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Still Need to File a 2022 Tax Return?



IRS tips for filing after the April due date:

- > File electronically as soon as you're ready. Filing electronically is fast, secure, convenient and the best way to avoid errors.

 Using e-file helps the IRS process returns, apply tax payments and issue refunds faster. The IRS processes most e-filed returns and issues direct deposit refunds in less than three weeks. You can use e-file to file your 2022 tax return from now until October 16, 2023.
- > Requested an extension? While you have until Oct. 16, you can file as soon as you're ready.

- Didn't request an extension and owe tax? File as soon as possible to avoid further penalties and interest. You can set up a payment plan or make full or partial payments.
- Need to file a tax return to claim a refund? If you're not required to file, you may still be eligible for a refund if your employer withheld more taxes from your pay than you owe. But you'll need to file a return to claim it.
- Some tax credits may mean a refund. Even if you owe no tax, refundable credits may allow you to get a refund even

- if you normally don't file. The most common are the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit and the American Opportunity Tax Credit.
- Take advantage of IRS Free File. 70% of taxpayers have the ability to use interview-based tax preparation software at no cost.
- Use Free File Fillable Forms. This option is like completing a paper return. It doesn't ask about or explain tax situations and performs only basic calculations. You can e-file for free and don't need to mail a paper return.

Get help filing

- Review IRS tips on choosing a reputable tax preparer if you need tax preparation help. The Choosing a Tax Professional page on IRS.gov has information about preparer credentials and qualifications.
- The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals. Use the VITA/TCE Locator Tool on IRS.gov to locate available sites.