

## **Tax Resources for Self-Employed Drivers**

If you need help completing your annual tax returns, we strongly recommend that you seek out professional tax help. It doesn't have to be a Certified Public Accountant, but it's best to use someone with current knowledge of the US and State Tax laws. We have compiled below, some potential resources you may wish to use.

- **Free help with your tax returns**

- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program** **1-800-906-9887**  
The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, or VITA, is a community of volunteers who provide tax preparation services for people earning \$52,000 or less. VITA will help you prepare your tax return, and most will file your tax returns electronically. You can find a local VITA site by calling toll-free 1-800-906-9887. You can also find a list of some [VITA locations on the Treasury Department's Web site](#). VITA is funded partly by grants from the IRS. The program is designed to help low-to-moderate income, elderly persons with disabilities, and limited English proficient taxpayers.
  
- **Armed Forces Tax Council** **1-800-730-3802**  
The Armed Forces Tax Council provides free tax preparation assistance for military personnel and is a part of the IRS-funded VITA program. Volunteers are especially trained in tax issues frequently encountered by people who work for the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard. You can learn more about tax services provided and about the military-based Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program on [Military OneSource](#). For people who want to prepare their own return, Military One Source provides free access to H&R Block At Home where you can file your federal return and up to three state tax returns at no charge. You can also speak to a tax advisor at no charge by calling the Military OneSource Tax Hotline at 1-800-730-3802.
  
- **Tax Counseling for the Elderly** **1-888-227-7669**  
The Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program is designed to assist taxpayers age 60 and older with their tax returns. TCE sites offer free electronic filing and all volunteers will let you know about credits and deductions you may be entitled to claim. Like the VITA program, it is funded in part by grants from the IRS. You can find a Tax Counseling for the Elderly location by calling, toll-free, 1-888-227-7669 or visit their website at [www.aarp.org/money/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/money/taxaide).

**To prepare for one of the above free tax preparation services you may want to call ahead to schedule an appointment. Also, be sure to bring the following documents with you:**

- **Social Security Card**
- **Driver's License or other form of ID**
- **Your tax documents, and any other supporting documents they recommend that you bring**
- **Form 13614-C "Intake/Interview and Quality Review Sheet", a two page-questionnaire that you will be required to complete during your appointment. Although the form can be filled out when you're with the preparer, you can save some time by downloading it in advance from [www.IRS.gov](http://www.IRS.gov) and answering as much as you can.**

- **National Preparers (fee-based):** Both of the companies below have been around for decades and can help with in-office advice and tax preparation, as well as providing web-links where you can file your returns electronically.
  - **Jackson-Hewitt-** <http://www.jacksonhewitt.com/officelocator/> This link will help you find an office convenient to you. They also have locations within Walmart.
  - **H & R Block-** <https://www.hrblock.com/tax-offices/> This link will bring you to their search page to find an office. From this site, you can also find out about filing on-line.
  
- **If you want to file online yourself with some guidance:**
  - <http://www.freetaxusa.com/services.jsp>
  - <https://turbotax.intuit.com>
  - <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Free-File--Do-Your-Federal-Taxes-for-Free>
  - <http://www.taxact.com/>
  - <http://www.taxslayer.com/>
  
- **Certified Public Accountants:** most of these professionals specialize in tax preparation, but not all. Make sure if you choose this type of tax preparer, that you confirm that the professional you seek has tax return preparation/tax planning experience. It would also be most beneficial to you if the tax preparer has experience consulting clients in the transportation industry. Below is contact information for finding a CPA in your area
  - **Connecticut:** <http://www.cscpa.org/public/referral/findcpa.aspx>
  - **Maryland:** <https://www.macpa.org/public/referral/findcpa.aspx>
  - **Massachusetts:** [https://www.msccaonline.org/find\\_a\\_cpa](https://www.msccaonline.org/find_a_cpa)
  - **New Jersey:** <http://moneymattersnj.com/findacpa/search.cfm>
  - **New York:** <https://data.ny.gov/Government-Finance/New-York-State-Registered-Tax-Return-Preparers-and/b7jj-bh4g> (not necessarily all CPAs, but people who are registered as tax preparers within the state)
  - **Pennsylvania:** <http://www.picpa.org/public/referral/findcpa.aspx>
  - **Virginia:** <http://www.vscpa.com/public/referral/findcpa.aspx>