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Helpful Hints for MN Tax Filers
TAX YEAR 2019

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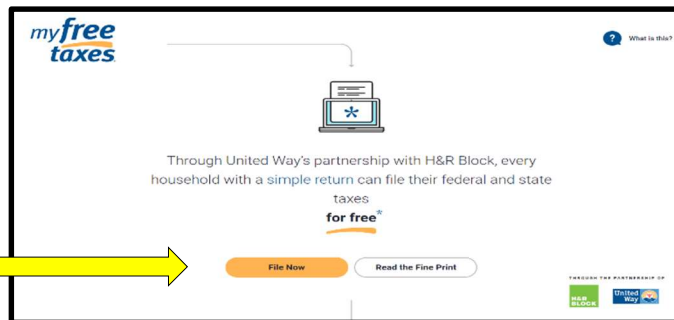
You can use H&R Block's MyFreeTaxes website to file simple returns (no income limit) free for tax year 2019. See <https://www.myfreetaxes.com/support?q=what-is-a-simple-return> to see what qualifies as a simple return. For returns that need Schedules C, D or E, you will be charged a fee (reduced from H&R Block's normal fee).

Except for the pages where you are creating an account or resetting passwords, you should see the MyFreeTaxes logo on each page (usually in the upper left corner).

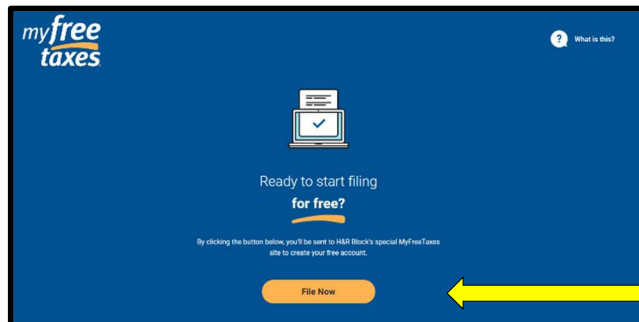


Go to: <https://www.myfreetaxes.com>

Click on File Now (or "Read the Fine Print" and scroll down.)



By clicking "File Now" on this page, you'll be sent to H&R Block's special MyFreeTaxes site to create your free account.



You must have a valid email address to create an account. You can enter information and create your account later, if you wish.

Need help while filing?

You can chat with H&R Block's virtual assistant anytime you're logged into the MyFreeTaxes software.

Need to speak to a real person?

Call MyFreeTaxes hotline: 866-698-9435

The MyFreeTaxes.com helpline and chat will be available from 10 am – 10 pm EST / 7 days per week until April 30, 2020. From May 1 – October 31, 2020 – the service will be available 10 am – 6 pm EST / M-F.

When logging on for the first time, you can “Create your account” or choose “Create account later”.

Enter your email address.

Choose a username (not your email, name or birthday).

Create and confirm password.

Choose security questions and enter the answers.

Only select “Remember this device” if using your own personal computer.

Accept Online Service Agreement and privacy policy.

Click **Next** buttons as needed.

Click on **Start Taxes** to begin your return.

You are not required to complete this form to engage in tax return preparation services.

Click "Next" if you authorize, or "No Thanks"

SKIP IMPORT – don't import last year's return information.

Follow the interview steps to complete your Federal return.

Finish your Federal Return before starting state tax return(s).

If you have questions, click this icon in the lower right corner for chat.



The software will check for valid EIN (employer ID number) from W2s in an attempt to import your W2. Skip this step – DON'T IMPORT.

State income tax returns: make state additions and/or subtractions to federal income

Check for state credits such as K-12 school expense credit (or subtraction) or the renter's rebate/property tax credit return forms. If you don't have the documents you need for your Renters Rebate or Property tax credit, you can continue filing your Minnesota state return and come back to this topic later. You can even do this topic after you've completed and submitted your Minnesota return, so you don't have to wait for your documents to finish filing.

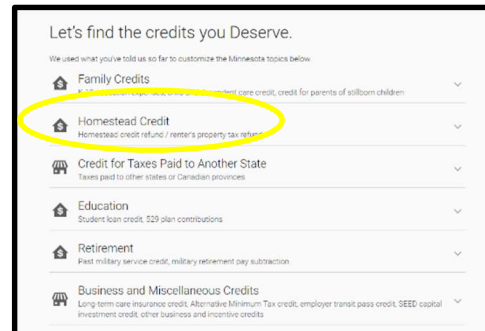
If you worked in another state, you can include 2 additional state returns at no charge. Finish all other state return(s) before starting your Minnesota return.

Print your return to check your work, and prior to e-filing. Select the FILE tab and click "Next" until you get to this window:

Check the small box to print a copy of your federal and State returns. If you do want to e-file, go back to this window, uncheck "I'd rather print...", and follow the e-filing steps.

FILING THE M1PR RETURN

On the Minnesota state Credits page, click the box for “Homestead credit refund (for homeowners) and renter’s property tax refund”



Enter amounts, if any, in the “Nontaxable Income” page. Scholarships are documented on Form 1098-T (use only the portion not declared as taxable), SSI on a Social Security Administration letter, MFIP on a county statement of total annual benefits received. Housing support (formerly called Group Residential Housing) will be on the Certificate of Rent Paid (CRP) and amounts should be entered when you enter the CRP, not on the “Nontaxable Income” page.

Check off property qualifying for a refund (your main apartment, house and/or mobile home)

Renters – fill in information from your Line 1 of your Certificate of Rent Paid (CRP), check off any boxes that apply, and enter your property ID.

PLEASE NOTE: Minnesota changed the CRP forms for 2019. A number of CRP forms were filled out incorrectly by landlords or management companies. Per the instructions for filling out CRP’s: “Housing Support, formerly known as Group Residential Housing, pays room and board for low-income seniors and adults with disabilities.”

If your CRP indicates that you received “Housing Support” but you were in Section 8 housing, then you did not receive housing support for this rental unit. You should ask your landlord to issue a corrected CRP. If you are paper filing the M1PR, you will need to mail in a copy of the corrected CRP with the return.

Homeowners – enter information from Statement of Property Tax Payable in 2020 (comes out in March 2020).

Mobile homeowners – enter information from 2019 Certificate of Rent Paid and Statement of Property Tax Payable in 2020 (comes out in June 2020).

If filing for the renter’s refund and paper filing instead of efilng, mail a copy of each CRP with your M1PR return.