Divorce or separation can impact your federal tax return and may mean you unexpectedly owe taxes. Below are five common issues taxpayers run into.

1. **Your filing status might change.**
   Changing your filing status from Married can have significant tax implications. Use Form 1040 to select:
   - Single
   - Married filing jointly
   - Married filing separately
   - Head of household

2. **You might not be able to claim some dependents.**
   A dependent can only be claimed by one taxpayer. Make sure you have the correct documentation.

3. **You might have to withdraw from a retirement account.**
   Withdrawals from a retirement account, like a 401(k), can result in additional taxes when filing.

4. **You might not be able to itemize deductions.**
   Mortgage interest, medical expenses, and charitable contributions are all examples of deductions that you may lose if you accept the standard deduction.

5. **You might take on additional work to cover expenses.**
   Getting a second job, a gig economy “side hustle” or starting your own business can increase how much you owe in taxes.

*If any of these situations apply to you, you may have to adjust your federal tax withholding or make estimated payments. For more information, visit IRS.gov/divorce.*