

What is an ITIN?

An Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) is a number issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and used to file a tax return. It looks like a Social Security Number but is only for filing a tax return.

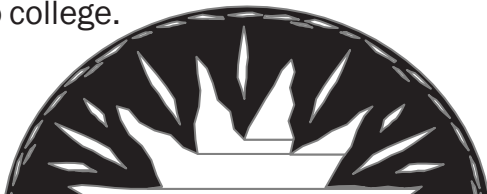
Example: "9XX-XX-XXXX"

Is there a cost to get an ITIN?

No, an ITIN is free! The IRS does not charge for issuing an ITIN, and we will complete all the paperwork for free.

Why should I file a tax return?

- You may get a refund.
- Tax returns prove your income, your residence in the U.S., your "good moral character" and whether you are married--important issues for immigration.
- You need to show a tax return when you try to buy a house, get a loan or go to college.



Will the IRS report me to the Department of Homeland Security?

The IRS cannot report you to the DHS for obtaining an ITIN. Only a court can make the IRS release information about you if you are in deportation proceedings or under suspicion for terrorist activities.

Other Notes:

- Each person applying for an ITIN must sign their own application (W-7) unless they are under the age of 18. If the applicant is under 18, he or she can choose to have a parent or guardian sign for them. This means that you may have to mail the W-7 to the applicant or applicant's parents for signing *before* completing the process.
- Clients may call the ITIN taxpayer hotline to check the status of their application or request duplicate ITIN letters: (800) 908-9982.
- You may need to renew your ITIN based on a rolling renewal schedule. You will complete a new W-7 and provide original ID documents. You do not have to attach a tax return to your renewal.

Call 2-1-1 for information
or visit
www.communitytaxcenters.org



ITIN: Individual Taxpayer Identification Number



How to file your taxes if you or your dependents do not have a Social Security Number

