



H&R Block offering five free prep/filing options, IRS e-file opens

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Assisted, DIY and military offers give clients high-quality options with guarantees

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 29, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- With IRS e-file opening today, Jan. 29, the IRS will start processing tax returns, which starts the countdown to the [tax deadline: April 17](#) is now 79 days away. H&R Block (NYSE:HRB) has been helping its clients prepare and file their 2017 tax returns since Dec 1 when [H&R Block DIY Online](#) went live, and Jan. 2 when the [tax offices](#) opened. Among the various products H&R Block offers, five of them are free tax preparation options, including working with a tax professional, a do-it-yourself product that doesn't have income restrictions, and special programs resulting from partnerships with the United Way, the IRS and the military.

"H&R Block's five free options include in-office service with a tax professional and DIY tax preparation options – and the filing of the return," said Heather Watts, senior vice president and general manager of digital at H&R Block. "These free products allow millions of taxpayers to get the quality, guarantees and benefits of being an H&R Block client without paying anything for the services."

H&R Block Free 1040EZ offers filing in H&R Block offices

In the only offer of its kind by national tax preparation brands, approximately 23 million taxpayers can file [a Federal 1040EZ for free for a limited time](#) at participating H&R Block offices. This gives eligible taxpayers access to expert assistance in completing their returns, and guarantees they get their maximum refund.

Generally, a 1040EZ filer is a taxpayer who files single or married filing jointly, does not pay mortgage interest, has no dependents and earned less than \$100,000 last year.

H&R Block More ZeroSM DIY option for 87 million – includes some itemized deductions

[H&R Block More ZeroSM](#) allows 87 million (6 in 10) to file free online federal (1040EZ, 1040A and 1040 with Schedule A) and state returns. Taxpayers who could use H&R Block More ZeroSM include:

- 1040EZ filers who generally file single or married filing jointly and have no dependents
- 1040A filers who may have student loan interest, educator expenses or even a tuition and fees deduction
- 1040 Schedule A filers who itemize because of mortgage payments, child care expenses, charitable donations or medical expenses.

H&R Block DIY partnership with United Way continues

H&R Block and United Way, through the [MyFreeTaxes](#) initiative, have been providing free tax filing services online for federal and state taxes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia for nine years.

Taxpayers earning less than \$66,000 can enter their data through [MyFreeTaxes.com](#), which links to a secure H&R Block website, making it easy to complete their taxes from home, at work or on mobile devices.

H&R Block remains member of Free File Alliance

H&R Block partners with the [Free File Alliance](#), which is made up of leading tax preparation companies working with the IRS, to provide free online tax preparation and e-filing that could be used by nearly 100 million taxpayers whose income is less than \$66,000 and between the ages of 17 and 50. To use this service, visit [IRS Free File](#).

H&R Block offers free DIY tax prep for military

H&R Block offers free DIY tax preparation online to service members through a partnership with [Military One Source](#). Overall, 23 percent of active, reserve and Department of Defense civilian employees used H&R Block for tax preparation in 2017.

"Because tax prep isn't one-size-fits-all, H&R Block has a variety of office and DIY products to meet taxpayers' specific needs no matter how simple or complex their tax situation is," Watts said.

Taxpayers have multiple ways online to access H&R Block, including through the [H&R Block apps](#), [H&R Block DIY online products](#), downloaded [H&R Block DIY software products](#) or an [appointment](#) at an H&R Block retail tax office.

About H&R Block

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