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## Free Tax Sites Available to Help Prepare and File Taxes

As the tax season deadline is quickly approaching, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) wants taxpayers to know that free tax assistance is available at volunteer sites across the state to help file income tax returns. Taxpayers can also find helpful tools like instructional videos, frequently asked questions, forms and instructions on the DOR website at <u>revenue.wi.gov</u>.

"It is very important that taxpayers have the resources and help they need to file their taxes," said Secretary Chandler. "The trained volunteers at these free tax assistance sites are available to answer questions and prepare and e-file tax returns. However, these sites are just one of many tools available to taxpayers to help with the tax filing process and we encourage taxpayers to visit our website for more information and assistance."

If you need help preparing your taxes, call 211 to find a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) site in your area. There are over 200 of these volunteer sites in communities across the state. Trained volunteers are available to help low-to-moderate income residents, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities prepare their tax returns for free.

Below is a list of DOR sponsored sites. For a complete list of free tax assistance sites throughout Wisconsin:

- Call 2-1-1 to find a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) site in your area.
- VITA site: call 1-800-906-9887 (toll-free) or go to <u>www.irs.gov</u> (Keyword: VITA)
- TCE site: call 1-888-227-7669 (toll-free) or go to
  www.aarp.org/applications/VMISLocator/searchTaxAideLocations.action
- Download the WI Revenue mobile app from the Apple or Android app store for VITA/TCE site locations and DOR contact information

DOR Sponsored Sites				
City	Location	Hours	Appointment/Contact	
Madison	The Villager Mall Financial Education Center Richard Dilley Tax Center	Monday, Wednesday 12:00-6:00 p.m.	No appointment required (608) 261-5077	
	2300 S. Park St., Lower Level	Saturday: 9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m.		
Madison	Hawthorne Library (upstairs in the Public Health building) 2707 East Washington Ave. Madison, WI 53704	Open April 6	Appointment only (608) 266-6350	

Madison	Lussier Education Center	Wednesdays 2:00-6:00 p.m.	Appointment only
	55 S. Gammon Rd.		(608) 833-4979
		Closes April 3	
Milwaukee	MATC-Downtown (Student Center)	Tuesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.	No appointment required
	700 W. State St.		(414) 297-8417
		Saturdays 10:00 a.m2:00 p.m.	
			A waiting list will be
		(closed March 30 and April 2 for spring	available at the site to
		break)	sign up for tax assistance
		Closes April 13	
Stoughton	City of Stoughton	Thursdays 12:00-5:00 p.m.	Appointment only
	724 East Main St.		A waiting list will be
	Stoughton, WI 53589 (in back part of the building)		available at the site to sign
		Closes April 11	up for tax assistance

Please be sure to bring the documents below to the volunteer tax site:

- ✓ Photo IDs for you and your spouse
- $\checkmark$  Social security numbers for everyone you will include on your tax return
- All documents about the income you received during the year (Examples: wage statements, interest and dividend statements, retirement statements, social security statements, mortgage interest statement)
- $\checkmark$  Signed rent certificate or property tax bill if you will file for Homestead Credit
- ✓ Your bank account numbers to get refunds deposited into your account (example: bring a deposit slip)
- ✓ Any other tax documents (Examples: property tax receipts for any property taxes paid in 2010, tuition statement, closing agreement for home purchased in 2011)

## IMPORTANT: Your spouse must come with you if you are married and filing jointly.

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