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Learn about the 2018 Form 1040

Throughout 2018, the IRS has been working closely with partners in the tax return preparation and tax software industries to prepare for tax reform and tax form changes affecting tax year 2018. This ongoing collaboration ensures that taxpayers can continue to rely on the IRS, tax professionals and tax software programs when it's time to file their returns.

The [2018 Form 1040](#) replaces Forms 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ with one 2018 Form 1040 that all taxpayers will use to file their federal income tax return. Now all individual taxpayers can file the same base form. The 2018 Form 1040 uses a “building block” approach and allows individuals to add only the schedules they need to their 2018 federal tax return. The 2018 Form 1040 and related [instructions](#) and [schedules](#) are available on [IRS.gov](#).

Individuals who filed their federal tax return electronically last year may not notice any changes, as the tax return preparation software will automatically use their answers to the tax questions to complete the Form 1040 and any needed schedules.

For taxpayers who filed paper returns in the past and are concerned about the changes, this year may be the year to consider the benefits of filing electronically. Whether a federal tax return is self-prepared, completed by a tax professional or prepared with the help of a [volunteer at a community tax help site](#), using tax software is convenient, safe and a secure way to prepare and e-file an accurate tax return.

The most commonly used lines on the prior Form 1040 are retained on the 2018 Form 1040. Other lines are moved to new schedules and are organized by general categories, such as income and adjustments to income, nonrefundable credits, taxes, payments, or refundable credits.

More Form 1040 information — [including questions and answers](#) — is available on [IRS.gov](#).

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NOTE TO EDITOR: Below are links to help taxpayers find the information they need.

IRS.gov

- [Here are five facts about the new Form 1040](#)
- [There are six new schedules some taxpayers will file with the new Form 1040](#)
- [Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax for Individuals](#)
- [Publication 5307, Tax Reform: Basics for Individuals and Families](#)