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Where to get IRS forms and publications to prepare your taxes

Most people were able to begin filing their tax returns Jan. 30, the official start of the filing season. However, a smaller group will be able to start filing late in February or into March because of more extensive form and programming changes. This group includes people claiming education credits, residential energy credits, depreciation of property and general business credits. The forms that won't be accepted until later are [listed](#) on IRS.gov, so be sure to check IRS.gov before you complete your tax return.

If you are getting ready to file your taxes and looking for the right tax forms, look no further than your own computer. For taxpayers who can file their individual income tax returns beginning Jan. 30, all forms and instructions needed have been posted to IRS.gov. Some 2012 tax forms that cannot be filed beginning Jan. 30 are not yet available. The IRS continues to work as quickly as possible on updates and will post them on IRS.gov as updates are completed. You can also place an order to have available forms and instructions mailed to you, for FREE. Below are ways to obtain tax forms, instructions and publications:

- **Internet** – As IRS tax [forms, instructions and publications](#) are updated, they are available on IRS.gov first, and are available for FREE download 24 hours a day at www.irs.gov/formspubs. You can also file your taxes for free online using commercial tax software or fillable forms — just click on the free file logo at IRS.gov or go directly to www.irs.gov/freefile.
- **Local IRS Taxpayer Assistance Center (TAC)** – The most common tax forms and instructions are available at local TACs in IRS offices throughout the country. To find the nearest IRS TAC, use the [TAC Office Locator](#) on IRS.gov.
- **Community locations** – Taxpayers can also pick up some of the most-requested forms, instructions and publications at many public buildings.
- **By Mail**. You will usually receive your form(s) within 10 days after the IRS receives your order. There are three options to request tax forms and publications:
 1. **Online** - Send your request through our [ordering page](#) on IRS.gov.
 2. **Mail** - Send your written request to the Internal Revenue Service, 1201 N. Mitsubishi Motorway, Bloomington, IL 61705-6613.
 3. **Telephone** - Call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

Take advantage of the various electronic filing options available to help you prepare and file your taxes! For details, go to www.irs.gov/freefile or click on the Free File logo on IRS.gov.

Please note: As 2012 tax forms, instructions and publications impacted by recent legislation are finalized, electronic versions will be published on IRS.gov and paper copies will follow. Please visit IRS.gov. It's the most up-to-date source for all tax-related information and will be updated as information becomes available.

NOTE TO EDITOR: Below are helpful resources on IRS.gov.

Publication 2053A, Quick and Easy Access to IRS Tax Help and Forms ([PDF 40K](#))

You Tube videos –

- [IRS Forms and Publications](#) - Find out three easy ways to get tax forms and publications without having to set foot in an IRS office.
- [Accessible Tax Forms](#) - Find out how you can get accessible tax forms for taxpayers who are blind or visually impaired.