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## Direct File provides free federal return filing for eligible taxpayers in 25 states

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Taxpayers can file their taxes quickly, easily and for free directly with the IRS using [IRS Direct File](#). The web-based service, available in English and Spanish, offers guided help for preparing and filing a federal tax return from a smartphone, tablet or computer in 25 states.

Direct File is easy to use and helps eligible taxpayers:

- [File a 2024 federal tax return for free](#) directly with the IRS.
- Save time by opting in to having information imported from their IRS account, including personal information and W-2 if available.
- Claim certain credits and deductions.
- Add tax information with step-by-step guidance.
- Chat with IRS Direct File customer support in English or Spanish.
- Prepare returns from smartphones, laptops, tablets and desktop computers.

### Eligibility

IRS Direct File service is available for taxpayers who file simple federal tax returns in [25 participating states](#) and report the following types of income:

- W-2 wage income.
- SSA-1099 Social Security income.
- 1099-G unemployment compensation.
- 1099-INT interest income.
- 1099-R retirement income.
- 1099-MISC for Alaska residents reporting the [Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend](#).

This is not for taxpayers with other types of income, such as gig economy, rental or business income. Go to [directfile.irs.gov](http://directfile.irs.gov) to check your eligibility and see if Direct File is a good fit. If you're not eligible, we'll connect you to [alternative filing options](#).

Direct File doesn't prepare state returns. Once taxpayers have completed their federal tax return, Direct File automatically guides them to state services to complete their state taxes. Visit the [state websites](#) to find information about income tax filing in each state.

Get the latest news by subscribing to the [Direct File newsletter](#).

### More information

- [Publication 5916, File for Free with IRS Direct File](#)
- [Publication 5917, IRS Direct File – What You Need to Know](#)
- [Publication 5949, Helpful Tips to Prepare You for IRS Direct File](#)
- [Publication 5952, Are You Ready to File with IRS Direct File?](#)

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