



Dear Client,

We hope that you had a happy holiday season and a great start to the new year. As we begin the 2022 tax filing season, we want to remind you that the deadline for filing federal individual income tax returns is April 18, 2023 (the usual deadline of April 15th falls on a Saturday and is also Patriots Day in Massachusetts).

There are a few notable changes for the 2022 filing season. Some provisions and credits that were introduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic have expired, additional energy credits have been added and in some cases expanded, and several items have been adjusted for inflation. The standard deductions for the 2022 tax year are:

- Single & Married Filing Separate: \$12,950.00
- Head of Household: \$19,400.00
- Married Filing Joint: \$25,900.00

One change to be aware of is the expiration of the provision that allowed taxpayers claiming the standard deduction to claim a cash donation allowance of up to \$300 for single returns or \$600 for married joint returns. This deduction is no longer available for 2022.

Another important difference for 2022 is the return to pre-COVID reporting for the child tax credit. In 2021, many taxpayers received advanced child tax credit payments that had to be reported on their 2021 tax returns. These payments are no longer being issued as of the beginning of 2022, and the child tax credit has reverted back to being a non-refundable credit worth a maximum of \$2,000 per child, instead of the refundable credit worth up to \$3,000 per child that was temporarily available in 2021.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is expected to begin accepting 2022 individual income tax returns on January 24th. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has not yet announced when it will start accepting e-filed returns, but it typically does so shortly after the IRS starts accepting filings.

Please review this [checklist](#) to help ensure that we have all or most of your tax information. The checklist can also be downloaded by visiting our [website](#). An organizer will also be uploaded to your portal access in the coming days. If you do not receive an email notification that the organizer is available and you would like one, please feel free to email us at info@childsaccounting.com or call our office at 774.215.0042 to request one.

We look forward to working with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Rick Childs, EA

Tax Documentation Checklist

- If you would like your refund direct deposited to your checking/savings account, we need the name of your bank, routing number and account number.
- Contact information – Phone number, email address
- Driver’s License – If you renewed your drivers’ license in 2022 we will need a copy of your updated driver’s license.
- Filing status including your date of birth
- Full name, social security number and date of birth of all dependents. We also need a copy of the dependent’s social security cards if we do not already have them on file.
- **If your filing status is Head of Household, we need proof that the dependent you are claiming lived with you for at least 6 months at your residence. Proof of residency can be school records, medical records, daycare records or a letter from one of these organizations.**
- **If you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) please include proof of residency for each dependent. Proof of residency can be school records, medical records, daycare records or a letter from one of these organizations**
- **W-2’s**
- **1099-INT** – Interest received from financial and other institutions
- **1095 A/B/C** – Health Insurance Marketplace Statement
- **1099-Div** - Dividend interest
- **1099-R** - Pension or IRA withdrawal
 - Were these disbursements rolled over? If yes, please provide the date of withdrawal, and the date of deposit to the new account?
- **1099-G** - State refunds from your 2021 individual tax returns if you itemized deductions on your 2021 federal return. This form is also used to report any unemployment income received during 2022. Please check online if you have not received the 1099-G in the mail.
- **SSA-1099** - Social security benefits received during 2022
- **W-2G** - Gambling winnings. **Gambling winnings can be offset by losses if you itemize your deductions.** You must have proof of losses such as betting slips, scratch tickets, and statements from gambling facilities.
- Alimony received in 2022 if your divorce was finalized prior to 2019.
- Alimony paid, social security number and name of recipient if your divorce was finalized prior to 2019.
- Sole Proprietorship 2022 – self employed
 - Income from business
 - Expenses for business
 - Vehicle expense for business - **Mileage log is required** - Total miles driven during 2022, and business miles driven, mileage rate for 2022 is 58.5 cents per mile for miles driven before July 1, 2022, and 62.5 cents per mile for miles driven after June 30, 2022.
 - Estimated federal and state income taxes paid - Date paid and amount paid
- **1099-B** - Capital gains or losses from investments including detail report of all stock and fund trades
 - Crypto trades and swaps will be reported by exchanges on this form as well.
 - All crypto sells or swaps during 2022 must be reported as capital gains transactions.
- Rental real estate
 - Income and expenses
 - If you acquired the real estate in 2022 – please provide the HUD-1 or Closing Disclosure from the closing.
 - Amount of major repairs, renovations or improvements during 2022. Please be prepared to provide the date and value of each improvement made during 2022.

- **Sale of residence** – You must include date of purchase, cost of purchase, major improvements you made while owning the residence, and the HUD-1 or Closing Disclosure from the closing of the sale of the residence.
- IRA contributions – Amount of contributions for 2022, and the type of IRA account the contribution was made to.
- **Form 1098-T** - Tuition paid to a college or university on behalf of a 2022 dependent. **It is important to have the exact amount you paid in 2022. Please obtain the details of payments from the college or university.**
- **Form 1099-Q** – Distributions from Qualified Tuition Programs (529 Plans, ABLE Plans, etc.). Please provide the information for any funds used from the plan for educational purposes.
- **Form 1098-E** - Student loan interest paid in 2022
- Self-employed health and dental insurance premiums paid in 2022.
- Self-employed retirement contributions to a **SEP or SIMPLE IRA** plans for 2022.
- Amount of residential **RENT** paid in 2022 if you were a Massachusetts resident.
- If you commute using the Mass Transportation System, how much did you pay out of pocket expenses?
- Solar Power SREC Credits - SREC credits sold separately from electricity produced by solar renewable energy. Please supply the amount of SREC credits/amount sold to the energy company in 2022.
- Septic system replacement. We need the total cost, the approval date from the town where you reside, the certificate number of the approval, and the approving authority. This date must be in 2022.
- Childcare Expenses – Name of childcare facility, address, federal ID number, and the amount you paid.

THE FOLLOWING CAN BE INCLUDED IF YOU ITEMIZE YOUR DEDUCTIONS USING SCHEDULE A.

- Out of pocket medical expenses paid. The deduction is subject to 7.5% of your adjusted gross income. Ex: AGI = \$75,000 - medical deduction exists for out-of-pocket expenses that exceed \$5,625.
- Real estate taxes paid, including second homes and vacation homes
- State taxes paid via estimated tax payments made in 2021.
- **Form 1098** - Mortgage interest paid
 - Interest paid on motorhomes and campers qualify for this deduction.
- **Form 1098** - Line of Credit Interest - This Credit can be taken only if you have proof that the funds were used for improvements to your main residence.
- **Form 1098** - Mortgage insurance premiums paid.
- Excise tax paid for automobiles, boats or planes.
- Charitable Contributions
 - Cash - Cash donations require a receipt (cancelled check or documentation from the charitable organization that shows the amount donated)
 - Non-cash - Date of contribution, organization, federal identification number of the organization, description of donation, estimated value along with method of determining the value. All household items must be in good or better condition.

There are many instances where additional types of income, deductions, or credits will affect your individual tax return. This checklist is not intended to be all encompassing, but rather a guideline in helping you gather the necessary documentation. If you have any questions, regarding the tax information required to complete your 2022 tax return, please feel free to call our office at 774.215.0042, or email us at info@childsaccounting.com.