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# Year-End Income Tax Document Checklist

	Description	<b>√</b>	Where Can I Find? Ref. #	Required Documents
General	Previous Year's Tax Return (New Clients)		21	For Reference and Review
	Driver's License		N/A	Copy of State Issued Drivers License for Taxpayer and Spouse
	Direct Deposit		22	Bank Routing and Account Number
	Dependents (NEW)		20	Name, Social Security Number and Date of Birth
	<b>Identity Protection</b>		23	Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) Assigned by the IRS for Fraud Protection
Income	<b>Employment Income</b>		1	Form W-2
	Interest Income		2	Form 1099-INT
	Dividend Income		3	Form 1099-DIV
	Social Security		4	Form SSA-1099
	Sale of Investments		7 & 8	Form 1099-B and Original Cost of Investments
	Self-Employed Income		6	Detailed Summary of Income & Expenses For Each Business (See my Year-End Documents Worksheets)
	Rental Real Estate		5	Detailed Summary of Income & Expenses For Each Property (See my Year-End Documents Worksheets)
	Pension, IRA or Retirement Income		10	Form 1099-R
	S Corps, Partnerships and Estates		N/A	Form K-1
	Payments from Venmo, Zelle and other apps		6	Form 1099-K
	Gambling Income		N/A	Form W-2G
	Unemployment and State Refunds		9	Form 1099-G (may have to access unemployment document online)
Deductions	<b>Education Tax Credit</b>		13	Form 1098-T Tuition Statement
	Student Loan Interest		12 & 19	Form 1098-E Student Loan Interest
	Medical Expenses		17	Out-of-Pocket Expenses and Health Insurance
	Mortage Interest		11 & 15	Form 1098
	Auto Loan Interest on US Assembled Vehicles		20	Year-End Interest Paid Statement Up To \$10,000 on US Assembled Vehicles
	Property Taxes and SALT Deductions		16	Property Tax Postcard, Tax Bill or Form 1098
	Charitable Contributions		18	Cash or Property Donated
Other	Purchased and/or Sale of New Home		8	HUD-1 Statement or Closing Disclosure
	Subsidized Health Insurance		14	Form 1095-A
	Childcare Tax Credit		N/A	Provider's Name, Address, Tax ID # & Amount Paid

# WHERE CAN I FIND MY TAX FORMS?

"Still Looking" for your forms? Here is where to look for various types of tax forms. Organizing these documents in advance can help avoid delays, maximize deductions, and streamline the filing process.

## Forms W-2: Wage and Tax Statement (Ref. # 1)

- Physical Mailbox: Employers are required to provide W-2 forms by January 31, either by mail or electronically.
- Online Payroll Services: Many companies use payroll providers that offer online access to Forms W-2.

#### Forms 1099: Reporting Non-Wage Income

- 1. 1099-INT (Interest Income) (Ref. # 2)
  - Banks & Credit Unions: Check your online banking account or contact your bank.
  - Brokerage Firms: If you earned interest from a brokerage, check their tax documents section.
- 2. 1099-DIV (Dividends & Capital Gains Distributions) (Ref. # 3)
  - Brokerage Firms & Mutual Fund Companies: Log in to your brokerage account.
  - Direct Stock Purchase Programs: If you hold stocks directly, check with the company's investor relations.
- 3. SSA-1099 (Social Security Income) (Ref. # 4)
  - Social Security Administration will to taxpayers by January 31.
- 4. 1099-MISC (Rents, Royalties, & Miscellaneous Income) (Ref. # 5)
  - Payers (Businesses or Individuals Who Paid You): If you received rent, royalties, or other qualifying income, check with the company or person who issued the payment.
  - Online Platforms: If you rent property through a platform, they may issue your 1099-MISC.
- 5. 1099-NEC (Nonemployee Compensation) (Ref. # 6)
  - Clients & Employers Who Paid You as an Independent Contractor: If you are a freelancer, consultant, or gig worker, check with clients who paid you \$600 or more.
  - Freelance Platforms: Many gig economy companies provide 1099-NEC forms online.
- 6. 1099-B (Stock & Investment Sales) (Ref. # 7)
  - Brokerage Firms: Log in to your investment account and check the tax documents section.
  - Crypto Exchanges: If you sold cryptocurrency, you might receive a 1099-B.
- 7. 1099-S (Real Estate Transactions) (Ref. # 8)
  - Title Companies, Escrow Agents, or Attorneys: If you sold real estate, the closing agent who handled the sale should provide the 1099-S and closing disclosure.
- 8. 1099-G (Unemployment & State Tax Refunds) (Ref. # 9)
  - State Unemployment: Check your state's unemployment website, many allow you to download Form 1099-G.
  - State Tax Agencies: If you received a state tax refund last year, the state's tax department may issue a 1099-G.
- 9. 1099-R (Retirement Distributions) (Ref. # 10)
  - Financial Institutions should issue a Form 1099-R if you withdrew money from your retirement account.
  - Government Agencies should issue a Form 1099-R if you received a government pension.

# Forms 1098: Reporting Deductible Expenses

- 1. 1098 (Mortgage Interest Statement) (Ref. # 11)
  - Mortgage Lender is required to provide this form if you paid \$600 or more in interest during the year.
  - Most Online Loan Account lenders provide digital copies in the tax documents section of their websites.
- 2. 1098-E (Student Loan Interest Statement) (Ref. # 12)
  - Student Loan Servicer should provide the form if you paid \$600 or more in student loan interest.
  - Most Online Loan Account servicers allow you to download the 1098-E from the tax documents section.
- 3. 1098-T (Tuition Statement) (Ref. # 13)
  - Schools issue 1098-T forms to students who paid qualified tuition and education expenses.
  - Most University Student Portals allow you to access and download your 1098-T form online.

# WHERE CAN I FIND MY TAX FORMS? (CONT'D)

## **Healthcare Forms: Proof of Insurance Coverage**

- 1. 1095-A (Marketplace Insurance Statement) (Ref. # 14)
  - Healthcare.gov or State Exchange: If you are enrolled in a health plan through the Marketplace, Form 1095-A should be mailed to the address on file by January 31 or you can log in to HealthCare.gov or your state's health exchange website.
  - Customer Service: If you do not receive it, call the Marketplace call center at (800) 318-2596.
- 2. 1095-B (Health Coverage Statement)
  - Insurance Providers should issue Form 1095-B proof health coverage.
  - Health Insurance Portal: Many insurers provide a downloadable version in their online account portals.
- 3. 1095-C (Employer-Provided Health Coverage Statement)
  - Employer: If your company offers health insurance to employees, they are responsible for issuing this form.
  - Online Payroll or Benefits Portal: Some employers provide the form through online portals.

# **Tax-Deductible Expense Records**

- 1. Mortgage Interest (Reported on Form 1098) (Ref. # 15)
  - Mortgage Lender are required to issue Form 1098 if you paid \$600 or more in mortgage interest.
  - Online Mortgage Account: Check your lender's tax documents section.
- 2. State and Local Taxes (SALT Deductions) (Ref. # 16)
  - Property Taxes: Find your annual property tax bill from your local tax authority or mortgage servicer.
  - State & Local Income Taxes Paid: Check your W-2 (Box 17) or state tax return for payments made last year.
  - Sales Tax: If you made large purchases (e.g., a car or boat), keep receipts for state sales tax deductions.
- 3. Medical Expenses (Exceeding 7.5% of AGI) (Ref. # 17)
  - Health Insurance Provider: Many insurers provide an annual statement of payments made.
  - Doctors and Pharmacies: Request year-end statements for bills, prescriptions, and out of pocket expenses.
  - Receipts for Eligible Expenses: Include receipts for copays, deductibles, and qualifying medical costs.
- 4. Charitable Contributions (With Receipts) (Ref. # 18)
  - Donation Receipts from Charities: Charities should provide receipts for any donation of \$250 or more.
  - Bank or Credit Card Statements: These serve as proof of smaller donations.
  - Non-Cash Donations: If donating goods, keep detailed receipts and photos for valuation purposes.
- 5. Student Loan Interest (Ref. # 19)
  - Student Loan Servicer should provide the form if you paid \$600 or more in student loan interest.
  - Online Loan Account: Many servicers provide downloadable tax documents.
- 6. Auto Loan Interest Paid on US Assembled Vehicles Up To \$10,000
  - Auto Loan Servicer should issue year-end interest paid statement.
- 7. Business or Job-Related Expenses for Self-Employed of 1099 Workers
  - Receipts & Invoices: Keep records of supplies, equipment, travel, and home office costs.
  - Mileage Logs: Use a mileage tracking app if claiming business vehicle expenses.
  - Bank & Credit Card Statements: Useful for verifying business-related purchases.

### **Identifying Information**

- 1. Social Security Number (SSN) (Ref. # 20)
  - Social Security Card: Your SSN is printed on your Social Security card.
  - Tax Returns or W-2s: Your SSN is listed on previous tax returns, W-2s, or 1099s.
  - SSA Website: You can apply for a replacement Social Security card online at SSA.gov.
- 2. Previous Year's Tax Return (For Reference & E-Filing Identity Verification) (Ref. # 21)
  - IRS Online Account: If you e-filed, you can log in to your IRS account at IRS.gov to view past returns.
  - Tax Preparation Software: If you used online software last year, log in to your account and download a copy.
  - Tax Preparer or Accountant: If a CPA or tax professional prepared your taxes, they may have a copy.
- 3. Bank Account Information (For Direct Deposit of Refunds) (Ref. # 22)
  - Online Banking: Log in to your online bank account to find your routing and account numbers.
  - Checkbook: The numbers are printed at the bottom of a personal check.
  - Previous Tax Return: If you used direct deposit before, your banking details may be on last year's return.
- 4. Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) (If Assigned by the IRS for Fraud Protection) (Ref. # 23)
  - IRS Online Account: Log in to IRS.gov to retrieve your IP PIN under the "Get an IP PIN" tool.
  - IRS Letter (CP01A Notice): If you were assigned an IP PIN, the IRS mails a new one each year.
  - IRS Help Line (800-908-4490): Call the Identity Protection Specialized Unit if you lost your IP PIN.