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### **Hundreds of free tax preparation sites now open across Minnesota**

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** — This week, more than 250 sites across Minnesota are opening their doors to offer taxpayers free assistance with filing their income tax and property tax refund returns.

Taxpayers have two options for free tax assistance sites. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) 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 individuals with an income of \$30,000 or less (\$50,000 or less for families).

“These tax assistance sites and their dedicated volunteers allow taxpayers to file their tax returns accurately and on time, while receiving all of the refundable credits for which they qualify,” said Revenue Commissioner Myron Frans. “It is important that every Minnesotan, no matter their age or income level, have access to high-quality tax assistance.”

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](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us). The department’s website allows taxpayers to search for a location by zip code, county, as well as sites with interpreters available and volunteers certified to complete military returns. Taxpayers can also call 651-297-3724 or 1-800-657-3989 to search for a site by zip code, or [click here to go directly to the search page](#).

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