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With the 2024 tax filing season starting later this month, the IRS is launching a special [Tax Professional Awareness Week](#), from Jan. 8-14, 2024, to assist tax professionals on what to expect during the filing season and start the year on the right foot.

The special week is the IRS' latest effort in support of taxpayers and the tax community. Each year, millions of taxpayers seek the help of tax professionals to prepare their federal tax returns and other filings.

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taxpayers to make sure they choose a trusted, respected tax professional for help. The IRS has more information available to help taxpayers [select a tax professional](#).

As a reminder, taxpayers can also use the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals. For available more information and locations, see [free tax return preparation for qualifying taxpayers](#).

During the week, the IRS will focus on several critical topics often faced by tax professionals through social media posts and outreach materials:

- Due diligence issues
- Electronic filing identification numbers (EFINs)
- Preparer tax identification numbers (PTINs)
- E-file
- E-Services
- Identity theft

The IRS will also present two important webinars:

- Wednesday, Jan. 10: [Answering Your Frequently Asked Questions on Due Diligence](#)
- Friday, Jan. 12: [Sailing Through the Rules of Refundable Tax Credits](#)

The IRS webinars will include information on additional resources, training and tools available, at no charge, to tax professionals through the online [Tax Return Preparer Toolkit](#). Attendees can earn Continuing Professional Education credit for attending the live webinars.

In addition to the IRS webinars, other training opportunities will be available during Tax Professional Awareness Week at courses, seminars or expos presented by

members of the tax professional community including the Texas Society of CPAs, the

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