

## Internal Revenue Service

**Area(s) Served:**

Nationwide

<http://www.irs.gov>

**Phone:** 800-829-1040

**Phone Extension:** N/A

**Contracted Provider:** Not Applicable

**Description:**

The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Programs offer free tax help for taxpayers who qualify.

**VITA**

The VITA Program generally offers free tax help to people who make \$52,000 or less and need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals in local communities. They can inform taxpayers about special tax credits for which they may qualify such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled. VITA sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls, and other convenient locations.

**TCE**

The [TCE Program](#) offers free tax help for all with priority assistance to people who are 60 years of age and older, specializing in questions about pensions and retirement issues unique to seniors. IRS-certified volunteers who provide tax counseling are often retired individuals associated with non-profit organizations that receive grants from the IRS.

[Click here for more information about these programs.](#)

For additional information on taxes, see the links below

- [IRS Tax Publications for Older Americans](#)
- [Tax Topics for Seniors and Retirees](#)
- [Publication 524, Credit for Elderly or Disabled](#)
- [IRS: Frequently Asked Questions for Seniors](#)
- [IRS: Tax Preparation Tips for Seniors](#)