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How to Download TurboTax.

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This wikiHow teaches you how to select and download the right TurboTax app for filing your taxes. If you're using a phone or tablet, you can install the TurboTax app from the App Store or Play Store. If you're using a computer, you can download an application to your computer or use one of TurboTax's online filing products.

Need to amend your tax return?

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TurboTax Free Guarantee: \$0 Federal + \$0 State + \$0 To File offer is available for simple tax returns with TurboTax Free Edition. A simple tax return is Form 1040 only (without any additional schedules) OR Form 1040 + Unemployment Income. Situations covered include:

W-2 income Limited interest and dividend income reported on a 1099-INT or 1099-DIV Claiming the standard deduction Earned Income Tax Credit (EIC) Child tax credits Unemployment Income reported on a 1099-G.

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Once you have completed a purchase of a downloadable product from TurboTax through their website, you are allowed to download it again anytime, and as many times as needed for up to 3 years after the date of your purchase. Cool right?

This is a nice feature in the case that you changed computers, had a computer crash and lost the download, or just want to clean off your hard drive and start over.

Install TurboTax Download Software for Windows.

Locate the TurboTax 2020 - 2021 tax software folder wherever you save it (on your desktop, in my documents?)

Double-click the folder to open it Double-click the file named setup.exe (look for the TurboTax "checkmark" icon) Follow the installation instruction on the screen for installing the TurboTax tax software program on your computer.

To Install TurboTax From a CD.

Insert the TurboTax Disc into your CD drive and copy the files to your hard drive. Make sure your computer settings allow you to view all hidden folders and files. Right-click your desktop and create a new folder named TurboTax. Click Windows Start menu and select computer. Right-click on the drive that has the CD in it and choose copy. (If asked to copy hidden files?, click Yes or Ok)

Install TurboTax Download Software for Mac.

TurboTax desktop tax software installation on a Mac is an easy, 2-step process.

TurboTax Downloaded Versions for Mac.

Double-click on your downloaded TurboTax .dmg file, this will mount a virtual drive onto your desktop and the drive should then open automatically.

TurboTax CD Installation Versions for Mac.

Insert the TurboTax CD into your CD/DVD drive. Follow the pop-up window instructions. Drag the red TurboTax "checkmark" icon to the applications folder. (Do NOT drag it outside of the pop-up window because this could cause problems later on when you're using the TurboTax for Mac application. This will complete the TurboTax desktop tax software for Mac installation!

To run the TurboTax Mac program, double-click the applications.

Note: Always make sure you run the TurboTax program from the applications folder, and not from the mounted virtual drive or CD as this will not operate properly.

How Much Does TurboTax Cost? Prices (+ State Fee!) • 2020.

How much does TurboTax really cost? If you are considering using TurboTax to do your taxes this year, you should know what it's going to cost.

First, even though they say it's free, only people with simple taxes (such as 1040EZ) can file without paying. In fact, in addition to the cost of the software, you also have to pay a State filing fee.

Here's all about the real cost of TurboTax :

TurboTax ONLINE Cost:

The most popular way to file your taxes with TurboTax is online. This method does not require downloading software, and your info is all securely saved on the cloud. As you can see, the regular price comes down when you use a coupon.

Here is the cost of TurboTax Online :

Deluxe : \$59.99* Premier : \$79.99* Self-Employed : \$119.99*

There is also special TurboTax pricing available for students and members of the military / USAA, and your financial institution may also offer a discount.

*While there is an additional cost to prepare your state return, you must also pay a State filing fee for each state that you file in.

* Tip : As you can see, using a coupon code lowers the price of TurboTax Online products! The best coupons are available early in the tax season.

TurboTax LIVE Cost:

If you would like assistance from a real, human CPA during the tax-filing process, then consider TurboTax Live. However, that personal assistance isn't free, so the prices are higher than Online-only.

Here is the cost of TurboTax Live :

Basic Live : \$79.99* Deluxe Live : \$119.99* Premier Live : \$169.99* Self-Employed Live : \$199.99*

*You'll also need to add the State filing fee for each tax return. (See the cost of State file below)

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TurboTax CD/Download Cost:

While TurboTax encourages you to do your taxes with their online products, CD and download are still available. If you don't have dependable internet access, then download or buying at a store like Costco may be a good option.

Here is the regular price of TurboTax software download :

Basic : \$49.99 Deluxe : \$79.99 Premier : \$109.99 Home & Business : \$119.99 Business : \$169.99.

As you can see, the cost of downloading turbotax software is more than the Online versions. However, if you are a member of discount clubs like Costco, you can get a better price on buying TurboTax in the box.

While we've covered the pricing for filing your Federal taxes with TurboTax, you'll also want to account for your State e-file fee. Here is what filing your TurboTax State return costs:

State Cost / Filing Fee:

How much does TurboTax State cost? While there is no extra charge to prepare your state tax return with TurboTax, you will have to pay a state filing fee for each tax return that you e-file.

Here is the cost of filing each State return :

State Fee if you use Deluxe, Premier, or Self Employed: \$39.99 State Fee if you use TurboTax Free Edition: \$29.99.

The state filing fee is the same for every state. Remember, if you have income from multiple states, you'll need to pay a state fee for each state return that you file.

Can you avoid the state filing fee? While there are no coupons for TurboTax State file, you can avoid paying the State file fee if you file before March 15th!

Tip: Don't Pay the "Refund Processing Fee!"

Ok, here's a big fee that you can avoid, so listen closely. Upon completion of their taxes, a lot of taxpayers are dazed and confused after hours of sifting through papers and crunching numbers.

Maybe that's why Turbo Tax chooses this moment to ask you if you'd like to pay your TurboTax fees from your federal refund:

No need to pay this fee!

It sounds like a good idea, and very convenient to pay without having to enter a credit card, right?

No! It will cost you an unnecessary \$39.99, and seems to have no value other than to save you the minute of time it would take to just enter your credit card info!

Conclusion:

While the cost of TurboTax doesn't change throughout the tax season, the promotions and coupons do. You'll save more early in the tax season when you can also file State returns for free; so don't procrastinate!

Not sold on TurboTax? We also have coupons for H&R Block and TaxAct, which may allow you to file your taxes at a lower cost.

Do you think that TurboTax is too expensive? Here's what people pay to file their own taxes.

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Hi, I'm Kevin McCormick. I graduated from Rutgers U., and now live in Philadelphia with my wife, three kids, and a dog. I enjoy blogging in my free time, especially about finance and the history of taxation. Thanks for stopping by Mighty Taxes!

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