



# Attention Tennessee Taxpayers!! Have You Heard of Direct File?



Starting February 5, 2024, taxpayers in certain states can join a new IRS pilot program called **Direct File**. Direct File provides **Free** tax preparation and Electronic Filing! You don't need to pay a tax preparer or buy software to electronically or e-file your tax return!

**What is the purpose of Direct File?** With Direct File, there are no income limits for wages, unemployment, or Social Security. However, if your income is from interest, you can't use Direct File if it is more than \$1,500. Direct File also allows you to apply for the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Other Dependent Credit. Additionally, Direct File will calculate deductions for educator's expenses and student loan interest.

## How does Direct File work?

- 1. Step-by-Step Guidance:** Direct File provides a step-by-step checklist to help individuals prepare their tax return, guiding them through the filing process and allowing them to easily track their progress.
- 2. Summary of Federal Taxes:** Upon completion, Direct File presents a clear summary of the individual's 2023 federal taxes based on the information they've entered.
- 3. Submission Confirmation:** After submitting their return, they receive an email confirming the submission. Direct File sends another email once the IRS accepts your tax return.
- 4. Equal Processing by IRS:** The IRS processes Direct File returns in the same manner as all electronically filed returns.

## Who is eligible for Direct File?

Individuals should check the IRS Website at [www.irs.org](http://www.irs.org) or call the Tennessee Taxpayer Project at 866-481-3669.

**This is a limited pilot that will roll out in phases. The purpose of the pilot is to gather information to help steer the direction of the program.**

**To get more information or help, call the Tennessee Taxpayer Project at 1-866-481-3669**

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