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Nonresident international employees can file 2023 taxes with free tax preparation software [1]



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As the new year begins, University of Colorado faculty, staff and students will begin receiving critical documents needed to file their annual income tax returns. For certain international employees and students, this means receiving Forms W-2 and/or 1042-S from CU over the next month.

Form W-2 is issued to any employee who receives taxable wages from CU.

Form 1042-S is issued to resident and nonresident alien employees and students to report their tax treaty exempt wages. Nonresident alien scholarship and stipend recipients with taxable or tax treaty exempt income will also receive Form 1042-S. Employees and students with more than one type of 1042-S reportable income should expect to receive more than one 1042-S.

Recipients should use these forms when preparing their federal income tax forms.

As in previous years, CU is partnering with Sprintax [3] to support nonresident alien employees and students in their personal tax filing obligations. The International Tax Office will share a **discount code via email** to access Sprintax's online tax preparation tool free of charge.

These discount codes will enable nonresident alien employees and students in F or J status to file their 2023 federal tax return. Sprintax can also help with state tax filing, however, if you elect to file a state tax return using Sprintax, you'll need to pay an additional fee.

This software is a user-friendly resource to help international employees:

- Determine resident or nonresident U.S. tax residency status and filing requirements.
- Prepare necessary tax return documents including Forms 1040-NR and 8843, which can then be printed, signed and mailed for filing. (Some users may be able to file electronically, instead.)
- Ensure all applicable tax treaties are applied.
- Find assistance and information on Sprintax's FAQ page [4], blog [5], YouTube channel [6] and through email access to Sprintax tax professionals.

To take advantage of this resource, watch for emails from the International Tax Office in February and March that will include your discount code.

Visit the International Tax website [7] anytime throughout the year to learn more about your filing obligations. Available resources include resident and nonresident tax guides and two video courses [8] designed to help familiarize you with the U.S. tax system.

Finally, Sprintax will be hosting regular open tax webinars throughout the spring where you can learn more about your U.S. tax filing obligations and how Sprintax can help you meet them.

Sprintax Open Webinar dates, times and registration links:

- Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. MT – Register here [9]
- Tuesday, March 5 at 2 p.m. MT – Register here [10]
- Thursday, March 20 at noon MT – Register here [11]
- Wednesday, March 27 at 11 a.m. MT – Register here [12]
- Thursday, April 4 at 1 p.m. MT – Register here [13]
- Wednesday, April 10 at 10 a.m. MT – Register here [14]
- Monday, April 15 at 11 a.m. MT – Register here [15]

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