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Form **1040** Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service
U.S. Individual Income Tax Return | **2022** | OMB No. 1545-0074 | IRS Use Only—Do not write or staple in this space.

Filing Status Check only one box.
☐ Single ☐ Married filing jointly ☐ Married filing separately (MFS) ☐ Head of household (HOH) ☐ Qualifying surviving spouse (QSS)

If you checked the MFS box, enter the name of your spouse. If you checked the HOH or QSS box, enter the child's name if the qualifying person is a child but not your dependent:

Your first name and middle initial _____ Last name _____ Your social security number _____
If joint return, spouse's first name and middle initial _____ Last name _____ Spouse's social security number _____

Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box, see instructions. _____
City, town, or post office. If you have a foreign address, also complete spaces below. _____ State _____ ZIP code _____
Foreign country name _____ Foreign province/state/county _____ Foreign postal code _____ Apt. no. _____

Digital assets At any time during 2022, did you: (a) receive (as a reward, award, or payment for property or services); or (b) sell, exchange, gift, or otherwise dispose of a digital asset (or a financial interest in a digital asset)? (See instructions.)
☐ Someone can claim: ☐ Spouse itemizes on a separate return or you were a dual-status alien ☐ You as a dependent ☐ Your spouse as a dependent

Standard deduction ☐ You: ☐ Were born before January 2, 1958 ☐ Are blind ☐ Spouse: ☐ Was born before January 2, 1958 ☐ Are blind

Blindness (see instructions):
(1) First name _____ Last name _____ (2) Social security number _____ (3) Relationship to taxpayer _____

Dependents (see instructions):
(1) First name _____ Last name _____ (2) Social security number _____ (3) Relationship to taxpayer _____

If you missed the tax deadline, it isn't the end of the world, and IRS agents aren't going to knock on your door anytime soon. The Internal Revenue Service says taxpayers who missed the April 18 tax-filing deadline should file as soon as possible.

Taxpayers who owe and missed the deadline without requesting an extension should file quickly to limit penalties and interest. For struggling taxpayers unable to pay their tax bill, the IRS has several options available to help.

The IRS also notes that taxpayers who are owed a refund won't be penalized or fined for filing late, but people shouldn't overlook filing a tax return when they are due a

refund... unless you really want to basically donate that money (your money) to the

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taxes.

- Support personnel in combat zones or a contingency operation in support of the Armed Forces. They may also [qualify for a filing and payment extension](#) of at least 180 days.
- Taxpayers outside the United States. U.S. citizens and resident aliens who live and work outside the U.S. and Puerto Rico, including military members on duty who don't qualify for the combat zone extension, [may qualify for a two-month filing and payment extension](#).
- Some disaster victims. Those who qualify have [more time to file and pay](#) what they owe.

Don't overlook filing; people may miss out on a tax refund

Taxpayers who choose not to file a return because they don't earn enough to meet the filing requirement may miss out on receiving a refund due to potential refundable tax credits. The most common examples of these refundable credits are the [Earned Income Tax Credit](#) and [Child Tax Credit](#). Taxpayers often fail to file a tax return and claim a refund for these credits and others for which they may be eligible.

There's no penalty for filing after the April 18 deadline if a refund is due. Taxpayers are encouraged to use electronic filing options including IRS [Free File](#) which is available on IRS.gov through Oct.16 to prepare and file 2022 tax returns electronically.

Taxpayers can track their refund using the [Where's My Refund?](#) tool on IRS.gov, [IRS2Go](#) or by calling the automated refund hotline at 800-829-1954. Taxpayers need the primary Social Security number on the tax return, the filing

status and the expected refund amount. The refund status information updates once

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16. Penalties and interest apply to taxes owed after April 18 and [interest](#) is charged on tax and penalties until the balance is paid in full.

Filing and paying as much as possible is key because the late-filing penalty and late-payment penalty add up quickly.

Even if a taxpayer can't afford to immediately pay the full amount of taxes owed, they should still file a tax return to reduce possible late-filing penalties. The IRS offers a variety of options for [taxpayers who owe the IRS but cannot afford to pay](#). For more information see the [penalties page](#) on IRS.gov.

Taxpayers may qualify for penalty relief if they have filed and paid timely for the past three years and meet other important requirements, including paying or arranging to pay any tax due. For more information, see the [first-time penalty abatement](#) page on IRS.gov.

Pay taxes due electronically

Those who owe taxes can pay quickly and securely via their [IRS Online Account](#), [IRS Direct Pay](#), [debit or credit card or digital wallet](#), or they can [apply online for a payment plan \(including an installment agreement\)](#).

Taxpayers paying electronically receive immediate confirmation when they submit their payment. With [Direct Pay](#) and the [Electronic Federal Tax Payment System \(EFTPS\)](#), taxpayers can receive email notifications about their payments. For more payment options, visit [IRS.gov/payments](#).

Selecting a tax professional

The IRS offers tips to help taxpayers [choose a tax professional](#) to help with tax return preparation. The [Directory of Federal Tax Return Preparers with Credentials and](#)

Select Qualifications can help taxpayers find tax return preparers who hold a

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