

# HOW TO DOWNLOAD YOUR IRS TAX TRANSCRIPT



**Step 1:** Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and click on “Get your Tax Record”

A screenshot of the IRS website homepage. The top navigation bar includes 'Help', 'News', 'English', 'Charities &amp; Nonprofits', and 'Tax Pros'. Below this is a search bar and a row of menu items: 'File', 'Pay', 'Refunds', 'Credits &amp; Deductions', and 'Forms &amp; Instructions'. The main content area features several service tiles: 'Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here', 'Get My Payment', 'Get Coronavirus Tax Relief', 'Get Your Refund Status', 'Do Your Taxes for Free', 'Get Your Tax Record' (circled in red), 'View Your Account', and 'Make a Payment'. Below these tiles is a section titled 'Forms and Instructions' with four sub-tiles: '1040 and Schedules 1-3 Individual Tax Return', 'Other 1040 Schedules Information About the Other Schedules Filed With Form 1040', 'Form W-4 Employee's Withholding Certificate', and 'Search Forms &amp; Instructions'.

**Step 2:** Click on “Get Transcript Online”

## Request Online

### What You Need

To register and use this service, you need:

- your [SSN](#), date of birth, filing status and mailing address from latest tax return,
- access to your email account,
- your personal account number from a credit card, mortgage, home equity loan, home equity line of credit or car loan, and
- a mobile phone with your name on the account.

### What You Get

- All [transcript types](#) are available online
- View, print or download your transcript
- Username and password to return later

[Get Transcript Online](#)

**Step 3: Click on create account.**



We're sorry; this service is experiencing occasional errors. Please try again later.

**Sign Up**

Don't have an account? Create one now.

**CREATE ACCOUNT >**

**Log In**

Already have a username? Welcome back!

Username

**LOG IN >**

[Forgot Username](#)

*PTIN and FIRE users need a separate account in this system*

WARNING! By accessing and using this government computer system, you are consenting to system monitoring for law enforcement and other purposes. Unauthorized use of, or access to, this computer system may subject you to criminal prosecution and penalties.

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**Step 4: Click on "Continue"**



**You will need to register in order to use this service**

**Registration is**

**Fast:** Signing up only takes about 15 minutes

**Secure:** Only you will have access to your tax information

**Convenient:** you will only need to verify your identity once

**Free:** There is no charge to sign up *(Message and data rates may apply to send a security code to your mobile phone)*

Before we get started, we're going to ask you some simple questions to make sure you have everything you need.

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## **Step 5: Click on “Yes”**



### **You will need some information about yourself to register**

Please have the following information and materials to complete registration:

- Full Name
- Email
- Birthdate
- Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN)
- Tax filing status
- Current address

Do you have this information available?

YES >

NO

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## **Step 6: Click on “Yes”**



### **You need a financial account to register**

To verify your identity, we will need a number from ONE of your financial accounts. We can use any of the following:

- Credit Card OR
- Student Loan OR
- Mortgage or Home Equity Loan OR
- Home Equity Line of Credit OR
- Auto Loan

You will only need to provide the loan account number or a few digits from a credit card number. We only use this information to verify your identity. **You will not be charged any money and are not sharing any account balances or other financial information with us.**

A soft inquiry will show up on your credit report to let you know that the IRS accessed your credit report information. This will not increase or decrease your credit score and lenders will not be able to see this.

Do you have this financial information available? (If you don't have the account information on hand, you should answer 'No'.)

YES >

NO

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## **Step 7: Click on “Continue”**



### **You need a phone number or a verified address**

We'll need one more way to verify your identity. The easiest way is to send a code to your phone by text message (SMS). Your phone must be a U.S.-based mobile phone number associated with your name.

You can also complete identity verification by receiving a letter in the mail. If you choose this method, you'll either need a U.S.-based phone number OR an iPhone, iPad, or Android device to complete registration.

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## **Step 8: Enter your information and click on “Send Code”**



### **Let's Get Started!**

It sounds like you have all the necessary information available and can begin.

**First Name (as it appears on your most recent tax return)**

**Last Name (as it appears on your most recent tax return)**

**Email Address**

**Confirm Email Address**

A confirmation code will be sent to your email address. You will need to get the code and enter it on the next screen.

**SEND CODE >**

**CANCEL**

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**Step 9: Enter your confirmation code from your email. Click on “Continue”.**



### Check Your Email

We just sent a confirmation code to [REDACTED]. This code is valid for 15 minutes. Open your email in a new window to get your confirmation code.

**IMPORTANT:** Keep this window open to avoid having to start over.

Enter the one-time code we emailed you:



Didn't receive the confirmation code? [Resend the email.](#)

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**Step 10: Enter your Information based on your taxes.**



### Help us verify your identity with some basic information

If we are not able to match the information you enter with our records, you will not be able to use this online service but [other options are available to you.](#)

#### Personal Information

All information should match your latest tax return.

First Name

[Edit](#)

Last Name

[Edit](#)

Date of Birth

Month  Day  Year

Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Tax ID Number (ITIN)

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Filing Status

I have filed a tax return in the past seven years

Select filing status from your most recently filed tax return

I have not filed a tax return in the past seven years

#### Address Information

Your address must match your most recently filed tax return. [Address Help](#)

Address Line 1

Address Line 2 (Optional)

City

State / Territory

Zip Code

Country


United States

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**CANCEL**

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## Step 11: Enter your financial information and click on "Continue"



### Verify your financial account number

To prevent identity theft and protect the security of your tax information, you will need to verify your identity.

Provide one of the following active account numbers:

- Last 8 digits of credit card  
  
(We are unable to verify debit cards, corporate cards, or American Express cards)
- Student loan account number
- Auto loan account number
- Mortgage or home equity loan account number
- Home equity line of credit account number
- I don't have a current credit card, student loan, auto loan, home equity loan, or mortgage

By providing financial account information, I authorize the IRS to access my credit report for the purpose of verifying my identity.

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#### Financial account information


We will only use this information to verify your identity. You will not be charged any money and are not sharing any account balances with us.

A soft inquiry will show up on your credit report to let you know that the IRS accessed your credit report information. This will not increase or decrease your credit score and lenders will not be able to see this.

If you have a credit freeze, you authorize us to bypass that freeze to verify your identity.

If you do not wish to or cannot provide the information, you will not be able to register but other options are available to you.

## Step 12: Get Transcript. Select the tax year that you need for your tax return transcript.



Signed in as: [redacted] | [Profile](#) | [Sign Out](#)

Welcome, [redacted]

### Get Transcript

Select a reason you need a transcript: [redacted] d

Customer File Number: ?  **GO >**

You selected: [redacted]  
We suggest you download: **Return Transcript**

Below are the transcripts and years available.

Return Transcript	Record of Account Transcript
N/A	N/A
2017	2017
2016	2016
2015	2015

Account Transcript	Wage & Income Transcript
N/A	2018
2017	2017
2016	2016
2015	2015

[Show All](#) [Show All](#)

#### Glossary

**Return Transcript**  
Tax Return Transcripts show most line items from your tax return (Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ) as it was originally filed, including any accompanying forms and schedules. This transcript does not reflect any changes you, your representative or the IRS made after you filed your return. In many cases, a Return Transcript will meet the requirements of lending institutions offering mortgages and student loans.

**Record of Account Transcript**  
Record of Account Transcripts combine the information from tax account and tax return transcripts.

## Step 13: The PDF Tax Return Transcript will Open. You may now Print the report.