

Who Do You Trust to Prepare Your Return?



CHOOSE YOUR
TAX RETURN
PREPARER WISELY.

If you pay someone to prepare your return, they hold significant responsibility for the accuracy of your return, and by law, they must sign and include their preparer tax identification number (PTIN) on the return. While they sign the return, you remain accountable for every item on it.



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selecting a preparer



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for Free Tax Return
Preparation

REMEMBER THAT NOT ALL TAX PREPARERS ARE EQUAL.

Watch out for those who promise larger than expected refunds, charge fees based on refund percentages, or lack a PTIN. Choose a reputable professional who signs your return, provides a copy, and is available for follow-up questions. Always verify their credentials and avoid signing blank tax forms.

FREE tax preparation is available at a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) site near you. Scan the QR codes above with your smart device to find updated information about the sites in your area.



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