



Preparing Virginia Immigrant Families for 2026 Tax Season

Filing taxes can be difficult, especially for immigrants who are not familiar with the system, do not speak much English, or want better advice to avoid scams. Community organizations play a very important role in supporting their clients and the community during tax season. They can guide people to use safe and free services, if they qualify, such as the [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance \(VITA\) program](#), and help them look up a [VITA site](#) online using the official locator to find free and secure help near where they live. **The tax filing deadline is April 15, 2026.**

To make this process easier, our office has also prepared a short list of helpful tax information resources that you can share with your clients and the community.

Resources

- [What You Need to Know to File Taxes in 2026](#)
Learn about important changes for the 2026 tax season, including filing deadlines, income requirements, and available tax credits.
- [What to Bring to a Tax Appointment \(Tax Checklist\)](#)
A simple checklist to help you gather all the documents you need before meeting with a tax preparer.
- [Free Tax Preparation Assistance \(VITA\)](#)
The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax preparation for low-income individuals and families. Information is available in seven languages.
- [AARP Tax-Aide](#)
A free service for people age 50 and older, or anyone who needs help with simple tax returns—available both online and in person.
- [211 Virginia](#)
Dial 211 or visit website to find a nearby free tax preparation program, such as a VITA site or a Low Income Taxpayer Clinic.

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refugees in Virginia, visit <https://www.dss.virginia.gov/community/ona/>*



-  **[GetYourRefund](#)**
Low-income individuals can file taxes for free online in less than an hour. The website is available in English and Spanish.
-  **[Switchboard Supporting Newcomers with U.S. Income Taxes](#)**
A helpful resource for service providers and community members supporting immigrants who are new to the U.S. tax system.
-  **[USAHello How to file income tax for new immigrants](#)**
Learn the basics of U.S. taxes in simple language, including who needs to file, what forms you need, how to file a tax return, and special information for immigrants, including resident vs. nonresident status, ITINs, undocumented people, and those with visas. Tips to avoid scams and fraud.
-  **[Low Income Taxpayer Clinic \(LITC\) and Taxpayer Advocate Service.](#)**
Find free or low-cost legal help for IRS tax problems, learn who qualifies based on income, what Low Income Taxpayer Clinics can do for you, and how to locate a clinic near you if you need help responding to an IRS notice, audit, or other tax issue.
-  **[IRS, DHS & ITIN Updates](#)**
Get updates on how IRS and DHS share taxpayer information, recent changes affecting ITIN holders, and guidance for undocumented immigrants on tax filing and safety considerations.
-  **[IRS Resources for the 2026 Tax Return Filing Season](#)**
Quick IRS resource sheet (English-Spanish) with info on where to get help, free tax prep, important tax credits, and tips to avoid scams for the 2026 tax season.

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