

[New York Tax Year 2019 Assistance: Federal & State](#)

IRS Website - <http://www.irs.gov/>

Tax Forms

- **Federal Tax Forms** are no longer being mailed out to taxpayers. You can download forms and instructions at <https://www.irs.gov/forms-instructions> or Call **800 829-3676** for paper forms and they will be mailed directly to you. A limited number of forms will be available at local libraries in mid-February.
- **New York Tax Forms** are no longer being mailed. A limited number will be available in post offices & libraries. Libraries <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/libs/publibs/1pls.htm>
You may also request forms by calling the **New York State Department of Tax and Finance - 518 457-5181**, or by going to <http://www.tax.ny.gov/forms/>

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for Tax Year 2019

- The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) & the Child Tax Credit are Federal Tax Benefits for Low-and Moderate-Income Workers who meet certain eligibility requirements. Combined Federal, State and City credits range from **\$714** to **\$8,852**, depending on income (maximum of **\$55,952** if married with 3 eligible children), marital status and number of children.
- **You must file a tax return even if you owe no tax to claim EITC. Find out if you qualify for EITC @ www.irs.gov/eitc** *Scroll down and click on "EITC Assistant".*
- **EITC Publications, Forms, Brochures and Other Resources** www.irs.gov/eitc
- **EITC Qualifying Child Form** <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f1040sei.pdf>
- **Retroactive EITC Filing** You can amend your taxes for the last three years. If you have previously filed your return & did not claim credits or deductions that you may have been eligible for, contact the **IRS at 800 829-1040** for assistance.
- **Disability and EITC**
Many persons with disabilities or having children with disabilities qualify for EITC. <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit/disability-and-earned-income-tax-credit>
- **New York Earned Income Tax Credit** <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/tax-credits/>
Information on Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC), New York State Noncustodial Parent EITC, Child Tax Credits (TC), Child & Dependent Care Tax Credits.

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Free Tax Counseling

(Please note: Some information is only available from late January thru mid April)

- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** - IRS-sponsored program staffed by community volunteers who receive IRS-approved training to assist individuals with tax returns. For some, but not all, VITA sites, and days & hours of operation in any state, please go to <http://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/> and enter your zip code.
- **VITA Site Locator Number** - You may call **800 906-9887** if you do not see a site close to your immediate area.
- **New York State Free Tax Preparation and VITA Sites**
VITA is a *free*, IRS-sponsored program to help low- & middle-income workers have their taxes prepared and filed electronically at no cost. VITA also ensures that workers receive all the tax credits to which they are entitled. <http://otda.ny.gov/workingfamilies/vita.asp>



AARP Tax-Aide & Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE)

Call **888 227-7669 (888 AARP-NOW)** or enter your address on their Tax-Aide website <http://www.aarp.org/applications/VMISLocator/searchTaxAideLocations.action>

- This is an IRS-sponsored program staffed by community volunteers who receive IRS-approved training to assist individuals with tax returns.
- AARP has been providing free volunteer run tax preparation and assistance programs since 1968 to low and moderate income taxpayers, many of whom are aged 60 and older. Their well-trained volunteers assist with filing the 1040 Form and the more standard of the schedules, including Schedules A and B. Electronic filing (e-filing) is offered at most sites, with no charge to the taxpayer. E-filing ensures more accurate tax returns and faster processing of refunds.

Year round tax information, in cooperation with the IRS, is also provided by AARP's free, year-round, web-based assistance. Taxpayers may pose questions to online volunteers 24 hours a day, seven days a week. http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/?intcmp=FTR-LINKS-INFO-TAXAIDE-EHWERE

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Free Tax Filing



Free Tax Filing/Free File

<https://www.irs.gov/uac/about-the-free-file-program>

This is a public - private partnership between the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and a number of electronic tax software companies that provide free online federal tax preparation and e-filing services to millions of low & moderate income taxpayers.

Free Tax Filing Eligibility Tax Year 2019

- Taxpayers earning \$69,000 or less in **2019** are eligible for free filing.
- Taxpayers earning more than \$69,000 can use Free File Fillable Forms.
- Taxpayers eligible for the EITC are eligible for free tax filing as well as free tax filing assistance, with a choice of about 20 different tax services.
- Taxpayers who generally earn less than \$56,000 are eligible for **free tax filing as well as the free tax filing assistance**.
- AARP is also providing free tax filing services with no income requirements.

Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) 877 777-4778 <http://www.irs.gov/Advocate>

- ◆ *TAS is your voice at the IRS.* Our job is to ensure that every taxpayer is treated fairly, and that you know and understand your rights. We can offer you free help with IRS problems that you can't resolve on your own. *We know this process can be confusing, but the worst thing you can do is nothing at all!*
- ◆ TAS can help if you can't resolve your problem with the IRS and:
Your problem is causing financial difficulties for you, your family, or your business.
You face (or your business is facing) an immediate threat of adverse action.
You've tried repeatedly to contact the IRS but no one responded to you, or the IRS hasn't responded by the



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- ◆ **New York TAS Albany Office 518-292-3001 FAX**
11A Clinton Avenue, Suite 354, Albany, NY 12207

855 818-4817

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/about/taxpayer-advocate.page>

Keeping Family Household Records

<http://cte.sfasu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Keeping-Family-Household-Records-Key.pdf>