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## **Volunteer Tax Sites Offer Free Tax Preparation and Filing** *Last year these sites assisted more than 65,000 families in Wisconsin*

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue reminds you that free tax help is available to individuals with low to moderate income, seniors, members of the military, and people with disabilities.

"There are more than 200 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) sites across Wisconsin that offer free income tax filing assistance. Sites are staffed with trained volunteers that are ready to help prepare and file your tax return," notes Department of Revenue Secretary Richard Chandler. "We appreciate these volunteers and the excellent service they provide to Wisconsin taxpayers."

To find free tax assistance sites in your area, call the DOR at 608.266.2486, or dial 2-1-1 to reach the United Way. You can also visit DOR's website: [revenue.wi.gov](http://revenue.wi.gov) and search the word [VITA](#).

Below are the items you should bring with you to these volunteer sites:

- Photo IDs for you and your spouse. **Your spouse must come with you if you are married and filing jointly.**
- Legal names and social security cards for all taxpayers and dependents on your return
- Copy of last year's tax return, if available
- All documents about the income you received during the year:
  - Wage statements (W-2s)
  - 1099s
  - Interest and dividend statements
  - Record of federal and state social security and SSI
  - Record of any Wisconsin Works payments
  - Mortgage interest statement
- ACA Marketplace statement-Form(s) 1095A
- Charitable donations
- Signed rent certificate or property tax bill if you will file for the Homestead Credit
- Your bank account numbers if you want your refund deposited directly into your account (these numbers can be found on a deposit slip)
- Any tax documents you received in the mail, such as property tax receipts for any property taxes paid in 2017, tuition statement, closing agreement for home purchased or sold in 2017

Go to <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/VITA/> for more information and answers to common questions.

