

H&R Block and Uber Partner to Help Drivers Get Their Taxes Won

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Mobile app, retail offer and tax talks address drivers' complex tax needs

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 22, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- H&R Block (NYSE:HRB) is offering those who partner with Uber, the technology company that offers an application to connect riders with drivers, a discount on H&R Block tax preparation services and other unique benefits. People who drive with Uber in the U.S. will receive a discount of \$25-off the tax preparation service or free [Tax Identity Shield](#) if they file in an H&R Block office, or discounts of up to 35 percent off tax preparation if they file with H&R Block Online. Drivers who partner with Uber also can use H&R Block's new [TaxEdgeSM iOS app](#) to prepare and file their taxes with a tax professional through their mobile device. H&R Block tax professionals also will be available at Uber Greenlight locations to talk to drivers about how they can maximize their tax outcome.

"The complexity of the self-employed tax return coupled with the valuable business deductions they can take is a perfect example of someone who H&R Block can help get their taxes won," said Jason Houseworth, chief innovation officer at H&R Block. "Expert advice and guidance from a tax professional can help make sure they are getting every credit and deduction they deserve."

TaxEdge app unique option for people who drive with Uber

Uber driver partners can prepare and file their taxes with an H&R Block tax professional directly from their mobile phone with the new TaxEdge iOS mobile app. Launched earlier this year, the tax preparation service is integrated with Uber's software application to automatically bring driver partners' 1099 tax data into the tax return and categorize it to help driver partners get the most accurate return. Uber driver partners can then work with an H&R Block tax professional specially trained to help rideshare drivers who will complete and file the return.

Consumers with a typical [Schedule C tax return pay a tax preparer an average of about \\$500](#). However, TaxEdge by H&R Block has a \$199 price point to file both a federal and state tax return. Plus, TaxEdge combines H&R Block's data analytics with a tax expert to help ensure clients don't miss any deductions.

Tax talks provided by H&R Block at Uber Greenlight locations

H&R Block's tax talks provide the Uber driver partner community with free expert tax advice from the industry's best tax professionals about tax preparation, personal finance topics, self-employment income and expenses, and more. With H&R Block's partnership with Uber, H&R Block tax professionals will host more than 200 tax talks at Uber Greenlight locations across the country. These tax talks cover important tax topics for Uber driver partners such as self-employment tax, what deductions driver partners may qualify for, quarterly estimated tax payments, and options for filing a tax return.

Tax complexity – and benefits – increase for the self-employed

Drivers who partner with Uber are independent contractors and therefore may face complex tax requirements. They may be able to deduct certain expenses for running their business, like the cost of vehicle licenses, mileage, car repairs or gas. This is a valuable benefit of being self-employed but requires additional documentation.

How to claim the tax prep benefits

To qualify for either offer, driver partners must present a valid coupon, which will be provided to them by Uber. Uber driver partners may [schedule an appointment with H&R Block](#) online or by calling 1-800-HRBLOCK.

To [download TaxEdgeSM by H&R Block](#) visit the Apple Store or www.taxedge.com.

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