

Contacting Your Taxpayer Advocate

The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) is there to help you. The TAS is your voice at the IRS. Their job is to ensure that every taxpayer is treated fairly and that you know and understand your rights.

What can the TAS do for you? They can offer you free help with IRS problems that you can't resolve on your own. They know this process can be confusing, but the worst thing you can do is nothing at all! The TAS can help if you can't resolve your tax problem and:

- Your problem is causing financial difficulties for you, your family, or your business;
- You face (or your business is facing) an immediate threat of adverse action; or
- You've tried repeatedly to contact the IRS but no one has responded, or the IRS hasn't responded by the date promised.

If you qualify for their help, you'll be assigned to one advocate who'll be with you at every turn and will do everything possible to resolve your problem. Here's why they can help.

- The TAS is an independent organization within the IRS.
- Their advocates know how to work with the IRS.
- Their services are free and tailored to meet your needs.
- They have offices in every state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

How can you reach them? If you think the TAS can help you, call your local advocate, whose number is in your local directory and at [IRS.gov/Advocate](https://www.irs.gov/Advocate), or call them toll free at 877-777-4778.

How else does the TAS help taxpayers? The TAS also works to resolve large-scale, systemic problems that affect many taxpayers. If you know of one of these broad issues, please report it to them by going to [IRS.gov/SAMS](https://www.irs.gov/SAMS).

Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP). The TAP listens to taxpayers, identifies taxpayer issues, and makes suggestions for improving IRS services and customer satisfaction. If you have suggestions for improvements, contact the TAP toll free at 888-912-1227 or go to [ImproveIRS.org](https://www.improveIRS.org).

How To Get Forms, Publications, and Other Assistance

Forms, instructions, and publications. Visit [IRS.gov/FormsPubs](https://www.irs.gov/FormsPubs) to download forms and publications.

Otherwise, you can go to [IRS.gov/OrderForms](https://www.irs.gov/OrderForms) to order current and prior-year forms and instructions. Your order should arrive within 10 business days. You can also mail an order to the address at the mail icon below.



Because the IRS processes paper forms by machine (optical character recognition equipment), you cannot file Form 1096 or Copy A of Forms 1097, 1098, 1099, 3921, 3922, or 5498 that you print from the IRS website. However, you can use Copy B from those sources to provide recipient statements.

Exception. Forms 1097-BTC, 1098-C, 1098-MA, 1099-CAP, 1099-H, 1099-LTC, 1099-Q, 1099-QA, 1099-SA, 3922, 5498-ESA, 5498-QA, and 5498-SA can be filled out online and Copy A can be printed and filed with the IRS using Form 1096.



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- View IRBs published in the last few years.
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Or you can write to us at the following address.

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Tax Forms and Publications Division
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Washington, DC 20224

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We ask for the information on these forms to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. You are required to give us the information. We need it to figure and collect the right amount of tax.

Sections 170(f)(12), 199, 220(h), 223, 408, 408A, 529, 529A, 530, 853A, 6039, 6041, 6041A, 6042, 6043, 6044, 6045, 6047, 6049, 6050A, 6050B, 6050D, 6050E, 6050H, 6050J, 6050N, 6050P, 6050Q, 6050R, 6050S, 6050T, 6050U, 6050W, 6050X, 6050Y, and their regulations require you to file an information return with the IRS and furnish a statement to recipients. Section 6109 and its regulations require you to provide your TIN on what you file.

Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. If you fail to provide this information in a timely manner, you may be subject to penalties.

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| 1096 | 14 minutes |
| 1097-BTC* | 19 minutes |
| 1098 | 15 minutes |
| 1098-C* | 18 minutes |
| 1098-E | 7 minutes |
| 1098-F | 7 minutes |
| 1098-MA | 14 minutes |
| 1098-Q | 8 minutes |
| 1098-T | 13 minutes |
| 1099-A | 9 minutes |
| 1099-B | 25 minutes |
| 1099-C | 13 minutes |
| 1099-CAP* | 11 minutes |
| 1099-DIV | 24 minutes |
| 1099-G | 18 minutes |
| 1099-H | 18 minutes |
| 1099-INT | 13 minutes |
| 1099-K | 27 minutes |
| 1099-LS | 7 minutes |
| 1099-LTC | 13 minutes |
| 1099-MISC | 18 minutes |
| 1099-NEC | 5 minutes |
| 1099-OID | 13 minutes |
| 1099-PATR | 15 minutes |
| 1099-Q | 13 minutes |
| 1099-QA | 10 minutes |
| 1099-R | 25 minutes |
| 1099-S | 8 minutes |
| 1099-SA | 11 minutes |
| 1099-SB | 7 minutes |
| 3921* | 11 minutes |
| 3922* | 12 minutes |
| 5498 | 24 minutes |
| 5498-ESA | 7 minutes |
| 5498-QA | 11 minutes |
| 5498-SA | 10 minutes |
| W-2G | 24 minutes |

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If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates, we would be happy to hear from you. You can send your comments from [IRS.gov/FormComments](https://www.irs.gov/FormComments). Send your comments to the Internal Revenue Service, Tax Forms and Publications, 1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6526, Washington, DC 20224. Do not send these forms to this address. Instead, see [part D](#).
