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With the constant changes and new provisions, it pays to have a professional tracking all the potential tax breaks for clients, who may miss them on their own. Just one extra deduction or tax credit can more than cover the fee paid to a professional tax preparer. Also, be aware as well that you should avoid certain fee setups. For example, don't use a tax preparer who bases the fee on a percentage of your tax refund...highly unethical and dangerous from an IRS audit standpoint.

In most cases, we are near or below the national averages per form. We typically take into consideration the time that it takes to prepare each form and sometimes the "charge by form" method overstates the price based on actual time spent, so we will enter a discount on the invoice to adjust the total cost when appropriate.

Our individual tax preparation pricing is mostly based on the National Society of Accountants annual survey of over 8,000 preparers nationwide. In 2015, the average fee for a professional to prepare and submit a 1040 and state return with no itemized deductions is \$176, the average fee for an itemized 1040 with Schedule A and a state tax return is \$273, and the average fee for an itemized 1040 with Schedule C and a state tax return is \$457 per the biennial survey from the NSA. The survey also reported the average fees for preparing additional Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax forms, including: \$174 for a Form 1040 Schedule C (business), \$634 for a Form 1065 (partnership), \$817 for a Form 1120 (corporation), \$778 for a Form 1120S (S corporation), \$457 for a Form 1041 (fiduciary), \$126 for Schedule E (rental) & \$158 for Schedule F (farm).

It is important to understand that every tax return is different. The forms necessary to complete your tax return may vary from year to year as your situation changes. For that reason, final pricing is always subject to a client's individual situation and the complexity of their return. The following is a breakdown to show some of the more common returns and how our pricing works:

| Simple Individual Tax Return | |
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| Form 1040 | \$175 |
| Standard Deduction | Included |
| State (1st State Included) | Included |
| E-file | Included |
| 1 W-2 | \$10 |
| Total | \$185 |

| Typical Sole Proprietor Return | |
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| Form 1040 | \$175 |
| Schedule A | \$100 |
| Schedule C | \$150 |
| Auto Worksheet | \$25 |
| Form 8829 Business Use of Home | \$25 |
| Other forms: child care, cap gains, education credits, W-2's, etc) | \$50 |
| State (1st State Included) | Included |
| E-file | Included |
| Total | \$525 |

| Typical Individual Tax Return | |
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| Form 1040 | \$175 |
| Schedule A | \$100 |
| Other forms: (child care, W-2's, etc) | \$50 |
| State (1st State Included) | Included |
| E-file | Included |
| Total | \$325 |



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Tax Preparation Schedule of Fees by Form

Rates Effective January 1, 2017

| <u>Form</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Price</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|------------------------|--|--------------|-------------------------|
| 990 | Tax Exempt Organization | \$600 | minimum * |
| 1040 | U.S. Individual Income Tax Return | \$175 | per form |
| 1040 Schedule A | Itemized Deductions | \$100 | per form |
| 1040 Schedule B | Interest and Ordinary Dividends | \$10 | per item |
| 1040 Schedule C | Profit or Loss from Business (Sole Proprietorship/LLC) | \$150 | per business |
| 1040 Schedule C-EZ | Profit or Loss from Business - EZ Form (Sole Proprietorship/LLC) | \$50 | per business |
| 1040 Schedule D | Capital Gains and Losses | \$10 | per item (\$25 minimum) |
| 1040 Schedule E (pg 1) | Supplemental Income and Loss (Page 1 Rental Properties) | \$125 | per rental ** |
| 1040 Schedule E (pg 2) | Supplemental Income and Loss (Page 2 Partnerships/S Corps) | \$25 | per form |
| 1040 Schedule EIC | Earned Income Credit | \$100 | per form |
| 1040 Schedule F | Profit or Loss from Farming | \$125 | per form ** |
| 1040 Schedule H | Household Employment Taxes (Nanny Tax) | \$50 | per form |
| 1040 Schedule R | Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled | \$25 | per form |
| 1040 Schedule SE | Self-Employment Tax | \$0 | per form |
| 1040-A | U.S. Individual Income Tax Return | \$125 | per form |
| 1040-ES | Estimated Tax for Individuals | \$15 | per form |
| 1040-X | Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return | \$200 | per form |
| 1041 | U.S. Income Tax Return for Estates and Trusts | \$450 | minimum * |
| 1045 | Application for Tentative Refund | \$200 | per form |
| 1065 | U.S. Return of Partnership Income (with two k-1's) | \$575 | minimum * |
| 1065 (w Sch L) | U.S. Return of Partnership Income (Businesses over \$250K of Gross Revenues or \$1 Million in Assets) | \$750 | minimum * |
| 1096 | Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Info Returns | \$50 | per form |
| 1099 | Miscellaneous Income | \$10 | per form |
| 1099-R | Retirement/Pension/IRA Distribution | \$10 | Per form |
| 1116 | Foreign Tax Credit (Individual, Estate, or Trust) | \$0 | per form |
| 1118 | Foreign Tax Credit (Corporation) | \$50 | per form |
| 1120 | U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return | \$575 | minimum * |
| 1120 (w Sch L) | U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return (Businesses over \$250K of Gross Revenues or \$250K in Assets) | \$750 | minimum * |
| 1120-S | U.S. Income Tax Return for an S Corporation (with one k-1) | \$550 | minimum * |
| 1120-S (w Sch L) | U.S. Income Tax Return for an S Corporation (Businesses over \$250K of Gross Revenues or \$250K in Assets) | \$750 | minimum * |
| 2106 | Employee Business Expense | \$25 | per form |
| 2106-EZ | Employee Business Expense (Short Form) | \$15 | per form |
| 2210 | Underpayment of Estimated Tax | \$0 | per form |
| 2441 | Child and Dependent Care Expense | \$25 | per form |
| 2555 | Foreign Earned Income | \$75 | per form |
| 2555 pg 3 | Foreign Earned Income (Page 3) | \$25 | per form |

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| 3800 | General Business Credit | \$50 | per form |
| 3903 | Moving Expenses | \$25 | per form |
| 4136 | Credit for Federal Tax Paid on Fuels | \$25 | per form |
| 4137 | Tax on Unreported Tips | \$25 | per form |
| 4562 | Depreciation and Amortization | \$10 | per item (\$25 minimum) |
| 4684 | Casualties and Thefts | \$50 | per casualty/theft |
| 4797 | Sale of Business Property | \$75 | per item |
| 4835 | Farm Rental Income and Expenses | \$50 | per item |
| 4868 | Application for Extension to File U.S. Individual Return | \$50 | per form |
| 4952 | Investment Interest Expense Deduction | \$25 | per form |
| 4972 | Tax on Lump-Sum Distributions | \$75 | per form |
| 5329 | Additional Taxes Attributable to Qualified Retirement Plans | \$25 | per form |
| 5405 | First Time Homebuyers Credit | \$25 | per form |
| 5695 | Residential Energy Credits | \$25 | per form |
| 6198 | At Risk Limitations | \$25 | per form |
| 6251 | AMT Alternative Minimum Tax | \$0 | per form |
| 6252 | Installment Sale Income (first year) | \$100 | per form |
| 6252 | Installment Sale Income (subsequent years) | \$25 | per form |
| 6781 | Gain or Loss from Section 1256 Contracts and Straddles | \$10 | per item (\$25 minimum) |
| 8283 | Non-Cash Charitable Contributions | \$10 | per item |
| 8332 | Exemption Release Divorced or Separated Parents | \$25 | per form |
| 8379 | Injured Spouse Claim and Allocation | \$75 | per form |
| 8582 | Passive Activity Loss Limitations | \$0 | per form |
| 8606 | Nondeductible IRA | \$25 | per form |
| 8615 | Tax for Children under 18 who have Investment Income | \$25 | per form |
| 8801 | Credit for Prior Year Minimum Tax | \$25 | per form |
| 8812 | Additional Child Credit | \$0 | per form |
| 8814 | Parent's Election to Report Child's Interest and Dividends | \$25 | per form |
| 8824 | Like Kind Exchanges | \$100 | per form |
| 8829 | Business Use of Home (simplified option) | \$25 | per form |
| 8834 | Qualified Electric Vehicle Credit | \$25 | per form |
| 8839 | Qualified Adoption Expenses | \$50 | per form |
| 8846 | Credit for Employer Soc. Sec. and Medicare taxes on tips | \$25 | per form |
| 8853 | Archer MSAs and Long-Term Care Insurance Contracts | \$25 | per form |
| 8863 | Education Credits | \$25 | per form |
| 8880 | Qualified Retirement Savings Contribution Credit | \$10 | per form |
| 8889 | Health Savings Account | \$15 | per form |
| 8910 | Alternative Motor Vehicle Credit | \$25 | per form |
| 8917 | Tuition & Fees Deduction | \$25 | per form |
| 8938 | Statement of Foreign Assets | \$35 | per form |
| 8949 | Sales and Other Dispositions of Assets | \$5 | per item |
| 8959 | 0.9% \$200,000 Employment Tax (additional Medicare Tax) | \$25 | per form |
| 8960 | 3.8% Net Investment Income Tax | \$25 | per form |
| K-1s | Inc, Loss, Div of Partners or Shareholders | \$25 | per form |
| W-2 | Wage and employee tax statement | \$10 | per form |
| Credit Card Fee | Fee for paying preparation fees with a credit/debit card | 3.5% | 3.5% added to invoice |

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| State | State Return (first) | Included | first state |
| State (additional) | State Return (additional returns after the first) | \$50-\$75 | additional states |
| E-file | Federal and state tax returns | Included | |

*** Pricing Based on Complexity of Return ** Any additional bookkeeping necessary will be charged at \$75 per hour.**