

Have Questions About the New Tax Cut? H&R Block's Free Online Chats To Provide Answers

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 30 /PRNewswire/ -- The debates are over. The political rhetoric has ended. Now the only question left is, "What does this tax cut mean to me?" To help answer taxpayers specific questions about the new tax cut, H&R Block is making its tax experts available free to consumers through a series of online chats.

The first chat is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (eastern) on Thursday, May 31. Consumers can simply logon to www.hrblock.com to ask a member of H&R Block's tax research department their question about the new tax cut.

"We want to help taxpayers understand these tax law changes before they start preparing their returns next year," said Mark Ernst, chief executive officer of H&R Block. "That's why we're bringing our knowledge and analysis of the tax cut to the Web for all consumers."

In addition to the regular online chats, hrblock.com offers the most comprehensive and free information available on the Web. The site has a complete analysis of the new tax laws, including charts and graphs, and how the changes will impact taxpayers of different income levels.

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