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### **Hundreds of Free Tax Preparation Sites Now Open Across Minnesota**

**Saint Paul** – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced today that more than 250 sites across Minnesota are now open to offer taxpayers free assistance with filing their tax returns.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites are free tax preparation locations where volunteers help taxpayers prepare their federal and state income and property tax returns. Those eligible for assistance are senior citizens, disabled citizens, those who speak limited English and individuals with an income of \$35,000 or less (\$50,000 or less for families).

“Filing your taxes through a VITA site will help ensure that your taxes are filed accurately and on time,” Said acting Revenue Commissioner Dan Salomone. “Thankfully, hundreds of trained volunteers are offering their time to make the filing process easier for Minnesotans in need.”

The majority of volunteer sites are run by Tax-Aide volunteers. Tax-Aide is a program supported by AARP that provides free tax information and tax return preparation for elderly, low income and disabled people.

The sites are generally open now through April 15. To find a local site, its hours and dates open, and a complete list of items to bring when visiting a site, taxpayers should visit the department’s website, [www.taxes.state.mn.us](http://www.taxes.state.mn.us). Taxpayers can also call 651-297-3724 or 1-800-657-3989 to search for a site by zip code. Interpreters are available at some sites. The department’s website also allows taxpayers to search for a location by language.

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