



H&R Block advises DIY clients on how to prepare for taxes as deadline nears

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Get organized, review product options and start the preparation process—it's that simple

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 04, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- With just days to go before the April 15 tax filing deadline, taxpayers planning to do their own returns may feel they're running out of time to file on schedule, but that doesn't mean they're on their own. Through the deadline, H&R Block (NYSE: HRB) online filing options continue to provide consumers a smooth, DIY tax experience at a great value. H&R Block recommends taxpayers get their paperwork organized and start their return as soon possible to get the best possible outcome.

"With time running out, taxpayers who haven't filed their 2018 tax return need to get started now so they can make the April 15 deadline," said Heather Watts, senior vice president and general manager of digital at H&R Block. "Consumers using H&R Block online to file their taxes can feel confident even late in the season because they'll always know their price, they can get help when they need it and they'll often [pay less than they would with TurboTax](#). Whenever you're ready to file, H&R Block has your back."

Take advantage of organization tools to benefit now and later

Missing tax documents can lead to missing out on entitled credits and deductions. Checking documents against a [tax prep checklist](#) can help online filers feel good they have what they need to get their maximum refund. The "drag and drop" feature in all H&R Block DIY products quickly imports tax returns from virtually any preparer, which makes getting necessary information from last year's return, such as how much adjusted gross income was earned in 2017, much easier.

An H&R Block [MyBlock](#) account makes staying organized now and through next tax season simpler by enabling consumers to securely store their tax-related documents in a single place throughout the year. Also, small business owners, freelancers and contractors can easily oversee expenses with the [Self-employed product](#) that integrates the mobile expense tracking app [Stride Tax](#), which automates mileage tracking and helps clients discover tax deductions unique to their profession.

Check out the H&R Block online options

H&R Block online products are designed based on 60-plus years' experience preparing income tax returns, all providing the convenience consumers want. H&R Block's DIY interview will guide clients through preparing and filing an accurate tax return, including how new tax laws could impact them. Whether a client selects a [software \(downloadable from the website\)](#) or an [online product](#), they can expect a positive experience as a result of several [H&R Block guarantees](#) available with all H&R Block tax prep solutions. Additionally, with Price Preview now the price is upfront and transparent for online filers from start to finish. Anytime a decision is made that changes the cost, consumers see this so there are no surprises.

Be confident and get started

Whether they want a little or a lot of assistance, online filers can ease their concerns and customize their experience with the level of help they prefer. The DIY Online Help Center has been redesigned, making it easier for clients to find the answers they need. Additionally, clients can select [Tax Pro Review](#), as an add-on or a standalone product, to have their completed return reviewed, signed and submitted to the IRS by a tax professional. Clients looking for a middle ground between these options may select H&R Block's new Ask a Tax Pro, which includes unlimited chat and screen sharing with a tax professional. Software clients have access to unlimited free tax advice via live chat.

Taxpayers have multiple ways online to access H&R Block, including through the [H&R Block apps](#), [H&R Block online products](#), downloaded [H&R Block software products](#), virtual tax prep with [Tax Pro Go](#) or an [appointment](#) at an H&R Block retail tax office. To find the nearest H&R Block tax office, visit [hrblock.com](#) or call 800-HRBLOCK.

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