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peace of mind that their return is accurate and compliant with IRS policies. It is ultimately the taxpayer who is responsible for the information on their ...

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In light of the number of changes to tax law in 2020, most resulting from the fallout of COVID-19, the National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP) advises taxpayers to work with a trained tax professional to ensure the most accurate tax return and possible refund available.

Working with a trained tax expert can net many benefits for taxpayers, including

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for tax pros in the country

- Check the preparer's history with the Better Business Bureau
 - Taxpayers can verify an enrolled agent's status on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov)
 - Taxpayers can verify a CPA's status on [cpaverify.org](https://www.cpaverify.org)
- Ask about fees
 - Taxpayers should avoid tax return preparers who base their fees on a percentage of the refund or who offer to deposit all or part of your refund into their financial accounts
- Be wary of preparers who claim they can get larger refunds than others
- Ask if they plan to use e-file
- Ensure the preparer signs and includes their preparer tax identification number (PTIN)

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