

A 2016 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be obtained through:

- Get Transcript by MAIL – Go to www.irs.gov, under the Tools heading, click “Get a tax transcript.” Click “Get Transcript by MAIL.” Make sure to request the “IRS Tax Return Transcript” and **NOT** the “IRS Tax Account Transcript.” The transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS’s receipt of the online request.
- Get Transcript ONLINE – Go to www.irs.gov, under the Tools heading, click “Get a tax transcript.” Click “Get Transcript ONLINE.” Make sure to request the “IRS Tax Return Transcript” and **NOT** the “IRS Tax Account Transcript.” To use the Get Transcript Online tool, the user must have (1) access to a valid email address, (2) a text-enabled mobile phone (pay-as-you-go plans cannot be used) in the user’s name, and (3) specific financial account numbers (such as a credit card number or account number for a home mortgage or auto loan). The transcript displays online upon successful completion of the IRS’s two-step authentication.
- Automated Telephone Request – 1-800-908-9946. Transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS’s receipt of the telephone request.
- Paper Request Form – IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T. Transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS’s receipt of the telephone request.

Individuals Granted a Filing Extension by the IRS

An individual who is required to file a 2016 IRS income tax return and has been granted a filing extension by the IRS beyond the automatic six-month extension for tax year 2016, must provide:

- A copy of IRS Form 4868, “Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return,” that was filed with the IRS for tax year 2016;
- A copy of the IRS’s approval of an extension beyond the automatic six-month extension for tax year 2016;
- Verification of Non-filing Letter from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2017;
- A copy of IRS Form W-2 for each source of employment income received or an equivalent document for tax year 2016 and,
- If self-employed, a signed statement certifying the amount of the individual’s Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) and the U.S. income tax paid for tax year 2016.

Individuals Who Filed an Amended IRS Income Tax Return

An individual who filed an amended IRS income tax return for tax year 2016 must provide:

- **A 2016 IRS Tax Return Transcript** (that will only include information from the original tax return and does not have to be signed), or any other IRS transcript(s) that includes all of the income and tax information required to be verified; **and**
- A signed copy of the 2016 IRS Form 1040X, “Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return,” that was filed with the IRS.

Individuals Who Were Victims of IRS Tax-Related Identity Theft

An individual who was the victim of IRS tax-related identity theft must provide:

- A Tax Return DataBase View (TRDBV) transcript obtained from the IRS, or any other IRS tax transcript(s) that includes all of the income and tax information required to be verified;
and
- A statement signed and dated by the tax filer indicating that he or she was a victim of ITS tax-related identity theft and that the IRS is aware of the tax-related identity theft.

Individuals Who Filed A Non-IRS Income Tax Return

- A tax filer who filed an income tax return with Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands may provide a signed copy of his or her income tax return that was filed with the relevant tax authority. However, if we question the accuracy of the information on the signed copy of the income tax return, the tax filer must provide us with a copy of the tax account information issued by the relevant tax authority before verification can be completed.
- A tax filer who filed an income tax return with the tax authority for American Samoa must provide a copy of his or her tax account information.
- A tax filer who filed an income tax return with tax authorities not mentioned above, i.e. a foreign tax authority, and who indicates that he or she is unable to obtain the tax account information free of charge, must provide documentation that the tax authority charges a fee to obtain that information, along with a signed copy of his or her income tax return that was filed with the relevant tax authority.

Individuals Who Did Not File An Income Tax Return

- Get Transcript ONLINE – Go to www.irs.gov, under the Tools heading, click “Get a tax transcript.” Click “Get Transcript ONLINE.” Make sure to request the “IRS Tax Return Transcript.”
- Paper Request Form – IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T

You must follow the steps to request a Transcript. You will receive a **Verification of Non-filing Letter**. This is proof that the IRS has no record of a filed Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ for the year you requested. It doesn’t indicate whether you were required to file a return for that year. This letter is available after June 15 for the current tax year or anytime for the prior three tax years using Get Transcript Online or Form 4506-T. You must use Form 4506-T if you need a letter for tax years older than the prior three years.