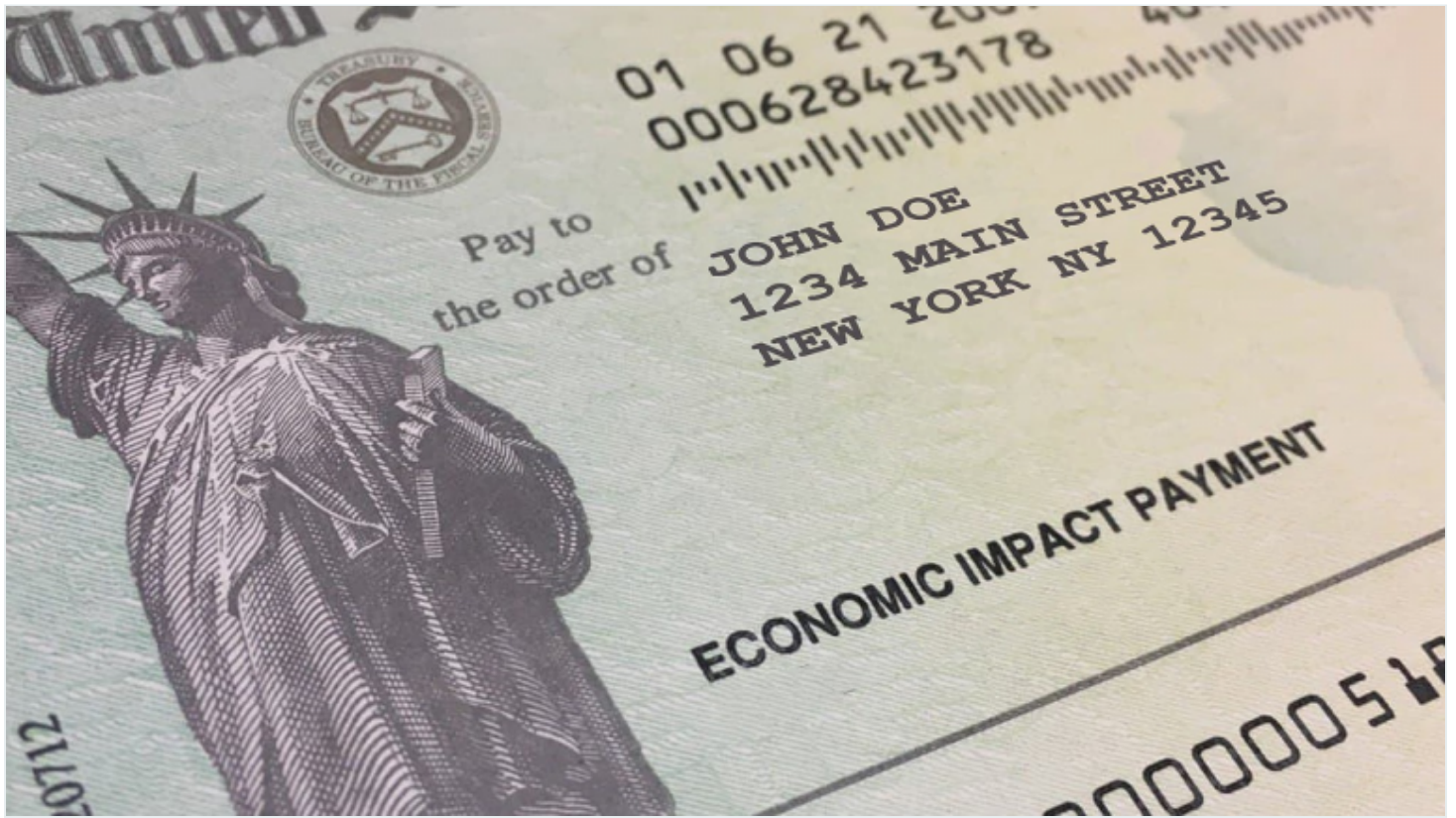


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Do you want to make it easier to file your income taxes in 2022 easier and get your tax refund faster? The IRS is offering several tips that include steps that taxpayers can take this fall to make the 2022 easier.

Number 1: Planning ahead can help people file an accurate return and avoid processing delays that can slow tax refunds.

Gather and organize tax records

[Organized tax records](#) make preparing a complete and accurate tax return easier. It

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[unemployment compensation](#), [dividends](#), distributions from a [pension, annuity or retirement plan](#)

- Form 1099-K, 1099-MISC, W-2 or other income statement for workers in the [gig economy](#)
- [Form 1099-INT](#) for [interest received](#)
- Other income documents and records of [virtual currency](#) transactionsIncome documents can help individuals determine if they're eligible for deductions or credits. Additionally, people who need to reconcile their advance payments of the Child Tax Credit and Premium Tax Credit will need their related 2021 information. Those who received third Economic Impact Payments and think they qualify for an additional amount will need their stimulus payment and plus-up amounts to figure and claim the 2021 Recovery Rebate Credit. Taxpayers should also keep end of year documents including:
 - Letter 6419, 2021 Total Advance Child Tax Credit Payments, to [reconcile](#) advance Child Tax Credit payments
 - Letter 6475, Your 2021 Economic Impact Payment, to determine eligibility to [claim](#) the Recovery Rebate Credit
 - Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement, to [reconcile](#) advance Premium Tax Credits for Marketplace coverage
 - **Online Account securely provides tax account information on IRS.gov; helps provide important filing information**
- Taxpayers who have an Online Account may:
- Taxpayers with questions about how to create an account or how to reset their username or password can find help at [How to Register for Certain Online Self-Help Tools](#). Individuals should act now if they need to create an account. If they're unable to verify their identity online, there's a mail option they can use, but that takes longer.
- Individuals who have not set up an [Online Account](#) yet should act soon to create an account. People who have already set up an Online Account should make sure

they can still log in successfully.

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- Access Child Tax Credit Update Portal for information about their advance Child Tax Credit payments
- Approve or reject authorization requests from their tax professional
- Update their email address and opt-out/in for selected paper notice preferences

Taxpayers should make sure they've withheld enough tax

Individuals may want to consider [adjusting their withholding](#) if they owed taxes or received a large refund the previous year. Changing withholding can help avoid a tax bill or let individuals keep more money each payday. Life changes – getting married or divorced, welcoming a child or taking on a second job – may also be reasons to change withholding. Taxpayers might think about completing a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Certificate, each year and when personal or financial situations change.

People also need to [consider estimated tax payments](#). Individuals who receive a substantial amount of non-wage income like self-employment income, investment income, [taxable Social Security benefits](#) and in some instances, pension and annuity income should make quarterly estimated tax payments. The last payment for 2021 is due on Jan. 18, 2022.

Individuals can log in to their [Online Account](#) to make a payment online or go to [IRS.gov/payments](#).

ITINs need to be renewed only if expired and if needed on a U.S. federal tax return

If an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) was not included on a U.S. federal tax return at least once for tax years 2018, 2019 and 2020, the ITIN will expire on Dec. 31, 2021.

As a reminder, ITINs with middle digits 70 through 88 have expired. In addition,

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Veterans should see the [Veterans Benefits Banking Program \(VBBP\)](#) for access to financial services at participating banks.

Volunteer to help eligible taxpayers file their returns

The IRS and its community partners are preparing for the upcoming filing season and are looking for people around the country to become IRS-certified volunteers. Join the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs. VITA/TCE volunteers provide free tax return preparation for eligible taxpayers. With many people experiencing financial changes this year, additional volunteers are needed to assist them.

Visit [IRS.gov/volunteers](https://www.irs.gov/volunteers) to learn more and sign up. After signing up, more information about attending a virtual orientation will be provided.

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