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Hundreds of free tax preparation sites now open across Minnesota

St. Paul – This week, more than 250 sites across Minnesota are opening their doors to offer taxpayers free assistance with filing their tax returns.

Taxpayers have two options for free tax assistance sites. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs 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 families with an income of \$50,000 or less (\$35,000 or less for individuals).

“Visiting a VITA site for help with filing your taxes is a free and easy way to make sure your taxes are filed accurately while receiving all of the refundable credits to which you are entitled,” said Revenue Commissioner Myron Frans. “Hundreds of trained volunteers are offering their time to Minnesotans in need to ensure their taxes are filed accurately and on time.”

The VITA program offers free tax assistance to low-to-moderate income individuals who cannot prepare their own tax returns. The TCE program is sponsored by Tax-Aide and supported by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and offers free tax assistance to the same individuals with special attention to those 60 and older. All volunteers are certified by the IRS and prepare basic tax returns in communities throughout Minnesota.

The sites are generally open now through April 15. To find a local site, hours and dates, and a complete list of items to bring when visiting a site, taxpayers should visit the department’s website, www.revenue.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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