

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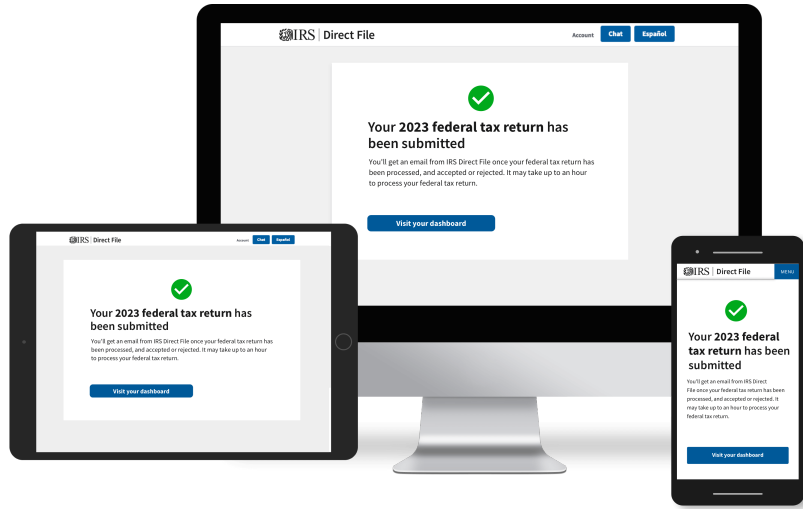
# Join the IRS Direct File pilot

Direct File is a new tax tool to file your federal taxes directly with the IRS.

- ✓ Free
- ✓ Accurate
- ✓ Easy to use
- ✓ Secure

This pilot currently supports simple tax needs. Use our eligibility checker to learn if the pilot supports your tax needs.

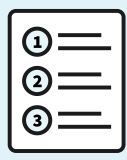
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## More benefits of Direct File



Follow a **step-by-step guide** to help you understand your taxes



Get **live online support** from IRS staff Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Eastern time



Use your **smartphone, tablet, or desktop computer**

## We're starting small to get it right

During this pilot, Direct File only supports a limited set of tax situations. That means this pilot may not support your tax needs.

We want to learn from taxpayers who participate in this pilot so we can continue improving the experience of tax filing.

## Is the Direct File pilot right for me?

[Learn if you're currently eligible](#) to join the Direct File pilot to file your 2023 taxes

## Frequently asked questions

Will Direct File pre-fill my tax information?

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How does the IRS protect my privacy and keep my information secure?

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Will Direct File support staff give me tax advice?

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Does Direct File make sense for me if I don't owe any taxes or if I don't have much income?

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Can I prepare and file my state tax return with Direct File?

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Direct File is only for people in certain states.

Click on your state to see if Direct File might be right for you.

**Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and Wyoming** **+**

**Arizona** **+**

**California** **+**

**Massachusetts** **+**

**New York** **+**

**Washington** **+**



If you lived in a state not listed here, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. territory, Direct File won't support your tax filing needs.

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Depending on your situation, you may have to file a Massachusetts state tax return in addition to your federal tax return. Learn about [Massachusetts filing requirements](#) .


If you choose to use Direct File for your federal taxes, we'll direct you at the end to [MassTaxConnect](#)  to file your state taxes.


Direct File may be a good option if you:

- Are willing to prepare and file your Massachusetts state taxes using a different tool from Direct File
- Lived in Massachusetts for all of 2023
- Earned all of your income in Massachusetts in 2023
- Have filed a Massachusetts income tax return at least once in the past 3 years
- Plan to use the same filing status for both your federal and state tax returns

**New York** **+**

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
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Direct File requires you to have certain types of identification to prevent fraud.

You'll need:

- A Social Security number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for yourself and any spouse or dependents you claim
- If applicable, an Adoption Taxpayer Identification Number (ATIN) for dependents you claim
- A current driver's license, state identification, passport, or passport card



If the IRS sent you (or your spouse or dependents) an [Identity Protection \(IP\) PIN](#) , you'll also need that.

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Direct File only works if you have certain types of income.

You **can** use Direct File if you have one or more of these types of income for tax year 2023:

- ✓ Income from an employer  
**(Form W-2)**
- ✓ Unemployment compensation  
**(Form 1099-G)**
- ✓ Social Security benefits  
**(Form SSA-1099)**
- ✓ \$1500 or less in interest income or US savings bonds or Treasury obligations  
**(Form 1099-INT, boxes 1 and 3)**

You **can't** use Direct File if you have other types of income for tax year 2023 that are not listed above.

**Types of income that can't be reported with Direct File**

For example, you won't be able to report any other types of income, such as:

- ✗ Income received from payment apps, online marketplaces, or payment cards  
**(Form 1099-K)**
- ✗ Income from independent contractor and gig work  
**(Form 1099-NEC)**
- ✗ Income from rent, prizes, awards, and more  
**(Form 1099-MISC)**
- ✗ Income from pension and retirement account distributions  
**(Form 1099-R)**
- ✗ Allocated tips
- ✗ Unreported tips
- ✗ Alimony that is required to be included in your income

**Additional limitations if your household income exceeds \$125,000** **+**

If you have unsupported types of income, Direct File is not a good option for you. [Learn about other options for preparing and filing your federal taxes](#) ↗.

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**More about taking the standard deduction**

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**More about taking itemized deductions**

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[How to choose between the standard deduction and itemized deductions](#) 

If you want to itemize deductions, you can't use Direct File. [Learn about other options for preparing and filing your federal taxes](#) .

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**More about taking the standard deduction** —

The standard deduction allows you to deduct a set amount to reduce your taxable income instead of itemizing certain deductible expenses.

When taking the standard deduction, you can still deduct student loan interest and educator expenses, which are treated differently than itemized deductions.

If you want to take the standard deduction, Direct File may be a good option for you.

**More about taking itemized deductions** —

Itemizing deductions means you add up certain deductible expenses.

Some common reasons to itemize include if you:

- Spent more than 7.5% of your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) on medical expenses
- Gave a large amount of money to charity
- Paid a large amount of state income taxes
- Paid a large amount of property taxes or mortgage interest

**You can't itemize deductions with Direct File.**

[How to choose between the standard deduction and itemized deductions](#) [↗](#)

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Direct File only works for people with certain kinds of health insurance, and for people without health insurance.

You can use Direct File if you have:

- ✓ No health insurance
- ✓ Health insurance from your employer
- ✓ Medicare
- ✓ Veterans Affairs health care
- ✓ Private health insurance you pay for out of pocket
- ✓ [Your state's Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\)](#) [↗](#)

You can't use Direct File if you have:

- ✗ Health insurance you bought directly through a marketplace (like HealthCare.gov)
- ✗ Money you withdrew from a health savings account (HSA)

How do I know if I got my insurance through a marketplace?



If you got your health insurance through a marketplace, Direct File is not a good option for you. [Learn about other options for preparing and filing your federal taxes](#) [↗](#).

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Direct File only supports common credits that reduce your taxes.

Credits can reduce the amount of tax you owe or increase your tax refund. Certain credits may even give you a refund if you don't owe any taxes.

You **can** use Direct File if you only want to claim these tax credits:

- ✔ [Child Tax Credit](#) [↗](#)
- ✔ [Earned Income Tax Credit](#) [↗](#)
- ✔ [Credit for Other Dependents](#) [↗](#)

You **can't** use Direct File to:

- ✗ Claim any credits other than the ones listed above
- ✗ Claim these credits or other tax benefits for a child as their non-custodial parent

For example, **using a different tool**, you **might** be eligible to claim additional credits if you:

- Paid for child care in order to work
- Made contributions to a retirement plan
- Had college tuition or other higher education expenses
- Paid for energy efficient updates to your home
- Are not married and over age 65 or disabled with an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) between \$13,850 and \$17,500
- Had adoption expenses

If you want to claim these additional tax credits, Direct File is not a good option for you. [Learn about other options for preparing and filing your federal taxes.](#) [↗](#)

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### How to get an ID.me account

To get an ID.me account, you need to:

- Be 18 years or older
- Prove your identity using your state or federal identification (like a driver's license or passport)
- Take a video of your face

The video is used to match your face to the picture on your identification and will not be stored.

If you can't or don't want to take a video of your face, you can have a video call with an ID.me agent who will confirm that your face matches your identification.

[Learn about ID.me.](#) 

To setup an IRS account with ID.me, you need to have:

1. A current driver's license, state identification, passport, or passport card
2. Internet access that can support a video call
3. A working camera on your phone, tablet, or desktop computer
4. A U.S. phone number that accepts texts or phone calls.

If you need an ID.me account, we'll help you create one.

[Learn more about the sign-up process for an IRS ID.me account](#) 

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If Direct File sounds like a good option for your federal taxes, let's get started.

What to expect:

- We'll walk you through filling out your federal tax return
- If you provide information that is not supported by Direct File, we'll tell you so you know the tool isn't a good option
- After submitting your federal tax return with Direct File, we'll keep you updated on the status of your submission which can take an hour or sometimes longer
- After you submit your federal tax return, we'll direct you to your state tax tool so you can get started on your state income taxes
- If your submission is accepted and done, or if it is rejected with an error that needs to be fixed, we'll provide instructions on what to do



If you need to file your state taxes for AZ, CA, MA, NY, or WA, you will have to file those separately with your state.

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