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Hundreds of free tax preparation sites now open across Minnesota

35 days remain in the income tax filing season

ST. PAUL, Minn. — More than 250 sites across Minnesota are offering taxpayers free assistance with filing their income tax and property tax refund returns.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs are two free tax preparation options where volunteers help taxpayers prepare their federal and state income and property tax returns.

To receive free help, you must meet one of these four qualifications:

- Be age 60 or older
- Have a disability
- Speak limited or no English
- Have an income of \$53,000 or less

“With 35 days until the income tax filing deadline, we encourage Minnesotans to gather their documents now and head to a VITA site for free tax filing help,” said Revenue Commissioner Cynthia Bauerly. “These sites and their dedicated volunteers ensure qualifying Minnesotans file their tax return accurately and on time, and receive all the credits they qualify for.”

The VITA program offers free tax assistance to low- to moderate-income individuals who cannot prepare their own tax returns. The TCE offers free tax assistance to the same individuals with special attention to those 60 and older, and is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Tax-Aide program. All volunteers from both programs 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, [visit the department's website](#). You can search for a location by zip code or county, as well as sites with interpreters 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 phone.

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