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Got questions about your US tax requirements?

Check out our FAQs!

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I am a nonresident in the US. Do I need to file any tax documents?

If you earned an income during your time living as a nonresident in the US, you must file a tax return to stay compliant with your visa's tax obligations.



I didn't earn an income. Do I still have to file a tax return?

If you were in the US during the tax year on an F, J, M or Q visa status, and you didn't receive any income, you should only file Form 8843 (Statement for Exempt Individual) instead of a tax return.

Sprintax will help you prepare your Form 8843 easily online!

What documents do I need to prepare my tax return?

To file your tax return, you'll need:

- › Your passport
- › Your US entry and exit dates for current and all previous visits
- › Every tax form you've received (including Forms W-2, 1042-S and/or 1099, etc.)
- › Your visa/immigration status information, including Form DS-2019 (for J visa holders) or Form I-20 (for F visa holders)
- › Your Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

Can I file taxes without an SSN or ITIN?

No.

You will need a tax identification number in order to file your tax documents. This will either be your SSN or ITIN.

You must include your TIN on all tax related documents.





What is a tax residency status?

Your residency status identifies whether you are deemed a resident alien or nonresident alien. This affects how you will be taxed in the US.

You are considered a nonresident for tax purposes if you do not have a green card and you can't pass the substantial presence test (and you are not a US citizen or national).

You can easily determine your US tax residency status with Sprintax.

How can I find out my tax residency status?

The substantial presence test is the best way to work this out. It identifies foreign individuals who spend a lot of time in the US as resident aliens. For this test you must be physically present in the US on at least:

- ✘ 31 days during the current year, and
- ✘ 183 days during the 3 year period that includes the current year and the 2 years immediately before that, including:
 - ✘ All the days you were present in the current year, and
 - ✘ 1/3 of the days you were present in the first year before the current year, and
 - ✘ 1/6 of the days you were present in the second year before the current year



What income will I need to pay tax on in the US?

If you earned an income, you should file a Form 1040-NR federal tax return. If you earned the following, you'll need to file a return:

- ✘ On-campus and off-campus employment
- ✘ Scholarship/fellowship grants/stipends
- ✘ Graduate or teaching assistantships
- ✘ Salary for a teaching or research appointment

Do I need to file a state tax return?

Depending on the tax rules of the state in which you lived and/or worked, you may also need to file a state return. If you are required to file a state tax return, Sprintax can help you prepare the documents you need.



When is the tax deadline?

The deadline to file your tax documents for the previous tax year is **15 April**.

What if I miss that deadline?

It's very important to file before the deadline. If you miss the deadline and your tax documents are late, you may incur late filing penalties from the IRS. You may also jeopardise your future US visa applications.



I earned an income and overpaid tax. Can I claim a tax refund?

Yes.

Some nonresidents in the US are entitled to a tax refund at the end of the year, especially if they overpaid tax. You can claim your refund by filing your tax documents before the tax deadline.



What if I underpaid tax and need to send money to the IRS?

If you underpaid your taxes, you will need to pay the amount that is due to the tax office before the tax filing deadline.

You have various options to pay this. It can be done by check, bank transfer or credit/debit card.



I am from a country that has a tax treaty with the US. What does this mean for me?

The US has signed treaty agreements with more than 60 countries.

If you are entitled to claim tax treaty benefits, you may be fully or partially exempt from paying tax in the US.



I made a mistake on my tax return! What should I do?

If you submit incorrect information on your tax return, you will need to correct this as soon as possible. This is done by completing and filing a form 1040X (Amended US Individual Income Tax Return).

Sprintax can help you to amend your tax documents and complete your Federal amended tax return. Simply create an account or login to your existing one and tick the box next to "I want to correct my tax return I already sent to the IRS" for the relevant tax year. Next, simply click on Edit and you will be able to proceed with amending your application.

What are the benefits of using Sprintax?

By using Sprintax, you can guarantee your compliance with the IRS and that you receive your maximum US tax refund. You can prepare every tax document you need (including federal and state tax returns, Form 8843 and more) online in minutes.

What's more, if you have any questions about your US tax requirements, [you can check out our knowledge base.](#)



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