

TAX SEASON READINESS CHECKLIST

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION (REQUIRED FOR FILING)

- ☐ Full legal name
- ☐ Social Security Number (SSN) or ITIN
- ☐ Date of birth
- ☐ Current address
- ☐ Phone number + email
- ☐ Bank account + routing number (for direct deposit)
- ☐ Driver's license or state ID

3. EXPENSES & DEDUCTION DOCUMENTS

Standard Items

- ☐ Medical expenses
- ☐ Dental/vision expenses
- ☐ Prescription receipts
- ☐ Health insurance premiums (1095-A, B, or C)
- ☐ Childcare expenses + provider info
- ☐ Education expenses (Form 1098-T)

Home-Related

- ☐ Mortgage interest (Form 1098)
- ☐ Property taxes
- ☐ Home office expenses (if self-employed)
- ☐ Rent statements (some states give credits)

Business-Related (Self-Employed)

- ☐ Mileage log
- ☐ Gas receipts
- ☐ Supplies
- ☐ Advertising/marketing
- ☐ Phone/internet percentage
- ☐ Tools/equipment
- ☐ Contractor payments

2. INCOME DOCUMENTS

W-2 Employees

- ☐ All W-2s from each employer

Self-Employed / 1099 Workers

- ☐ All 1099-NEC or 1099-MISC
- ☐ Income log (Cash App, Zelle, PayPal, Stripe, Venmo, etc.)
- ☐ Profit & loss summary (P&L)
- ☐ Receipts for business expenses

Other Income

- ☐ 1099-K (third-party sales platforms)
- ☐ 1099-DIV (dividends)
- ☐ 1099-B (investments)
- ☐ 1099-R (retirement distributions)
- ☐ 1099-G (unemployment, state refunds)
- ☐ Social Security benefits (SSA-1099)
- ☐ Rental income statements
- ☐ Alimony received (if applicable)

4. DEPENDENTS

- ☐ Full name(s) of dependents
- ☐ SSN for each dependent
- ☐ Birth certificates (for verification, if needed)
- ☐ Proof of residency (school letter, medical letter, etc.)
- ☐ Childcare provider EIN + address
- ☐ Custody agreements (if split households)

5. CREDITS YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR

- ☐ Earned Income Credit (EIC)
- ☐ Child Tax Credit
- ☐ American Opportunity Credit
- ☐ Lifetime Learning Credit
- ☐ Child & Dependent Care Credit
- ☐ Savers Credit
- ☐ Energy Efficiency / EV Credits
- ☐ Premium Tax Credit (health insurance marketplace)

6. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

- ☐ Last year's tax return
- ☐ IRS letters/notices
- ☐ Bank statements
- ☐ Student loan interest (Form 1098-E)
- ☐ Charitable donation receipts
- ☐ Crypto transaction log (if applicable)
- ☐ Adoption documents
- ☐ Real estate documents (purchase, sale, refinance)

7. SELF-EMPLOYED / SMALL BUSINESS CHECKLIST

- ☐ Business license
- ☐ EIN
- ☐ Business bank statements
- ☐ Receipts & proof of purchases
- ☐ Inventory records
- ☐ Quarterly tax payments (if you paid any)
- ☐ Bookkeeping summary
- ☐ Contractor 1099s you issued

8. BEFORE YOU FILE

- ☐ Verify name + SSN are correct on all documents
- ☐ Compare numbers across all forms
- ☐ Confirm dependent eligibility
- ☐ Review income totals
- ☐ Double-check deductions
- ☐ Ensure direct deposit details are accurate
- ☐ Ask for a tax refund estimate (if applicable)



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