

## Tax Focus Worksheet – Tax Year 2023

Your careful completion of this worksheet will help us to ensure that we prepare an accurate and expedient tax return, as well as maximize your deductions and credits. The questions apply to both you and your spouse, if applicable. Please provide any relevant documentation and details for questions to which you answered yes. If you're unclear about a question, check the "?" box and we'll follow up with you about it.

				Part I: Annual Essential Questions
YES	NO	N/A	?	
				1. Did you make any estimated tax payments for 2023? If yes, please provide a list of dates and amounts paid for both federal and state, if applicable.
				2. Did your bank account for direct deposit change? If yes, please provide a voided check.
				3. Did you buy, sell, or mine any virtual currency (e.g. Bitcoin)?
				4. Did you refinance a home or rental property? If yes, please provide the settlement statement.
				5. At any time during the year, did you have foreign assets or an interest in a bank or other financial account in a foreign country?
				6. Were you the grantor, transferor, or beneficiary of a foreign trust?
				7. Do you wish for your tax preparer to be able to discuss your return directly with the IRS as your Third Party Designee?
				8. Do you want to designate \$3.00 to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund?
				9. Will you retire or do you expect a large fluctuation in your income, deductions, or withholding in 2024?
				10. Did your address, phone number, or email change from last year's tax return?

				Part II: Family
YES	NO	N/A	?	
				1. Did your marital status change?
				2. Were you permanently and totally disabled?
				3. Were you an active member of the U.S. Armed Forces?
				4a. Do you have dependents who must file a tax return?
				4b. If you answered yes to the preceding question, do you want us to prepare their return(s)?
				5. Are all your dependents U.S. citizens or residents?
				6. Has there been any change to the dependents that you're claiming on your tax return (e.g. shared custody, high school graduate)?
				7. Did you support any other person living in your household?
				8a. Did you pay wages of \$2,600 or more to any individual for domestic services (e.g. nanny, housekeeper, or in-home care worker)? If so, please provide the W-2 that you issued to them.
				8b. If you answered yes to the preceding question, did you pay total wages of \$1,000 or more in any calendar quarter to all household employees?
				9a. Did you incur adoption expenses?
				9b. If you answered yes to the preceding question, was it for a special-needs child?
				10. Did you have any taxable distributions from an ABLE account?
				Part III: Income
YES	NO	N/A	?	
				1. Did you receive any W-2 wages? If yes, please provide the W-2.
				2. Did you receive any interest or dividends? If yes, please provide the 1099-INT or 1099-DIV.
				3. Did you receive tip income not reported to your employer?
				4. Did you receive any disability payments, either taxable or non-taxable?

				5. Did you receive any miscellaneous income (e.g. prizes, jury duty)?
				6. Did you receive any Social Security income? If yes, please provide the 1099-SSA.
				7. Did you receive any unemployment income? If yes, please provide the 1099-G.
				8. Did you receive any income from legal proceedings, cancelation of student loans, or other indebtedness during the year?
				9a. Did you pay or receive alimony?
				9b. If you answered yes to the preceding question, what was the date of your final divorce decree?
				10. Did you have any gambling winnings? If yes, please provide the W-2G, as well as details about any gambling losses incurred.
				11. Did a lender cancel any of your mortgage or credit card debt? If yes, please provide the 1099-A or 1099-C.
				12. Did you collect on any installment contract during the year?
l				Part IV: Retirement Accounts
YES	NO	N/A	?	Part IV: Retirement Accounts
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		<b>N/A</b>		Did you receive income from a pension, profit-sharing plan,
		N/A		<ol> <li>Did you receive income from a pension, profit-sharing plan, annuity, or IRA? If yes, please provide the 1099-R.</li> <li>If you reached age 73 after 12/30/2022, have you taken the required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA(s) or 401k(s)? If you're unsure, please provide the year-end statement for all IRA or 401k accounts from December 31 of the year prior to your</li> </ol>
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(Note: Some states may have earlier due dates.)

6. Did you, or do you plan to, make a contribution before April 15, 2024 to a traditional or Roth IRA for the previous calendar year?

7. If you have self-employment income, do you want to make a

				SEP retirement plan contribution?
				Part V: Investments
YES	NO	N/A	?	
				1. Did you buy or sell any stocks or bonds? If yes, please provide the 1099-B or the broker and cost basis information.
				2. Did you cash in any U.S. savings bonds or have any that reached final maturity? If yes, please provide the 1099-INT.
				3. Did any of your dependents have investment income (interest, dividends, stock sales) greater than \$1,150?
				4. Did you receive stock from a bonus plan with your employer? If yes, please provide a statement detailing each transaction.
				5. Did you make a loan at an interest rate below the market rate?
				Part VI: Real Estate Transactions & Loans
YES	NO	N/A	?	Part VI: Real Estate Transactions & Loans
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l				Part VII: Deductions & Credits
YES	NO	N/A	?	
				1. Did you purchase a hybrid or electric vehicle? If yes, please provide the purchase receipt and note whether it's new or used.
				2. Did you make any energy-efficient improvements (remodel or new construction) to your home?
				3. Did you purchase and place in service any solar electric, solar water heating, fuel cells, small wind energy, or geothermal heat pump to any property you own (including vacation and rental properties)?
				4. Did you purchase a vehicle or boat, or have a significant home improvement or remodel? If yes, please provide documentation showing the sales tax paid.
				5. Did you make any charitable donations? If yes, please provide receipts or a list of each donation. (Note: You must have the receipt to claim the donation on your tax return.)
				6. Did you donate any non-cash items (e.g. clothes, household goods, etc.)? If yes, please provide receipts or a list of each donation. (Note: Any non-cash donations valued at \$5,000 or more must have a certified appraisal, and any vehicle donations valued at over \$500 must have a 1098-C.)
				7. Did you have mileage related to charity work or medical appointments?
				8. Did you have child or dependent care expenses? If yes, please provide the name, address, and tax ID number of the care provider, as well as the total amount paid per child.
				9. Did you incur expenses as an elementary or secondary educator? (Note: The current law limits the deductible amount to \$300 per taxpayer.)
				10. Did you have any securities that became worthless or loans that became uncollectible?

				Part VIII: Medical
YES	NO	N/A	?	
				1. Did you have medical coverage? If yes, please provide any 1095 forms that you received. (Note: If you had insurance through a state exchange plan, we must have the 1095-A to file your tax return.)
				2a. Did your medical coverage qualify as a high deductible health plan (HDHP)? Qualifying plans have a deductible of at least \$1,500 for individual coverage and \$3,000 for families.
				2b. If you had an HDHP, was the coverage ☐ individual or ☐ family?
				2c. If you had an HDHP, was the coverage for the full year? If not, for how many months was the coverage?
				3a. Did you contribute to or receive distributions from a health savings account (HSA)? If yes, please provide the 5498-SA and/or 1099-SA.
				3b. If you received distributions from an HSA, were they all for qualified medical expenses? If not, please provide details.
				4. Do you plan to make a contribution before April 15, 2024 to an HSA for the last calendar year?
				5. Did you have any out-of-pocket medical or dental expenses? This can include insurance premiums, copays, prescriptions, medical supplies, and long-term care.
				6. Did you receive any benefits from a long-term care policy?
				7. Did you pay any premiums for long-term care insurance?
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YES	NO	N/A	?	
				1. Did you or your dependents attend post-secondary school in 2023? If yes, please provide the 1098-T and the dates that tuition was paid, if different from the 1098-T. Please also provide details about any out-of-pocket expenses, such as room and board, books, fees, and supplies.
				2. Did you take any distributions from a 529 plan to pay for school? If yes, please provide the 1099-Q.

		3. Did you pay interest on a student loan for yourself or your dependents? If yes, please provide the 1098-E.
		4. Did you use the proceeds from Series EE or I U.S. savings bonds purchased after 1989 to pay for higher education expenses?
		Part X: Business & Rental Activities

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YES	NO	N/A	?	
				1. Did you start a new business or acquire an interest in an LLC, partnership, or S-corporation?
				2a. Did you issue 1099 forms as required?
				2b. If you answered no to the preceding question, do you want us to prepare them for you? (Note: The law requires 1099 forms for any cash or check payments made for outside services or rents in the amount of \$600 or more. For example: payments to landscapers, web designers, subcontractors, and landlords. The law doesn't require 1099 forms for payments made to a corporation, payments made with a debit or credit card, or for payments issued by your property management company. They must be issued to attorneys, even if they are corporations or the payment was less than \$600.)
				3. Did you purchase or sell any business assets (e.g. equipment, vehicles, leasehold improvements)?
				4. Did you convert a former home to a rental?
				5. Did you have any business bartering income?
				6. Do you have records and receipts to support all business expenses?
				7. Do you have records to support travel, meals, or gift expenses incurred in your business? (Note: The law requires that you maintain adequate records for travel, meals, and gift expenses. The documentation should include the amount, date, time and place, business purpose, business relationship of recipients, and description of gifts. Meals provided by a restaurant may be 50% deductible for 2023. Entertainment expenses are not deductible.)
				8. Did you keep contemporaneous records for all business miles driven?
				9. Do you have inventory? If yes, please provide a physical

				inventory count as of December 31, valued at cost.
				10. Did you have a group health insurance plan through your business?
				11. Did you use part of your home regularly and exclusively for business? If yes, please provide the square footage of your business space and the square footage of your entire home.
				12. Did you have any business-related education expenses?
				13. Did you purchase special fuels for non-highway use?
				14. Did you do a 1031 ("like-kind") exchange of real estate?
				Part XI: State and Foreign Filing Matters
YES	NO	N/A	?	
				1. Were you living and earning money in a foreign country for any part of 2023?
				2. Did you have foreign income or pay any foreign taxes?
				3. Did you work or generate income in a state other than your resident state?
				4. Do you file use tax returns in any states?
				Part XII: IRS Filing Matters
YES	NO	N/A	?	
				1. Were you notified by the IRS or state taxing authority of changes to a prior year's tax return? If yes, please provide all pages of any notices that you received.
				2. Have you ever had a Child Tax Credit or Earned Income Tax Credit disallowed in a past year?
				3. Are you aware of any changes to a prior year's income, deductions, credits, etc. which would require filing an amended return?
				4. Did you receive a first-time homebuyer credit that you are still repaying?
				5. Do you have an installment payment plan with the IRS for any past tax year(s)?

				6. Did you make gifts of over \$17,000 to an individual or contribute to a prepaid tuition plan?						
				7. Did you receive a 2024 Identity Protection PIN from the IRS? If yes, you <b>must</b> provide this for us to e-file your return.						
				8. The IRS can deposit most refunds directly into your bank account. If you receive a refund, do you want direct deposit? If yes, please provide a voided check if we don't already have your bank information on file.						
				9. Do you want any tax refund applied to next year's estimated taxes?						
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Certif	Certified by Spouse (if joint) Date									