Points not reported to you on Form 1098. See instructions for special				
	rules	8с			
	d Reserved for future use	8d			
	e Add lines 8a through 8c	8e	9,000		
	9 Investment interest. Attach Form 4952 if required. See instructions .	9			
	10 Add lines 8e and 9			10	9,000

Exhibit Allocation of itemized deduction for Mike and Maria - Charitable

Gifts to	11	Gifts by cash or check. If you made any gift of \$250 or more, see				
Charity		instructions	11	4,500		
Caution: If you	12	Other than by cash or check. If you made any gift of \$250 or more,				
made a gift and got a benefit for it,		see instructions. You must attach Form 8283 if over \$500	12			
see instructions.	13	Carryover from prior year	13			
	14	Add lines 11 through 13	-		14	4,500

Exhibit Allocation of itemized deduction for Mike and Maria – Total Allowable Itemized Deductions

Total	17	Add the amounts in the far right column for lines 4 through 16. Also, enter this amount on		
Itemized		Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 12	17	17,250
Deductions	18	If you elect to itemize deductions even though they are less than your standard deduction,		
		check this box		

Foreign Tax Credit - Form 1116

Taxable Income or Loss from Sources Outside United States

Departm	Foreign Tax Cred (Individual, Estate, or Trus Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, 1040-NR, Revenue Service Go to www.irs.gov/Form1116 for instructions and	ıst) R, 1041, or 990-T.	OMB No. 1545-0121 2023 Attachment Sequence No. 19 n page 1 of your tax return	
1116. F a S b F h Res Note:	foreign branch category income d General category income f Certal Categ	tion 901() income tain income re-sourced by freaty umn A in Part I and line A in Part II d line for each country or possessi	Lump-sum distributions I. If you paid taxes to on.	Only one category of income can be selected in each Form 1116. General category includes
i		untry or U.S. Possession B C	Total (Add cols. A, B, and C.)	wages and salaries. Gross income does not include exempt Puerto Rico source income nor COLA.
b	Check if line 1a is compensation for personal services as an employee, your total compensation from all sources is \$250,000 or more, and you used an alternative basis to determine its source. See instructions		3	
Deduc	etions and losses (Caution: See instructions.):			
2	Expenses definitely related to the income on line 1a (attach statement)			
3	Pro rata share of other deductions not definitely related:			
а	Certain itemized deductions or standard deduction (see instructions)			
b c	Other deductions (attach statement)			
d	Gross foreign source income (see instructions) .			

	rt II Foreign Taxe Credit is claimed for taxes (you must check one)	es Paid oi								
Country	(j) Paid		In foreign	currency				In U.S. de	ollars	
70	(k) Accrued	Taxes	withheld at sour	ce on:	(p) Other	Taxes w	ithheld at sour	ce on:	(t) Other	(u) Total foreign
O	(I) Date paid or accrued	(m) Dividends	(n) Rents and royalties	(o) Interest	foreign taxes paid or accrued	(q) Dividends	(r) Rents and royalties	(s) Interest	foreign taxes paid or accrued	taxes paid or accrued (add cols. (q) through (t))
Α										
В										
С										
8	Add lines A through	gh C, colun	nn (u). Enter	the total he	ere and on l	line 9, page 2	2		8	
For	Paperwork Reduction	Act Notice,	see instruction	ons.		Cat.	No. 11440U			Form 1116 (2023)

If you can not segregate compensation for services or retirement income performed partly within and partly outside the United States, use the formula to compute the foreign gross income. Hint: See Foreign Tax Credit section: Formula for allocation of income for services or retirement.

Foreign Tax Credit – Form 1116 (continued)

FORM 1116 - "Standard Deduction - Example Continue - Mike and Maria"

Taxable Income or Loss From Sources						
		untry or U.S. Po			Total	
Enter the name of the foreign country or U.S.	Α	В	С	(Add cols. A, B, and C.)		
possession	PUERTO RICO					
Gross income from sources within country shown						
above and of the type checked above (see instructions): WAGES						
	67.500			1a	67.500	
Check if line 1a is compensation for personal services as an employee, your total compensation from all sources is \$250,000 or more, and you used an alternative basis to determine its source. See instructions	.,,					
ions and losses (Caution: See instructions.):						
Expenses definitely related to the income on line 1a (attach statement)						
Pro rata share of other deductions not definitely related:						
Certain itemized deductions or standard deduction (see instructions)	20,775					
Other deductions (attach statement)						
Add lines 3a and 3b	20,775					
Gross foreign source income (see instructions) .	67,500					
Gross income from all sources (see instructions) .	67,500					
Divide line 3d by line 3e (see instructions)	1.00					
Multiply line 3c by line 3f	20,775					
Pro rata share of interest expense (see instructions):						
Home mortgage interest (use the Worksheet for						

<<1. Other Income[22500	1
* 2. Form 1099-MISC Other Income[0	1
>>3. Qualified Education Program Payments (1099-Q)[0	1
>>4. Cancellation of Debt (1099-C)[0	1
>>5. NOL Carryover from Frior Tear(s)	0	1
>>6. Gambling Winnings (W-2G)[0	1
>>7. Foreign Earned Income Exclusion (2555, 2555-E2)[0	1
* B. Income from Form(s) 6478, 8814, 8853, 8864 & 8889[0	1
9. Section 933 Excluded Income from PR[-22500	1
* 10. Medicaid Waiver Payments included on Form W-2 Box 1[0	1
* 11. Medicaid Waiver Payments included on Form 1099Misc Box 3[0	1
12. Taxable Clergy Parsonage[0	1
* 13. Total Other Income[0	1
0. Exit		

If not itemizing, TaxSlayer enters the standard deduction in line 3a (margin).

To complete this line you must transfer the allowable portion from the margin to column A line 3a.

TaxSlayer computes the modified standard deduction.

It is important that in the Income Menu section Line 9 you enter the total amount of "Section 933 Excluded Income from Puerto Rico".

Itemized deductions should be modified on Schedule A, only the allowable portion is included.

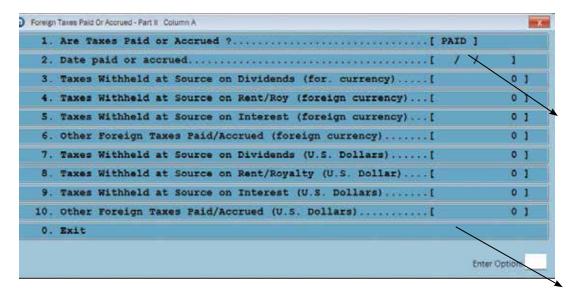
TaxSlayer computes the mortgage interest expenses on line 4a, automatically.

TaxSlayer enters certain itemized deductions such as real estate taxes, and medical expenses on line 3a.

Foreign Tax Credit – Form 1116 (continued)

Foreign Taxes Paid or Accrued

Cash Basis Taxpayers: Have the option to take the Foreign Tax Credit for their Puerto Rico taxes in the year those taxes were paid or accrued.



Check the appropriate box to indicate whether the foreign tax was actually paid during 2023 or if the tax was billed in one year but paid in another ("accrued").

If the taxpayer takes the taxes paid, he/she can claim payments and withholding of taxes to the Puerto Rico government during 2023.

If the taxpayer takes the taxes accrued, then he/she can claim the entire PuertoRico tax liability as of December 31, regardless of whether the taxes are paid the following year.

The taxpayer must continue to use the accrual method for the Foreign Tax Credit on all future returns.

All Puerto Rico taxes paid or accrued on both exempt and non-exempt income may be shown in Part II of Form 1116.

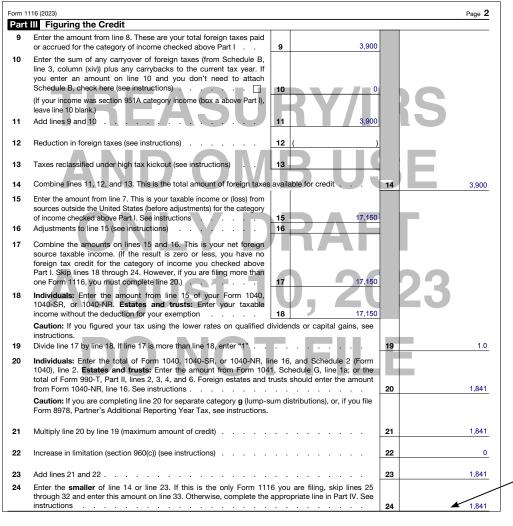
Foreign Tax Credit - Form 1116 (continued)

Taxpayer without exempt income

This page shows how to figure out the foreign tax credit for a taxpayer without exempt income. Assume that the taxpayer is single, under age 65 and received \$31,000 in wages taxable to U.S. from sources outside the United States (Puerto Rico) and the taxes paid to Puerto Rico were \$3,900.

Figuring the Credit

Part III - Form 1116

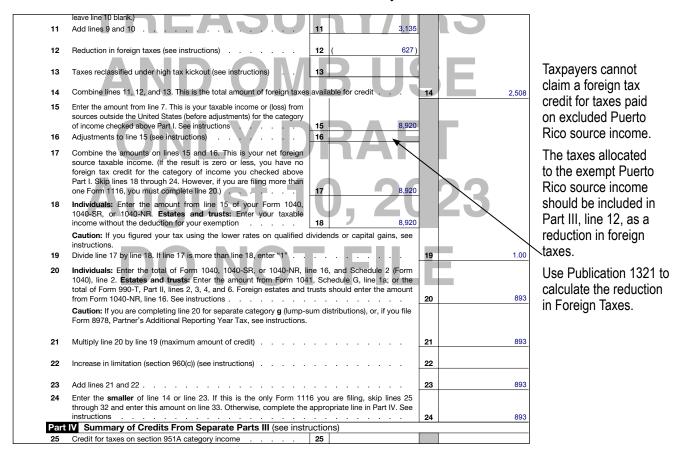


1,841 Part IV Summary of Credits From Separate Parts III (see instructions) 25 Credit for taxes on section 951A category income 26 Credit for taxes on foreign branch category income 26 27 Credit for taxes on passive category income . 27 28 Credit for taxes on general category income 28 29 Credit for taxes on section 901(j) income . 29 30 Credit for taxes on certain income re-sourced by treaty . 30 31 Credit for taxes on lump-sum distributions . . . 31 32 Add lines 25 through 31 1.841 33 Enter the smaller of line 20 or line 32 33 1.841 Reduction of credit for international boycott operations. See instructions for line 12 34 35 Subtract line 34 from line 33. This is your foreign tax credit. Enter here and on Schedule 3 (Form 1040), line 1; Form 1041, Schedule G, line 2a; or Form 990-T, Part III, line 1a 1 841 Form 1116 (2023) The foreign tax credit is limited to the allocated amount of U.S. taxes imposed on the foreign income, or the actual amount of foreign tax paid (after reductions on line 12), whichever is less. The Foreign Tax Credit is not a refundable credit.

Foreign Tax Credit - Form 1116 (continued)

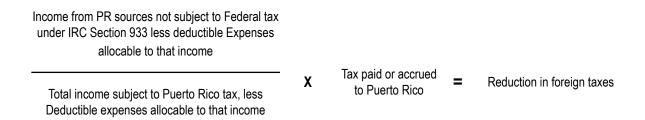
Foreign Taxes Paid or Accrued

Taxpayer with exempt income. Assume that the taxpayer is single under age 65 and a bona fide resident of Puerto Rico who receives \$20,000 in wages taxable to U.S. from Puerto Rico sources and \$5,000 exempt income under IRC Section 933. The Puerto Rico tax liability was \$3,135.



To complete reduction in foreign taxes, line 12 of Form 1116:

Taxes paid on exempt income are not allowed as part of the foreign tax credit. To find the amount allocable to the exempt income, multiply the taxes paid or accrued to Puerto Rico by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the exempt income from Puerto Rico sources under IRC Section 933, less deductible expenses allocable to that income. The denominator is the total amount of income subject to Puerto Rico tax less deductible expenses allocable to that income.



Link & Learn Taxes

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Link & Learn Taxes and Publication 4012, VITA/TCE Volunteer Resource Guide, work together to help volunteers learn and practice.

Link & Learn Taxes for 2023 includes:

- Access to all VITA/TCE courses
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 - Lets volunteers complete test practice problems
 - Lets volunteers prepare test scenario returns for the test/retest



Go to www.irs.gov, type "Link & Learn" in the Keyword field and click Search. You'll find a detailed overview and links to the courses.

FSA (Facilitated Self Assistance) empowers taxpayers to prepare their own returns with the assistance of a certified volunteer. Taxpayers complete their own returns using interview-based software supplied by leaders in the tax preparation industry. Volunteers assist taxpayers with tax law questions.

Virtual VITA/TCE model includes any site where face-to-face activities are not used during the tax preparation process. That is, the intake specialist, IRS-tax law certified preparer (who prepares the return) and/or the quality reviewer are not face-to-face with the taxpayer. By incorporating this flexibility partners can provide taxpayers with more convenient locations to file their taxes.

For more information contact your SPEC Relationship Manager to see if you should start a FSA or Virtual VITA site in your community.





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- · What's Hot!
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Volunteer Tax Alerts

Volunteer Training Resources www.irs.gov/Individuals/Volunteer-Training-Resources

Outreach Connection www.irs.gov/Individuals/Outreach-Corner

Interactive Tax Assistant (ITA) www.irs.gov/help/ita

Online Services and Tax Information for Individuals www.irs.gov/Individuals

Plan

- Tax Withholding (Paycheck Checkup)
- · When to File
- Recordkeeping
- Choosing a Tax Professional
- Get Answers to Your Tax Questions
- Year-round Tax Planning is for Everyone, Publication 5349

Tools

- View Your Tax Account
- · Get Your Transcript
- · Where's My Refund?

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