

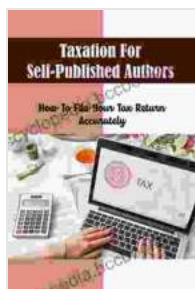
How to File Your Tax Return Accurately: A Comprehensive Guide to Empowering Taxpayers

: Embracing Tax Filing with Confidence

The annual tax filing season can be a daunting task for individuals and businesses alike. Navigating the complexities of tax laws and ensuring accuracy can be a challenge without the proper guidance. To empower taxpayers and alleviate the stress associated with tax preparation, this comprehensive guide provides a step-by-step approach to filing your tax return accurately.

Chapter 1: Gathering Essential Information

Before embarking on the tax filing process, it is crucial to compile the necessary documents and information. This includes your Social Security number, income statements, deduction records, and any other relevant paperwork. Organizing your documents in advance will streamline the filing process and minimize errors.



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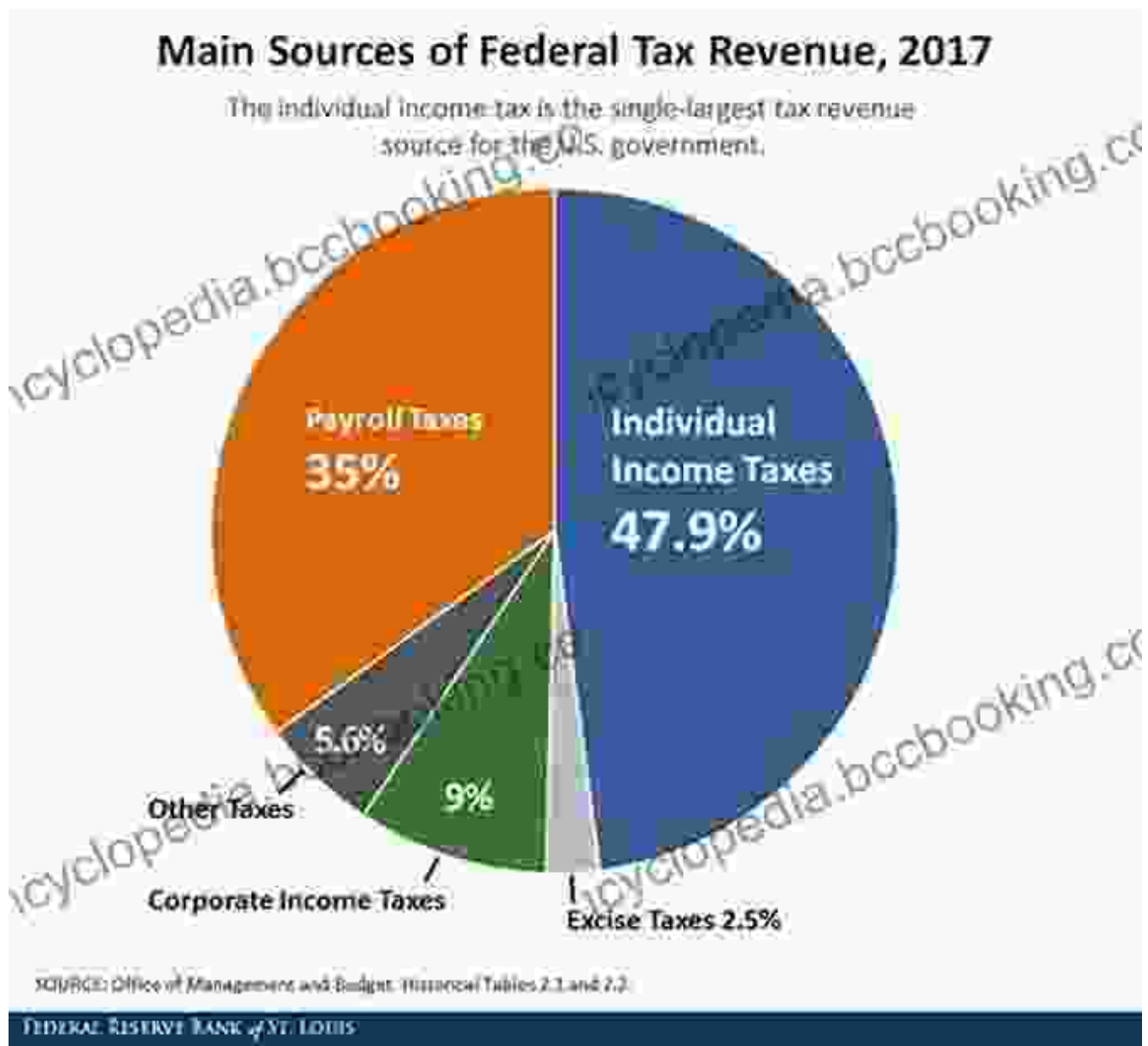
Chapter 2: Selecting the Appropriate Filing Method

Depending on your circumstances, you can choose from various filing methods, including:

- **Electronic Filing:** Utilizing tax filing software or online services for quick, convenient, and secure submissions.
- **Paper Filing:** Downloading and completing IRS tax forms and mailing them to the designated address.
- **Professional Tax Preparer:** Hiring a qualified tax preparer if you require expert assistance or have complex tax situations.

Chapter 3: Calculating Your Income

Accurately calculating your income is the foundation for a successful tax return. This involves identifying and totaling all sources of income, such as wages, salaries, investments, dividends, and self-employment earnings. The IRS provides detailed instructions on how to report various income types.



Chapter 4: Itemizing or Standard Deductions

Determining whether to itemize or take the standard deduction is crucial to maximizing your tax savings. Itemizing involves listing all eligible expenses, while the standard deduction is a set amount based on your filing status. Comparing both options and selecting the one that yields the greater tax benefit is essential.

STANDARD DEDUCTION		
	Pre-existing law	New law
Married filing jointly	\$13,000	\$24,000
Head of household	\$9,550	\$18,000
Single/married filing separately	\$6,500	\$12,000
<i>Additional aged/blind</i>		
Single/head of household	\$1,600	\$1,600
All other filing statuses	\$1,300	\$1,300

Chapter 5: Understanding Tax Credits and Deductions

Tax credits directly reduce your tax liability, while deductions reduce your taxable income. Familiarizing yourself with eligible tax credits and deductions, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, child tax credit, and mortgage interest deduction, can significantly impact your tax refund or tax liability.

TAX DEDUCTIONS MASTER LIST

Lessen your tax load with the help of these tax deductions!

Fees for tax preparation	Job searching expenses	Medical and dental expenses	Charitable contributions	Home improvement	Mortgage interest deduction
Home renovation	Savings penalty charged from the early withdrawal	Payment for jury duty	Investment fees	Health insurance (for self-employed individuals)	
Local and state sales tax	Lobby expenses	State, local, and foreign taxes	Interest and dividends	Legal fees	Gambling losses
Airfare	Moving expenses	Bail bond deduction	Safe deposit boxes	TAXRELIEFCENTER.ORG	

Visit us at <http://help.taxreliefcenter.org/types-tax-deductions> for details!

Chapter 6: Reporting Capital Gains and Losses

If you have sold stocks, bonds, or other investments during the tax year, you must report the capital gains or losses. The IRS classifies gains and losses as short-term or long-term, which affects how they are taxed.

Accurate reporting of capital transactions is crucial to avoid overpaying taxes.

Series 4: Tax Loss Harvesting & Carryover of Capital Losses



A tax loss can be a valuable asset.

Chapter 7: Common Tax Mistakes to Avoid

Understanding common tax mistakes can prevent costly errors and potential penalties from the IRS. Some common pitfalls to avoid include:

- Incorrectly reporting income or expenses.
- Failing to claim eligible tax credits and deductions.
- Missing important filing deadlines.
- Not keeping proper documentation.

Chapter 8: Filing Your Tax Return

Once you have completed all the necessary calculations and gathered your supporting documents, it's time to file your tax return. Whether you choose electronic or paper filing, ensure that you review your return carefully before submitting it to the IRS.

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Chapter 9: Responses to IRS Notices and Audits

In some cases, you may receive a notice from the IRS requesting additional information or auditing your return. Understanding how to respond appropriately to these notices and conducting thorough record-keeping can help resolve any issues efficiently.



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Philadelphia, PA 19255-0430

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2D BARCODE
Notice: CP518
Tax year: 2016
Notice date: January 30, 2017
Social security number: 1234-5678-9010
To contact us: Phone 1-800-829-4829
Your caller ID: 1234
Select code
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ADR barcode

We still haven't received your 2016 Form 1040
You must file your 2016 tax return

We sent you previous notices asking you to file your Form 1040 for 2016. However, we still haven't received a response from you.

What you need to do immediately

File your 2016 tax return electronically or by mail

- Complete and sign your return, provide your current address, include a payment for any tax due, and mail it to us in the enclosed envelope (or electronically through an e-file provider (only available within 90 days of the original due date of the return))
- Pay online now at www.irs.gov/payments or mail your payment with your return.

If you can't pay the amount due, pay as much as you can now and make payment arrangements that allow you to pay off the rest over time. Review all of our payment options in the payment options section of this notice.

If you think we made a mistake

Complete the enclosed Response form to tell us you already filed a return or why you think you don't have to file one. Mail your completed Response form to us in the enclosed envelope.

If we don't hear from you

- We may determine your tax for you.
- Penalty and interest charges will accrue on any unpaid balance we determine you owe.
- You may lose your refund if you don't file your return. If you are due a refund but aren't holding on estimated taxes, you must file your return to claim it by April 15, 2017, plus any extensions of time to file. This rule applies to the right to claim tax credits such as the Earned Income Credit.
- If we owe you a refund for another tax year, your return may delay your refund payment from that other year.

: Empowering Taxpayers with Accuracy

With the guidance provided in this comprehensive guide, individuals and businesses can confidently navigate the tax filing process, ensuring accuracy, reducing potential errors, and maximizing their tax savings. Remember, tax laws and regulations are constantly evolving. Staying updated with the latest information and seeking professional assistance

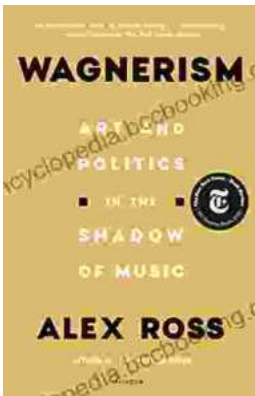
when necessary can ensure that your tax returns are filed accurately and efficiently.



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