

Feel free to use this form as a guide to help you, but know that you are <u>not</u> required to fill it out and turn it in. If there is a line you are unsure of, do not answer it but mark it for discussion with your tax preparer. Thank you.

## **2024 INCOME TAX RETURN**

Filing Status:	Single	Married Filing Joint	Qualifying Su	rviving Spouse <sup>1</sup>	Head of Household <sup>2</sup>	Married Filing Separate
In year 2024 onl	<b>y</b> : M	arried (date:	)	Divorced (date:	:)	
	Ta	xpayer Death (date: _	)	Spous	e Death (date:	)
	TA	AXPAYER			SPOUSE	
Name				Name		
Occupation				Occupation		
SSN		Date of Bi	rth	SSN		Date of Birth
Home Phone		Disable	d	Home Phone		Disabled
Work Phone		Blin	d	Work Phone		Blind
Cell Phone				Cell Phone		_
Best Time to Call				Best Time to Call		-
Fax				Fax		=
Email				Email		
Address					County	/
City				State	Zip Co	de
Address on Last	Year's Tax	Return (if different) _			Date Address 0	Changed

- <sup>1</sup> All of the following must apply: your spouse died in 2022 or 2023; in that year you qualified to file jointly; you did not remarry before January 1, 2025 and you paid over half the cost of maintaining your home, which was your dependent child's (or stepchild's) main home for the entire year.
- <sup>2</sup> Must be unmarried (or considered unmarried) at the end of the tax year, and maintain a home that for more than half of the tax year is the principal home of a qualifying person (generally your child or relative). You may be considered unmarried if your spouse did not live in your home during the last six months of the tax year. If you are maintaining the household of a parent, the parent does not need to live with you to qualify.

## Personal Income Tax Organizer and Deduction Finder®



#### CHECKLIST

Documents needed in addition to your completed organizer: All Forms W-2 (wages), 1095, 1098, and 1099 (such as 1099-INT for interest; 1099-DIV for dividends; 1099-B for sale of securities; 1099-R for annuities, pensions, IRA or other retirement plan withdrawals; 1099-G for state tax refunds, unemployment compensation, etc.; 1099-S for real estate sales; SSA-1099 for social security; 1099-K for merchant card and third-party network payments; 1099-MISC for rents, royalties, prizes, and awards, etc.; and 1099-NEC for nonemployee compensation, etc.). Include all copies.

Schedules K-1 for partnerships, S corporations, estates, or trusts. (**Note:** You do not need these documents to make your tax appointment. You can provide them at a later date.)

If you sold real estate, stock, or mutual fund shares during the year, see STEP 4.

If you acquired, sold, or refinanced a home or other property in 2024, provide a copy of the closing statement.

If you are a new client, provide copies of tax returns for the last three years.

**Note:** When completing your organizer, round all amounts to the nearest dollar. For married couples, questions referring to "you" generally mean you or your spouse.

	STEF	The following items may affect your tax return. Please answer carefully.
These	questi	ons pertain to calendar year 2024 unless otherwise noted.
1) Y	Ν	Did you pay or receive alimony (Tax Tip 1)? Do not include child support. (Select one.) Pay Receive
		To/From: Name Social Security Number Amount \$
		Date of original divorce or separation agreement:
2) Y	N	At any time during 2024, did you: (a) receive (as a reward, award, or payment for property or services); or (b) sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of a digital asset (or a financial interest in a digital asset)?
3) Y	N	Did you receive an advance premium for health insurance purchased through a Health Insurance Marketplace (Exchange)? If yes, attach Form 1095-A.
4) Y	N	Did you (or do you plan to before April 15, 2025) contribute to a traditional IRA or Roth IRA for 2024? (Tax Tip 2)
		Self: Traditional IRA \$ Roth IRA \$ Spouse: Traditional IRA \$ Roth IRA \$
5) Y	N	Did you convert a traditional IRA or roll a qualified plan distribution to a Roth IRA in 2024?  If yes, amount converted/rolled over:  \$
6) Y	N	Did you (or do you plan to before April 15, 2025) contribute to a health savings account (HSA) for 2024? (Tax Tip 3)
,		Amount of contribution: (Do not list employer contributions, including amounts you elected to contribute under a cafeteria plan, shown on your Form W-2.)
		Self: \$ Spouse: \$ Type of health plan coverage: Self-only Family
7) Y	N	Did you receive any distributions from your health savings account (HSA)?
		Amount of distributions: \$ Amount of unreimbursed qualified medical expenses (attach list): \$
8) Y	N	Are you a grade K–12 teacher?
		If yes, enter amount of out-of-pocket classroom costs you paid (Tax Tip 4): \$
9) Y	N	Did you pay child care costs for a dependent child under age 13, or costs of caring for a disabled dependent or spouse, so you could work, attend school, or look for a job? If yes, provide the amounts paid for each individual and the names, addresses, and taxpayer identification numbers of the care providers.
		Amount, if any, reimbursed by an employer dependent care plan (Tax Tip 5): \$
10) Y	N	Did you pay expenses related to adopting a child? If yes, provide details of any expenses incurred (attach list).
11) Y	N	Did you pay any individual \$2,700 or more to perform household services during the year, such as a babysitter, caretaker, housekeeper, cook, or gardener?
12) Y	N	Did you have any debts cancelled or reduced (including credit cards and student loans), property repossessed or foreclosed upon, or did you file for bankruptcy? (Tax Tip 6)
13) Y	N	Did you have a financial interest in, or signature authority over, a financial account (such as a bank, securities, or brokerage account) located in a foreign country at any time during 2024? A financial account is located in a foreign country if it is physically located outside of the U.S., including an account maintained with a branch of a U.S. bank that is physically located outside of the U.S.
		Y N If yes, did the aggregate value of all accounts located in a foreign country (other than accounts maintained on a U.S. military installation) exceed \$10,000 at any time during the year?
14) Y	N	Did you receive a distribution from, or were you the grantor of, or a transferor to, a foreign trust?
15) Y	N	Do you have financial accounts maintained by a foreign (non-U.S.) bank or financial institution that totaled more than \$50,000 on the last day of the year or more than \$75,000 at any time during the year (\$100,000 and \$150,000, respectively, if married filing a joint return)?
16) Y	N	Did you own any other foreign financial assets (such as stock in a foreign corporation or an interest in a foreign partnership) that are not held in a financial account?
17) T	S	Do you (T) [or your spouse (S)] want to designate \$3 to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund? (Does not change amount due or refund.) Leave blank if neither wishes to designate \$3.
18) Y	N	Do you want to allow your preparer or another individual to discuss your federal return with the IRS? Provide name, phone number, and personal identification number of individual if not preparer.
		Name: Phone Number: Identification Number:
19) Y	N	Have you (or your spouse) received an Identity Protection Personal Identification Number (IP PIN) from the IRS?
·		If yes, enter six-digit code: Self: Spouse:
20) Y	N	Did you make gifts to a trust or gifts totaling more than \$18,000 to any individual during the year? If so, provide recipient's name, address, relationship to you, and the amount of the gift.
21) Y	N	Did you receive a Paycheck Protection Program loan for your Schedule C business?
<b>'</b>		Amount \$ Amount forgiven \$

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# STEP 1 (Continued)

## Check any of the boxes below that apply to you for 2024:

Purchased health insurance for yourself or a family member through the Health Insurance Marketplace (Exchange). [Attach Form 1095-A (Heath Insurance Marketplace Statement).]

Was granted stock options by your employer and/or exercised employer stock options.

Owned any securities or held any debts that became worthless during the year.

Contributed to or received distributions from an Archer Medical Savings Account (MSA).

Traveled more than 100 miles from home and stayed overnight to perform duties as a National Guard member or reservist.

Performed services in the performing arts for at least two employers.

Lived or worked in a foreign country.

Purchased a plug-in electric vehicle. Enter vehicle information in STEP 10.

Was in the military (or reservist).

permanently and totally disabled child).

STEP 2

Children

Was an active-duty member of the military and moved pursuant to a military order and incident to a permanent change of station.

Received any notice from the IRS or a state taxing authority.

**Full Name** 

Contributed to or received distributions from an Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) account.

Age 18 or younger (age 19–23 if attending school full time for at least five months during the year) who lived with you more than half the year and who did not provide more than half of their own support (or a

I can be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return for 2024.

Please provide any other information related to your 2024 taxes not reported elsewhere on this Organizer:

Dependents (Tax Tip 7) (attach additional sheet, if necessary)

**Date of Birth** 

Is 2024 Unearned

(Investment)

Income > \$1,300?

SSN

Check if it is possible that a different tax	rpayer might claim a	child listed above as a	dependent.			
Check if you are divorced and either sig	ned or received For	m 8332 (release of exe	mption for child).	(Provide	Form 8	332.)
Other Dependents (relatives and/or members of household)	Relationship	Social Security Number	Is 2024 Gross Income less than \$5,050?	# Mon Reside Your H in 20	ed in lome	% Support Received From You
STEP 3 Income						
	Wages—Pro	vide Forms W-2				
Number of employers (during the year): Self: Spouse:						
	Dividend and	Interest Income				
Provide all Forms 1099-INT, 1099-DIV, and but do not duplicate what's reported on the					ı a sep	arate sheet,
Ins	stallment Sale	Payments Recei	ved			
Total Payments \$	Is paye	er a relative or related p	arty? Yes	No		
Interest \$	If paye	r uses property as a pri	ncipal residence	, provide p	payer's	:
Principal \$	Name					
Did sale occur in 2024? Yes No	Addres	S				
If yes, complete STEP 4.	SSN					
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STEP 3 Income (Continued)			
Retirement Plan and Social Security Income	)		
Did you receive distributions from IRAs, SEPs, pensions, 401(k)s, or other retirement plans (including amounts rolled over and in-plan Roth rollovers)?  If yes, provide all Forms 1099-R received. Enter amounts received but not reported on a Form 1099-R here	. Yes	No	
2) Amount of distribution rolled over to a qualified plan or traditional IRA (Tax Tip 8)			
3) Amount of distribution rolled over to a Roth IRA			
4) Amount of distribution rolled over to a Designated Roth Account			
5) Amount of distribution made directly to a qualified charity			
6) If you were under age 59½ when the distribution was received, do you qualify for an exception to the 10% early withdrawal tax on early distributions? (Tax Tip 9)		No	
7) If age 73 or older on December 31, 2024, did you take the 2024 required minimum distributions from your IRAs (other than Roth IRAs) and qualified retirement plans?	. Self: Spouse:	Yes	No No
8) Did you recontribute any of your 2024 required minimum distributions to your IRAs and qualified retirement plans?		Yes	No
•	Spouse:	Yes	No
9) Did you receive social security or railroad retirement benefits?		No	
Partnerships, Estates, Trusts, and S Corporation	ons		
Provide a list of all the partnerships and S corporations in which you own an interest and all true Indicate on the list whether you materially participated in that entity's trade or business in 2024 (Ta not engaged in a trade or business (for example, an entity whose only activity is ownership of ren such as stocks and bonds). Provide all Schedules K-1 received for the tax year. See also Tax Tip	ax Tip 10). Ital real est	Write "N/A"	if the entity is
Other Income—Provide Forms 1098 and 109	9		
Bartering Income	.\$		
Bonuses and Prizes not reported on Form W-2 (Explain)			
Cancellation of Debt (Form 1099-A or 1099-C) (Tax Tip 6)			
Commissions and Fees (Not reported in STEP 5)			
Disability Income not included on Form W-2 (taxable)			
Education Savings Account or Qualified Tuition (529) Plan Withdrawals (Form 1099-Q)			
Gambling/Lottery Winnings (Form W-2G)			
Jury Duty—Election Board Fees			
Scholarships (Form 1098-T)			
State Income Tax Refund (Form 1099-G)			
Tips and Gratuities not reported on Form W-2 (Tax Tip 11)			
Unemployment Compensation (Form 1099-G)			
Veterans' Pension and Disability			
Workers' Compensation			
Other (attach separate sheets if necessary)			
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STEP 4 Sales and Exchanges			
Provide information about sales of stock, real estate, or other property along with Forms 1099-B,	1099-S. clo	osing stater	nent. or other
supporting information. Attach separate sheet if necessary. If all transactions, including basis, a provide, there is no need to complete the following. If your principal residence was sold, see STE	are reporte		
Asset #1 Asset #2		Asset	#3
Description of Property			
Date Acquired			
Date Sold	_   _		
Sales Price			
Basis (Tax Tip 12 and Tax Tip 13)	Ψ –		
Expenses of Sale	_   _		
•			

STEP 5

### Self-Employment Income (See also STEP 7, STEP 8, and STEP 9)

If more than one farm activity or business, list income and expenses separately for each. Also include any single-member limited liability companies (LLCs). See Tax Tip 20.

Business Activity/Product:
Business Name:
Did you begin or end the business in 2024? Begin End
Gross Receipts (provide all Forms 1099-MISC, 1099-NEC, and 1099-K)¹\$\$
nventory—Beginning of Year\$
Merchandise Purchases (less Product for Personal Use)
Labor, Materials, and Other Costs of Inventory
nventory—End of Year
Did you make any payments requiring Forms 1099 be filed? <sup>1,2</sup>
f Yes, did you file Forms 1099?
Digital asset receipts or payments must be reported.
Generally, payments of \$600 or more made to individuals and noncorporate entities in the course of a trade or business must be reported. Common examples are payments for non-employee compensation and rent.

STEP 6	Rental and Royalty Income				
Physical Add	ress (Street, City, State, Zip Code)	Type <sup>1</sup>	Rent/Royalty Received	Fair Rental Days	Personal Use Days
			\$		
Did you make any pay	ments requiring Forms 1099 be filed?			Yes No	
f Yes, did you file Forr	ns 1099?			Yes No	
Vere 250 or more hou	rs spent on rental services for each rental a	ctivity listed?		Yes No	
	idence; 2—Multi-family residence; 3—Vac				; 6—Royalti

<sup>7—</sup>Self-rental; 8—Other (describe).

#### **Business Travel and Meal Expenses** STEP 7

Travel expenses are deductible if you traveled away from home overnight on business. Business meals when not traveling are also deductible (subject to limits), provided you have records showing date, amount, persons present, and business purpose.

Use Correct Column 🦃	Self-Employed	Rental Activity
Travel:		
Airplane, Train, Taxi, Auto Rental	\$	\$
Restaurant Meals		
Meals (See Tip C under Self-Employed Tax Tips)		
Lodging		
Telephone/Internet Connection		
Cleaning and Laundry		
Baggage and Shipping		
Other:		
Meals Not Associated With Travel		

STEP 8 Self-Employment and Re	ntal Expenses		
Do you qualify for business use of home deductions?	If yes, attach list of e	expenses related to home	. Do not duplicate below.
Yes No (See Tip B under <i>Self-Employed Tax Tips</i> .)	Total sq. ft.	or business:	_
Use	Correct Column ©	Self-Employed <sup>1</sup>	Rental <sup>1</sup>
Advertising	tion separately for ear arate schedule listing ontracts if available.  Lirement Plans 1  Long-Term Carl thickness of participate under any participate und	ch. dates of purchase or sal  for the Self-Employee 7, as well as Medicare price	remiums. Do not include plan. Report in STEP 12
Calf Face	loyed Toy Tine		
Seir-Emp	loyed Tax Tips		

- A) **Business Assets.** Special rules apply that allow the cost of certain business assets (for example, furniture and equipment) purchased and placed in service in 2024 to be fully deducted. See Tax Tip 18 and Tax Tip 19.
- B) **Business Use of Home Deduction.** If an area of the home is used regularly and exclusively for business, a deduction for a portion of mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, other operating costs, and depreciation may be allowed. Special rules apply for inventory storage and daycare. Ask for details.
- C) **Per Diem Meal Rates.** In lieu of using actual expenses incurred for meals and incidental expenses while travelling, self-employed individuals may deduct IRS-approved per diem amounts. The amounts depend on location. Provide detailed list of dates and locations of business travel.
- D) **Self-Employed Retirement Plans.** Many retirement plans (funded with pre-tax dollars) are available to self-employed business owners. The deadlines for establishing and contributing to a retirement plan vary. If you have employees, matching contributions may be required.
- E) **Small Employer Health Insurance Credit.** A credit is available to qualified small employers that pay health insurance premiums for employees. Premiums paid for the business owner and his family members don't qualify. Ask us for details.

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## STEP 10 Vehicle Expense

- Commuting between your home and regular work location is not deductible.
- Commuting expenses for going between your home and a temporary work location *outside* the metropolitan area where you live and normally work are deductible. Travel expenses between your home and a temporary work location *within* your metropolitan area are not deductible unless either of the following tests are met:
  - 1) You have one or more regular work locations away from your home or
  - 2) Your home is your principal place of business.
- There are two methods to determine the deduction for vehicles used for business: (1) actual expenses or (2) standard mileage rate (for 2024, 67¢ per mile).
- For each vehicle used for business, complete lines 1–6. If you know that you use standard mileage allowance, ignore lines 7–13. If you purchased a vehicle this year and *do not* use standard mileage allowance, provide a copy of the sales invoice.

Veh	nicle		#1		#2		#3
1) Total miles driven this year:	Business						
•	Commuting						
	Other Personal						
2) Vehicle Description							
3) Date Vehicle Was First Used t	for Business						
4) Cost (cash paid, net of any tra	ade allowance)	\$		\$		\$	
Was a car traded in?		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>or</b> Lease Payments (for the y	ear)						
5) Interest Paid on Vehicle Loan	(Self-Employed Only)						
6) Parking and Tolls							
7) Gasoline, Oil, Lubrication							
8) Repairs, Maintenance, Car W	ashes						
9) Tires and Supplies							
10) Insurance							
11) Tags and Licenses							
12) Garage Rent							
13) Other:							
14) Sold in 2024?		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
If yes, date sold							
15) If yes, provide sales price and	any trade information						
Questions for All Taxpayers Cla	niming Vehicle Expenses:						
1) Do you have evidence to supp	oort business use?					. Yes	No
2) If yes, is the evidence written?	?					. Yes	No
3) Do you (or your spouse) have	another vehicle available for person	nal use?				. Yes	No
	penses will not be allowed by the dethe best protection in case of an		ut adequa	ate records	or sufficie	nt evidend	ce verifying
Electric Vehicle Purchase Inform	nation:						
New or Used?							
Year/Model/Make?							
Purchase Date?	Delivery Date? _						
MSRP if new vehicle?	Purchase amount i	f used vel	hicle?				
Dealer Name?	Credit amount trans	sferred to	dealer?				
VIN?							
Weight (if purchased for use in trad	e or business)?						
Is the IRS accepted Clean Vehicle	(CV) Time-of-Sale report attached?		_				

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#### Education Expenses (Attach Forms 1098-E, 1098-T, and 1099-Q) Include information about education expenses incurred for you, your spouse, or your dependents. 1) Student's Name..... 2) If in college, was student enrolled at least half-time for at least one academic period beginning in 2024? ....... Yes No Yes No Yes No 3) Felony Conviction?<sup>1</sup>..... Yes No Yes Nο Yes Nο 4) Educational Purpose (degree seeking, job related)...... 5) Name of Institution...... 6) Total Amount Paid (attach detailed list of expenses) (See Tax Tip 14) ...... \$ \_\_ 7) Paid By Whom?..... 8) Student's Grade or Year in College ...... <sup>1</sup> Indicate whether or not student was convicted before 12/31/2024 of a felony for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. **STEP 12 Itemized Deductions** Complete this step only if you think your total itemized deductions might exceed the IRS standard deduction for your filing status (see below). 2024 Standard Deduction Standard Add for Blind Filing Status **Deduction** and/or Over 65 Married Filing Jointly or Qualifying Surviving Spouse ..... 29,200 \$ 1,550 Single..... 14,600 1,950 Head of Household..... 21,900 1,950 Married Filing Separately..... 14,600 1,550 Did your spouse itemize deductions on a separate return (or are you a dual-status alien)? ................................... Yes Nο Medical Expenses Deductible only if net expenses exceed 7.5% of Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) **Note:** Do *not* include amounts paid for or reimbursed by insurance or health insurance premiums paid with pre-tax income. Did you pay medical expenses for a person you cannot claim as a dependent? Yes Nο If unsure, ask your tax preparer. Health Insurance Premiums<sup>1</sup> (include premiums for vision and dental insurance but not for disability or loss of income policies)..... \$ Medicare Insurance Premiums<sup>1</sup> (Form SSA-1099)..... Long-Term Care Insurance Premiums<sup>1</sup> (Tax Tip 15)..... Prescribed Drugs and Insulin Doctors and Clinics.... Dentists and Orthodontists ..... Glasses, Contact Lenses, Eye Exams, Laser Eye Surgery..... Hospitals, Nurses, Ambulance..... Nursing or Long-Term Care Facility..... Other (please detail): Medical Miles Driven in 2024..... Parking Fees .....

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Lodging While Obtaining Medical Treatment Limited to \$50 per night, per person.....

<sup>1</sup> Do not include any premiums included in STEP 9 (if self-employed).

STEP 12 Itemized Deductions (Continued)		
Taxes		
<b>Note:</b> In 2024, the deduction for state and local taxes is limited to \$10,000 taxes are not deductible.	(\$5,000 if married filing sep	parate) and foreign real estate
State and Local Income Taxes Paid in 2024 (include 2024 estimated tax pagaid with 2023 return)		\$
State and Local Sales Tax Paid for Major Purchases (motor vehicles, boats homes, or home building materials, if rate same as general sales tax rate		
Foreign Taxes (other than foreign real estate taxes)		
Real Estate Taxes—Homestead (less special assessments)		
Other Real Estate Taxes (second home, cabin, etc. but not foreign real estate	te taxes)	
Property Tax Refund		
Special Assessments—Interest Portion Only		
Personal Property Taxes (auto license tags, etc.)		
Charitable Donations (Use sepa	rate sheet if needed.)	,
<b>Note:</b> Monetary donations under \$250 each must be substantiated by either written receipt from the charity showing its name and the date and amount taxpayer must obtain a written acknowledgment from the charity. (See Tax	of the donation. For each	
Cash, Check, or Credit Card (include payroll deductions):		
Churches or Synagogues		\$
Other:		
Other:		
Other:		
Noncash:		
Fair Market Value (FMV) of Items Given to Charities		
Attach list of each item (or group of similar items) and its FMV (Tax Tip 17	").	
If a vehicle, boat, or airplane donation over \$500, provide Form 1098-C.		
Out-of-Pocket Expenses for Charitable Work		
Charitable Miles: Miles × 14¢ =		
Other:		
Miscellaneous Exp	enses	
<b>Note:</b> In 2024, miscellaneous itemized deductions (for example, unreimburs generally are no longer deductible.	sed employee business exp	penses, investment expenses)
Gambling Losses. Limited to Total Gambling Winnings Listed in STEP 3		\$
If Disabled, Impairment-Related Work Expenses		
Casualty Loss	3	,
Casualty, Disaster, and Theft Losses. Provide details. (Tax Tip 21)		
Interest Paid (Provide F	orms 1098)	
	Primary Residence	Second Home (Tax Tip 22)
Home Mortgage (If seller-financed, provide seller's name/address/SSN)	\$	\$
Home Equity Loan. Loan Proceeds Used for:		Ψ
Loan Points not Reported on Form 1099-INT (Tax Tip 23)		
Investment Interest Paid\$\$		

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	STEP 1	3	Princi	pal Residence (attach any 2024 closing statements)
Yes	No	Did you	sell your	principal residence in 2024? If yes (Tax Tip 24):
		Yes	No	Did you own and use it as a principal residence for at least two of five years before the sale?
		Yes	No	Did you sell a previous residence within two years before the sale date and exclude any gain?
		Yes	No	After 2008, was the property ever used for anything other than as a principal residence (for example, as a vacation home or rental property)?
Yes	No	Did you	purchase	e a residence in 2024?
Yes	No	Did you	refinance	e your mortgage or take out a home equity loan in 2024?
		Amount	of proce	eds used for something other than acquiring or improving your home: \$
Yes	No	energy,	geothern	e any energy-efficient improvements such as solar electric, solar water heating, fuel cell, small wind hal heat pump, or biomass fuel property, or energy-efficient exterior doors, windows, insulation, aces, central air conditioners, or water heaters? Did you have a home energy audit?
Yes	No	Did you	receive a	a first-time homebuyer credit for a home purchased in 2008?
		If yes, e	nter the a	amount of the credit: \$

STEP 14 2024 Estimated Tax Payments <sup>1</sup>							
		Federal	Date Paid	State	Date Paid		
Amount applied from 202 First Quarter Payment M Second Quarter Paymen Third Quarter Payment N Fourth Quarter Payment	t Made	S		\$			

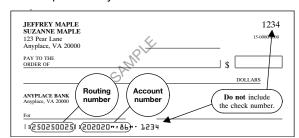
#### STEP 15 Tax Refund—Direct Deposit Information

If you receive a 2024 federal tax refund, the refund can be routed to up to three of your checking or savings accounts. (Tax refunds may also be directly deposited to your IRA, Health Savings Account, Archer MSA, or Education Savings Account.) If you prefer a direct deposit, please complete the following information. Otherwise a refund check will be mailed to you at the address on your tax return.

Type of Account (Checking, Savings, IRA, etc.)	Routing Number (Nine digits)	Account Number	Percent of Refund

#### Sample check:

Note: The routing and account numbers may be in different places on your check.



#### **Privacy Policy:**

We collect nonpublic information about you from the following sources:

- 1) Information we receive from you on applications, tax organizers, worksheets, and other forms;
- 2) Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, or others;
- 3) Information we receive from a consumer reporting agency.

We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about our customers or former customers to anyone, except as required by law.

We restrict access to nonpublic personal information about you to those members of our firm who need to know that information in order to provide services to you. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with federal regulations to guard your nonpublic personal information.

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- 1) Payments that meet specific requirements may be treated as alimony for tax, regardless of how they are described in a divorce decree. One of the requirements is that the payments end upon the recipient's death. So, payments for maintenance or spousal support may be considered alimony for tax. Alimony with respect to divorce decrees executed after 2018 does not have any tax consequences; it is neither deductible by the payor nor taxable to the payee. Ask us for details.
- 2) IRA contributions are limited to the lesser of \$7,000 (\$8,000 if age 50 or older at year-end) or compensation. If you (and your spouse) are not covered by an employer retirement plan, traditional IRA contributions are fully deductible. If you or your spouse are covered by an employer retirement plan, the deduction is phased out at higher income levels. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible and regardless of whether you are covered by an employer retirement plan, they phase out at certain income levels. If only one spouse has compensation, a spousal IRA can be set up for the nonworking spouse. Each spouse (working and nonworking) can contribute up to \$7,000 (\$8,000 if age 50 or older) provided the working spouse's compensation is at least equal to the IRA contributions.
- 3) Individuals covered only by a high deductible health plan (for 2024, deductible of at least \$1,600 for individual coverage and \$3,200 for family coverage) can make deductible (subject to limits) HSA contributions.
- 4) Grade K-12 teachers may be able to deduct amounts paid for books, supplies (other than nonathletic supplies for health and PE courses), computer software, personal protective equipment (PPE), and other equipment and materials used in the classroom as well as certain expenses for professional development courses.
- 5) The child and dependent care credit is generally available to married taxpayers only if both spouses have earned income, unless a spouse is a full-time student or disabled.
- 6) Cancellation of debt (COD) generally results in taxable income. However, exceptions are available for bankrupt and insolvent taxpavers as well as for cancellations or reductions of student loans, farm-related loans, Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, and loans related to business real property.
- 7) A person who files a joint return (other than a return filed solely to claim a refund) cannot be claimed as a dependent. Also, special rules apply to children of divorced parents.
- 8) To be tax free, IRA and qualified plan distributions generally must be rolled over to another traditional IRA or qualified plan within 60 days. Also, for IRAs, there is a one-year waiting period between tax-free rollovers.
- 9) IRA (but not qualified plan) withdrawals before age 591/2 are not subject to the 10% additional tax if the funds are used for (a) otherwise deductible medical expenses, (b) certain higher educational expenses, (c) a first-time home purchase for distributions up to \$10,000, or (d) medical insurance by certain unemployed individuals. Other exceptions may apply to IRA and qualified plan withdrawals.
- 10) Material participation in a trade or business generally means the taxpayer spends more than 500 hours participating in the activity during the year. However, the test can also be met in other situations, such as when the taxpayer is the only one who substantially participates in the activity or spends more than 100 hours participating and no one else spends more time.
- 11) If "allocated tips" are listed on year-end Form W-2, the amount will be subject to both social security and income tax unless records (tip log) verify that a lesser amount was actually received.
- 12) Improvement costs may reduce taxable gain upon sale of property. Keep records of improvement costs made to all real property at least four years after the property is sold.

- 13) If stock or mutual fund dividends are automatically reinvested instead of received in cash, these reinvestments increase cost basis, and reduce gain or increase loss upon sale.
- 14) Tax benefits such as a credit or income exclusion for interest on certain U.S. savings bonds may be available for certain education expenses. Benefits may be phased out at certain income levels. List the following expenses: (a) tuition and required fees; (b) books, supplies, and equipment required for attendance; (c) computer equipment and internet access; (d) room and board (if at least half-time attendance); and (e) student loan interest.
- 15) Qualified long-term care insurance premiums are deductible subject to age and annual dollar limits.
- 16) Charitable contributions of \$250 or more in any one day to any one organization must have written acknowledgment from the organization. The acknowledgment must state whether or not any goods or services were received in exchange for the donation.
- 17) When making contributions of used furniture, appliances, and clothing, attach a record of the items donated to the receipt for proof of this deductible contribution. Contributions must be in good or better condition to be deductible.
- 18) 60% bonus depreciation is generally allowed on new and used qualified business property acquired and placed in service in 2024. Qualified business property includes such property as office furniture, computers, machinery, and equipment. Limits apply to certain automobiles, trucks, and SUVs.
- 19) The Section 179 business property expensing allowance is \$1.22 million (for 2024) and includes tangible personal property and off-the-shelf computer software. Limits apply to certain automobiles, trucks, and SUVs.
- 20) In 2024, self-employed individuals and owners of passthrough interests in business activities generally may deduct 20% of their qualified business income, as well as 20% of aggregate qualified REIT dividends and qualified publicly-traded partnership income. Joint filers with taxable income of \$383,900 or more (\$191,950 for all other filers) are subject to special rules.
- 21) Generally, in 2024, a net loss due to a casualty (such as flood, fire, etc.) must be attributable to a federally declared disaster to be deductible to the extent it exceeds 10% of your AGI.
- 22) A home can be a house, condominium, cooperative, mobile home, boat, or similar property. It must provide basic living accommodations including sleeping space, toilet, and cooking facilities.
- 23) Loan origination fees (points) paid on a loan to buy or build a principal residence are generally deductible as interest in the year paid. Points paid on refinancing an existing mortgage or on a loan to purchase or improve a second home must be deducted (amortized) over the life of the loan. Exception: If part of the proceeds were used to improve your main home, points related to the improvements may be deducted in the year paid.
- 24) You can exclude up to \$250,000 (\$500,000 if married and filing jointly or certain surviving spouses) of the gain on a sale of a principal residence if you owned and occupied the residence for two out of the five years before the date of sale. If the home was used other than as your principal residence any time after 2008, some of the gain may be
- 25) Keep receipts supporting tax deductions at least four years.