

One Week Left to File Federal 1040EZ for Free

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 20, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Taxpayers have one more week to file a federal 1040EZ for free at participating H&R Block (NYSE:HRB) offices. Taxpayers can file [a Federal 1040EZ for free through Feb. 28](#). This free offer gives those taxpayers access to expert assistance in completing their returns and guarantees they get their maximum refund.

“Filing a simple tax return may not be as easy as many taxpayers believe,” said Karen Orosco, senior vice president of H&R Block U.S. Retail Sales and Service organization. “Having assistance from a qualified tax professional provides taxpayers confidence that they aren’t leaving any money on the table.”

It can pay to file a tax return, even if not required

[Filing requirements](#) depend on a combination of circumstances, including filing status, income and age. Taxpayers can answer an [online IRS quiz](#) to determine if they need to file a tax return. Generally, taxpayers must file if their gross income exceeds \$10,350 for single filers or \$20,700 for married couples filing jointly. However, if the taxpayer is a dependent of another filer, the dependent will have a lower filing requirement that could kick in as low as \$1,050 in unearned income or \$6,300 for earned income.

Even if their income is below the filing threshold and the IRS does not require them to file, anyone earning income should consider filing a return. Students or others with part-time work should file a return to get a refund of all taxes withheld and/or to claim other tax benefits.

For example, if a high school student with an after-school job earned \$4,000 in 2016, they would not have to file a tax return. However, if they had \$150 in federal income taxes withheld from their paychecks, they could file a return to get a refund of that money. They may be due a refund of state taxes too.

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In 2015, [more than 23 million](#) taxpayers filed a 1040EZ. Generally, a 1040EZ filer is a taxpayer who files single or married filing jointly, who does not pay mortgage interest or have other itemized deductions, has no dependents and earned less than \$100,000 last year.

To learn more about [filing a Free 1040EZ](#) and [other free tax preparation options](#), [find a nearby location](#) or [make an appointment](#), visit www.hrblock.com or call 1-800-HRBLOCK.

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