



# TEN GREAT REASONS TO VISIT **IRS.GOV**

No matter when you need tax help or information, your best option is to visit IRS.gov. Our website has many tools and services, which make getting help from the IRS just a click away. Here are ten great reasons to visit IRS.gov, night or day:

## 1. Use IRS Free File.

If you need to file your tax return, you can e-file for free by using **IRS Free File**. If you earned \$60,000 or less you can prepare and e-file your taxes using free brand name tax software. If you made more, you can use Free File Fillable Forms. This option is the electronic version of IRS paper forms.

[www.irs.gov/uac/Free-File:-Do-Your-Federal-Taxes-for-Free](http://www.irs.gov/uac/Free-File:-Do-Your-Federal-Taxes-for-Free)

## 2. Get answers to tax questions.

The **Interactive Tax Assistant** covers many common tax topics. Type in your question or search terms and it can lead you step-by-step to the answer. The **IRS Tax Map** gives you a list of tax law subjects to select. It integrates tax topics, forms, instructions and publications into one research tool.

[www.irs.gov/uac/Interactive-Tax-Assistant-\(ITA\)-1](http://www.irs.gov/uac/Interactive-Tax-Assistant-(ITA)-1)

[www.irs.gov/uac/Find-Forms-and-Information-by-Topic-Using-IRS-Tax-Map](http://www.irs.gov/uac/Find-Forms-and-Information-by-Topic-Using-IRS-Tax-Map)

## 3. Get health care tax information.

IRS.gov has information about the Affordable Care Act at **IRS.gov/aca**. You can visit this site for details on how the health care law affects your taxes. For example, the pages provide information about:

- Reporting health insurance coverage.
- Claiming an exemption from the coverage requirement.
- Making an individual shared responsibility payment.
- Claiming the premium tax credit.
- Reconciling advance payments of the premium tax credit.

You can also use the Interactive Tax Assistant tool (#2) for help on how some of these laws apply to your situation.

## 4. Check out a charity.

You must donate to a qualified charity if you want to deduct the donation on your tax return. Use the **IRS Select Check** tool to see if a charity is qualified. [www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Exempt-Organizations-Select-Check](http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Exempt-Organizations-Select-Check)

## 5. Check on your refund.

The **Where's My Refund?** tool is a fast and easy way to check on your tax refund. Use the IRS2Go mobile app to access the tool, or click on the 'Refunds' tab on IRS.gov. [www.irs.gov/Refunds](http://www.irs.gov/Refunds)

## 6. Try IRS Direct Pay.

If you owe taxes, pay with **IRS Direct Pay**. It's a safe, easy and free way to pay from your checking or savings account. Go to **IRS.gov/directpay** to pay your federal tax bill. [www.irs.gov/Payments/Direct-Pay](http://www.irs.gov/Payments/Direct-Pay)

## 7. Apply for an IRS payment plan.

If you can't pay all your taxes at once, apply for an **IRS Online Payment Agreement**. A direct debit payment plan is a great way to pay. It has a lower set-up fee, you won't miss a payment and you won't get an IRS reminder to send a check each month. [www.irs.gov/Individuals/Online-Payment-Agreement-Application](http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Online-Payment-Agreement-Application)

## 8. Get forms and publications.

View, download and print federal tax forms and publications anytime. [www.irs.gov/Forms-&-Pubs](http://www.irs.gov/Forms-&-Pubs)

## 9. Calculate your tax withholding.

If you get a larger refund or owe more taxes than you expect when you file your tax return, you may need to change your tax withholding. You can complete and give your employer a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate. Use the **IRS Withholding Calculator** tool to help you fill out a new form.

[www.irs.gov/Individuals/IRS-Withholding-Calculator](http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/IRS-Withholding-Calculator)

## 10. Get a tax transcript.

If you apply for a loan or student financial aid, you may need a tax transcript. Visit IRS.gov and use the **Get Transcript** tool. [www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript](http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript)