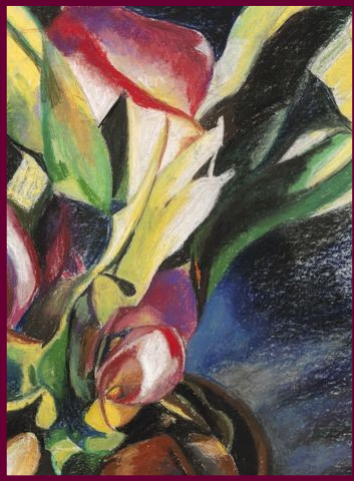


Taxes



For some people with disabilities who go back to work, paying taxes is not the first thing that comes to mind. Depending on your income and your disability, you

may not have to pay taxes, but it is important for you to file a tax return. In fact, you might even get additional cash.

What you really need to know about taxes if you work

- People who work must file both federal and state tax returns.
- The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) (www.irs.gov) is the federal tax agency.
- Louisiana Department of Revenue (LDR) (www.revenue.louisiana.gov/) is the state tax agency.
- You may want to get help with your taxes from a professional. Call 211 to find out about free tax help in your area.

Federal Income Taxes

As a person with a disability, you may qualify for special tax deductions, income exclusions and credits. This means you may pay **less** tax, maybe no tax.

IRS Publication 3966, Living and Working with Disabilities, provides basic tax

information on deductions available for qualifying taxpayers with disabilities and for parents of children with disabilities.

If your earnings are low, you could be eligible for the **Earned Income Tax Credit**. Even if you pay no taxes, you may still get money back. Publication 596, Earned Income Credit (EITC), explains this credit.

Other helpful IRS publications include:

- Publication 502, Medical and Dental Expenses
- Publication 524, Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled
- Publication 907, Tax Highlights for Persons with Disabilities
- Publication 503, Child and Dependent Care Expenses

All IRS materials are available at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/. If you have questions about these credits or benefits, call 1-800-829-1040. If you use TTY/TDD equipment, call 1-800-829-4059 to order materials and to ask tax questions.

Louisiana State Taxes

In Louisiana, there are important disability credits and exemptions that can be claimed. Contact Louisiana Department of Revenue or a tax professional for more information about:

- Credit for Certain Disabilities
- Credit for Maintaining a Household for Certain Disabled Dependents
- Deduction for Adaptive Home Improvements for Disabled Individuals
- Disability Income Exclusion



Free Tax Help

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites offer free electronic tax return preparation to people with low to moderate income. VITA sites are staffed by trained volunteers who are certified by IRS. These volunteers can answer your questions on a variety of tax subjects. Call 1-800-829-1040 for a VITA site near you or call 211 about free tax help in your area.

Items you'll need to bring with you to obtain this free service are:

- Photo identification
- Social Security cards for you, your spouse and dependents
- Birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents
- Wage and earning statements
- Interest and dividend statements from banks
- Copies of last year's federal and state tax returns
- Bank routing and account numbers, if you want refunds deposited directly to your account
- Total paid for day care
- Day care provider's tax identification number
- List of itemized deductions
- Other information about your income and expenses

Louisiana Department of Revenue (LDR) offers free, secure internet filing for many taxpayers. To get more information or use this program, visit <https://webtax.rev.state.la.us/>. LDR also hosts Super E-file Tax Day to answer questions and provide filing help for state taxes.

Contact the state or a local office of Louisiana Department of Revenue (LDR) for tax information and for the dates and locations of Super E-file Tax Day events.

Louisiana Department of Revenue
P.O. Box 201
Baton Rouge, LA 70821
(225) 219-2448
www.revenue.louisiana.gov/

You can also call a local LDR office at:

Alexandria	(318) 487-5333
Baton Rouge	(225) 219-0102
Lafayette	(337) 262-5455
Lake Charles	(337) 491-2504
Monroe	(318) 362-3151
New Orleans	(504) 568-5233
Shreveport	(318) 676-7505
Thibodaux	(985) 447-0976

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