

Last Minute Filers Can Rest Easy with H&R Block's Professional Tax Service

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 29 /PRNewswire/ -- It happens every year: late tax filers scramble to collect the numerous forms needed to complete their tax returns or get an appointment with a CPA as the tax deadline looms. The IRS estimates one in four taxpayers have yet to file their returns this year, and these folks are looking for options to their tax dilemma. H&R Block has an answer, and it's just a mouse click away.

H&R Block's Professional Tax Service combines the benefits of complete professional tax preparation with the speed of the Internet, giving last minute tax filers a convenient Web-based solution to meet their tax needs. Best of all, a completed and signed tax return is delivered to the customer, usually within 48 hours.

"Our Professional Tax Service delivers fast, complete, and reliable tax preparation -- backed by the most trusted name in the tax industry," said Jeff Yabuki, H&R Block chief operating officer.

Customers provide their tax information online and H&R Block does the rest, matching their tax profile with the most appropriate advisor from the company's nationwide network of tax professionals.

Affordably priced at \$99.95 regardless of the return's complexity, H&R Block's Professional Tax Service costs a fraction of the average CPA and includes one federal and one state return.

For a quicker refund, e-filing is available to qualifying customers. If they choose, customers can fax or mail a copy of their tax documents to the tax professional and H&R Block will e-file the federal return upon receipt.

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