



## Community Tax Centers

The Community Tax Centers (CTC) seeks to align CTC income eligibility limits with the EITC income eligibility limits set by the IRS. Households eligible to receive CTC services have a maximum income of \$55,000 for a household of four individuals or less. For each additional family member, the income limit increases by \$5,000.

We will waive the income limit for the following taxpayers:

- Current and retired military personnel (with a military ID)
- Residents of Foundation Communities properties
- Staff of tax site hosts (with proof of employment)
- CTC volunteer tax preparers (during slower periods when there is no client wait time)
- Foundation Communities staff (with proof of employment)

Please note that we will not be able to prepare returns that are designated to be out-of-scope. (Please refer to, or ask for a copy of, our TY 2017 VITA Out of Scope list.) We also may request that our FC staff, FC volunteers, and the staff of tax site hosts utilize our services at times when it is less busy.

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### **For those who are out of scope for our services or over our income limit:**

#### **Alternative option 1: Prepare your taxes online using MyFreeTaxes:**

There is another option for those whose returns are out-of-scope, over the income limit, or for those who do not want to wait in line: you can prepare your return using MyFreeTaxes, an online software that benefits the Community Tax Centers. The software is free for the tax returns with less than \$66,000 in income. For higher incomes, fees will apply.

Every tax return completed for zip codes within our service area is counted by the IRS as part of the Community Tax Centers' impact. Please share the link with your friends and family! Visit [www.myfreetaxes.com](http://www.myfreetaxes.com).

#### **Alternative option 2: Get your taxes prepared for free with AARP:**

Another option for those who are over the VITA income limit and would like assistance preparing their return is to visit a local AARP Tax-Aide site. Tax preparation services are free, and there are multiple locations in Austin. To find a site near you, visit [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org) or call 2-1-1 and request the nearest AARP Tax-Aide location.