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## Soldier's Guide to Federal Income Tax Services and Information

**Introduction:** The Arkansas National Guard does not offer a traditional income tax center. The information in this primer is designed to provide Soldiers with basic information on federal income taxes and offer additional outside resources that are available to Servicemembers.

### Reduced Fee or Free Federal Income Tax Advice

Soldiers and Airmen can seek reduced fee or free income tax services and advice from multiple sources.

#### Military OneSource:

Military OneSource offers free income tax preparation and filing for Active-Duty service members, including National Guardsmen. For more information visit: [https://apps.militaryonesource.mil/MOS/f?p=SSO:CONSENT:0::::P1\\_ID,RETURNURL:1000,https%253A%252F%252Fwww.militaryonesourceeap.org%252Fachievements%252Fen%252Fmilitaryonesource%252Fauthenticate.do](https://apps.militaryonesource.mil/MOS/f?p=SSO:CONSENT:0::::P1_ID,RETURNURL:1000,https%253A%252F%252Fwww.militaryonesourceeap.org%252Fachievements%252Fen%252Fmilitaryonesource%252Fauthenticate.do).

#### TaxSlayer:

TaxSlayer offers free federal income tax preparation and filing for Active-Duty service members. For more information visit: <https://www.taxslayer.com/Products/discount-military-tax-filing>.

#### TurboTax:

TurboTax offers a military discount to enlisted Active-Duty service members. All enlisted Active-Duty military and reservists can file Federal and State taxes for free using TurboTax Online products. This offer is not available to commissioned officers, warrant officers, veterans, or retirees. For more information visit: <https://turbotax.intuit.com/personal-taxes/online/military-edition.jsp>.

## IRS Power of Attorney

Individuals with tax liabilities often turn to attorneys, accountants, or other professionals for assistance with the IRS. For a representative to speak to the IRS and attempt to resolve issues, the taxpayer must grant his representative power of attorney through a Form 2848. IRS Form 2848 allows a representative to call the IRS on your behalf, receive your confidential tax information, and represent you. To complete Form 2848, you must include all your personal information (name, address, social security number, etc.), the name of your appointed representative, the years for which you are granting them access and authority, and the actual tax matters for which they will be representing you. A completed Form 2848 must be submitted to the IRS (by mail or fax) before they will speak to your representative. You must file a new Form 2848 if you wish to revoke such a power of attorney.

## Additional Resources

**UALR Low Income Taxpayer Clinic:** The clinic at UALR does not offer federal tax return preparation and filing services, however, it does offer free representation for resolution of tax liability issues, for those who qualify by income. You can contact this office at 501-916-5424 or visit <http://ualr.edu/law/clinical-programs/tax-clinic/>.

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