

# The Ultimate Guide to Unfiled Tax Returns



# The Benefits of Catching-up

This section covers why you should file past due tax returns. The benefits are things like:

1. Getting the money you are owed
2. Removing the fear of the IRS from your life
3. The affects unfiled returns have on other areas of your life
  - a. stress
  - b. harder to get a loan
  - c. Can't access stimulus money

# How Past Due Tax Returns Can Hurt You

The IRS can file a "substitute for return" on your behalf

The downfalls of tax evasion

The probability of tax evasion

Penalties and interest

# Common Questions

Do I have to file a tax return if the IRS owes me money?

Am I required to file a tax return?

What are the downfalls of not filing a tax return?

How many years can you file back taxes

Can I still get money from unfiled tax returns?

What is the statute of limitations on unfiled tax returns?

I haven't filed a tax return in years, what do I do now?

# How to Complete Unfiled Tax Returns

## Part One

Determine the years that are not filed

Face the realities of your situation

Be patient

Consider using a professional

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## Part Two

Gather your information

Use paper and digital folders

Take one year at a time

Focus

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## Part Three

Self-prep or professional help: the pros and cons

File on paper or e-file: the pros and cons

Get your forms together

Plan a strategy

The IRS by mail, phone or e-mail

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## Part Four

Over your head? Call in a pro

Best ways to find a tax accountant

Pros lower the chance of an audit

Block is not what you want

Walmart is not what you want

# Relief for Unfiled Tax Returns

What is an offer in compromise?

What is an IRS installment agreement?

What is innocent spouse relief?

What is injured spouse relief?

Keys to compliance

# Unique Situations

US expatriates and tax filing

Deceased persons and unfiled tax returns

How to file back taxes without records

Chapter 7 and unfiled tax returns

One-time abatement of penalties