TaxReturn4You
US VISA HOLDERS

2027 EDITION · TAX YEAR 2026

US TAX REFUND GUIDE FOR WORK VISA HOLDERS

# Get your US tax refund. Without the headache.

Your 2027 guide for J-1 Work and Travel, J-1 Internship and H-2B visa holders.

Apply now

Calculate my refund

Online application
**5 minutes**

One flat fee
**€99** No commission

Secure payment
**Stripe**

★★★★★ 5.0 on Google, 110+ reviews

12,000+ clients since 2019

Authorized IRS e-file Provider



WELCOME TO TAXRETURN4YOU

# We've been in your shoes. 12,000+ clients later.

Founded in 2019 by people who did the J-1 summer themselves. Today we prepare **US federal and state tax returns for visa holders**, fully online.

**12,000+**
clients since 2019

**5.0**
Google rating, 110+ reviews

**30+**
countries our clients come from

**10+**
languages for email support

## Why visa holders choose us

### Specialists for visa holders
J-1, H-2B and F-1 returns, resident or nonresident, are our everyday work.

### One flat fee: €99
No commission. Never a percentage of your refund.

### Your refund goes to you
Paid directly by the IRS and your state, never through us.

### You approve before we file
A real tax preparer builds your return. Nothing is filed without you.

### Real people, your language
Email support in 10+ languages until your refund arrives.

### Official credentials
Preparer with a valid PTIN. Authorized IRS e-file Provider.

> "Fast in communication, no misunderstandings, everything done as they said."
>
> ★★★★★ Melek Y., Google review

**Ready to get your money back?**
The application takes about 5 minutes.

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THE BASICS

# Where your refund comes from

Your employer takes tax out of every paycheck, based on the Form W-4 you filled in. That amount is only an estimate.

**01**

WHEN YOU START WORK

### You fill in Form W-4

It tells your employer how much tax to take out.

**02**

EVERY PAYCHECK

### Tax is withheld

An estimate based on your W-4, not your final tax.

**03**

AFTER THE YEAR ENDS

### Your return settles it

It works out what you really owe.

**Tax withheld** from your paychecks − **Tax you owe** for your tax status = **Your refund** paid by the IRS and your state

## What can come back

### Federal income tax

Any overpayment is refunded.

### State income tax

A separate state return can bring it back.

### Social Security and Medicare

H-2B workers pay these. J-1 nonresidents are generally exempt.

NEW

### Tips and overtime

New deductions can lower your federal tax.

Amounts differ for everyone: some employers withhold more, some less. Social Security or Medicare tax withheld from a J-1 nonresident by mistake can be claimed back.

**There is no fixed percentage.**
Your return shows your exact number.

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HOW IT WORKS

# Apply once. We do the rest.

1

YOU · ABOUT 5 MINUTES

## Apply online

Enter your details, upload your documents and pay in the last step, securely through Stripe.

2

US

## We prepare your return

A tax preparer builds your return from your documents.

3

YOU

## You review and approve

Nothing is filed until you approve it.

4

US

## We file

Your return goes to the IRS and your state.

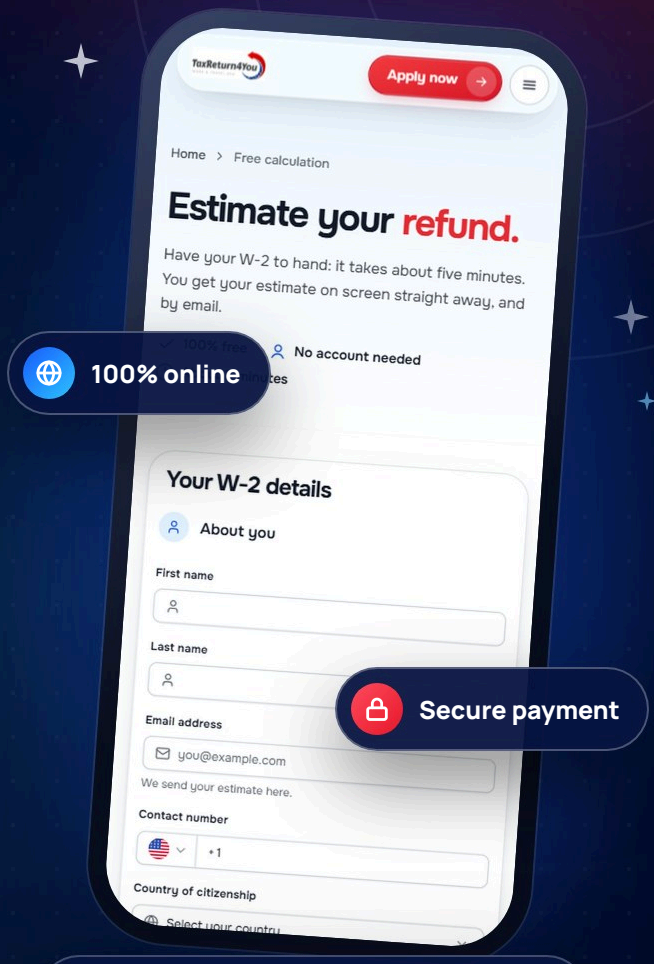
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## Your refund is paid to you

Directly by the IRS and your state.

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See every step




OPTIONAL

### Want to see an estimate first?

The calculation is free, and you can skip it.

Calculate my refund

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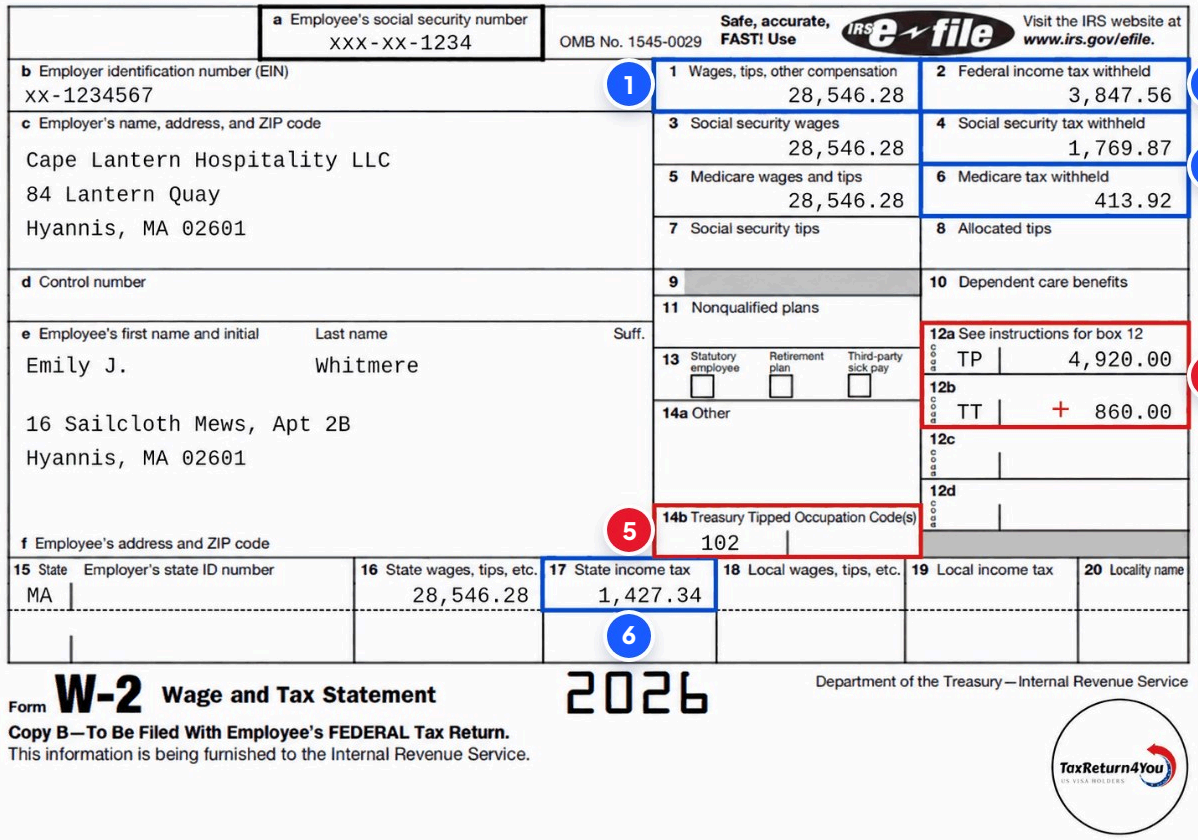
**One flat fee: €99 for federal and one state.**
No commission. Your refund is paid directly to you.

See all fees

KEY DOCUMENT

# Your W-2, decoded

What you earned and what was withheld. You need one from **every** US employer.



a Employee's social security number: XXX-XX-1234
OMB No. 1545-0029
Safe, accurate, FAST! Use IRS e-file
Visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov/efile.

b Employer identification number (EIN): XX-1234567

c Employer's name, address, and ZIP code:
Cape Lantern Hospitality LLC
84 Lantern Quay
Hyannis, MA 02601

d Control number

e Employee's first name and initial: Emily J. | Last name: Whitmere | Suff.

16 Sailcloth Mews, Apt 2B
Hyannis, MA 02601

f Employee's address and ZIP code

1 Wages, tips, other compensation: 28,546.28
2 Federal income tax withheld: 3,847.56
3 Social security wages: 28,546.28
4 Social security tax withheld: 1,769.87
5 Medicare wages and tips: 28,546.28
6 Medicare tax withheld: 413.92
7 Social security tips
8 Allocated tips
9
10 Dependent care benefits
11 Nonqualified plans
12a See instructions for box 12: TP 4,920.00
13 Statutory employee ☐ Retirement plan ☐ Third-party sick pay ☐
12b: TT + 860.00
14a Other
12c
12d
14b Treasury Tipped Occupation Code(s): 102

| 15 State | Employer's state ID number | 16 State wages, tips, etc. | 17 State income tax | 18 Local wages, tips, etc. | 19 Local income tax | 20 Locality name |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MA | | 28,546.28 | 1,427.34 | | | |

Form W-2 Wage and Tax Statement 2026
Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service
Copy B—To Be Filed With Employee's FEDERAL Tax Return.
This information is being furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

Sample 2026 Form W-2. All names and figures are fictional.

1 **Box 1: Wages**
Your total taxable pay from this employer.

2 **Box 2: Federal income tax withheld**
Your federal refund comes from here.

3 **Boxes 4 and 6: Social Security, Medicare**
H-2B workers pay these. J-1 nonresidents generally don't, and can claim them back.

4 **Box 12: Codes TP and TT** NEW
Your tips and overtime pay.

5 **Box 14b: Tipped job code** NEW
The code for the job you earned tips in.

6 **Box 17: State income tax**
Your state refund comes from here.

ON OUR WEBSITE
**W-2 missing, late or wrong? See what to do.**
taxreturn4you.com/en/guides/missing-w2

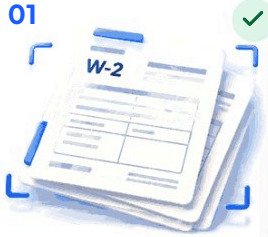
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GET READY

# Four documents. Clear photos are fine.

Have these ready and your application takes about 5 minutes. No originals, no mail.

01




### W-2 form(s)

One from each US employer

02




### Passport

The photo page

03




### US visa

The visa in your passport

04




### SSN card

Your signed Social Security card

**Form DS-2019**
For J-1 FICA refund claims only.

**US bank details**
Routing and account number.

BEFORE YOU FLY HOME

## Four smart moves before you leave the US

1. **Keep your US bank account open** until your refunds arrive.
2. Save your **payroll portal login** and an HR contact.
3. Give your employer **an email address you'll still use at home** for your W-2.
4. Keep your **last pay stubs**.

**Documents ready?**
Your application takes about 5 minutes.

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NEW TAX RULES

# Worked for tips or overtime? It could raise your refund.

Two federal deductions for tax years 2025 through 2028 can lower the tax you owe. Not everyone qualifies.

DEDUCT UP TO

## $25,000

### of qualified tips

Tips that customers pay voluntarily, in jobs such as wait staff, bartenders and housekeepers.

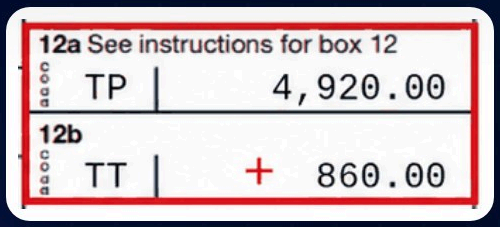
DEDUCT UP TO

## $12,500

### of qualified overtime

The extra half in time-and-a-half pay, for hours over 40 in a week.

FIND IT ON YOUR W-2




**Box 12:** TP is your tips, TT is your overtime pay.




**Box 14b:** the code for your tipped job.

We check every W-2 for qualified tips and overtime, at no extra fee.

ON OUR WEBSITE

**Who qualifies, what counts and how to claim it**

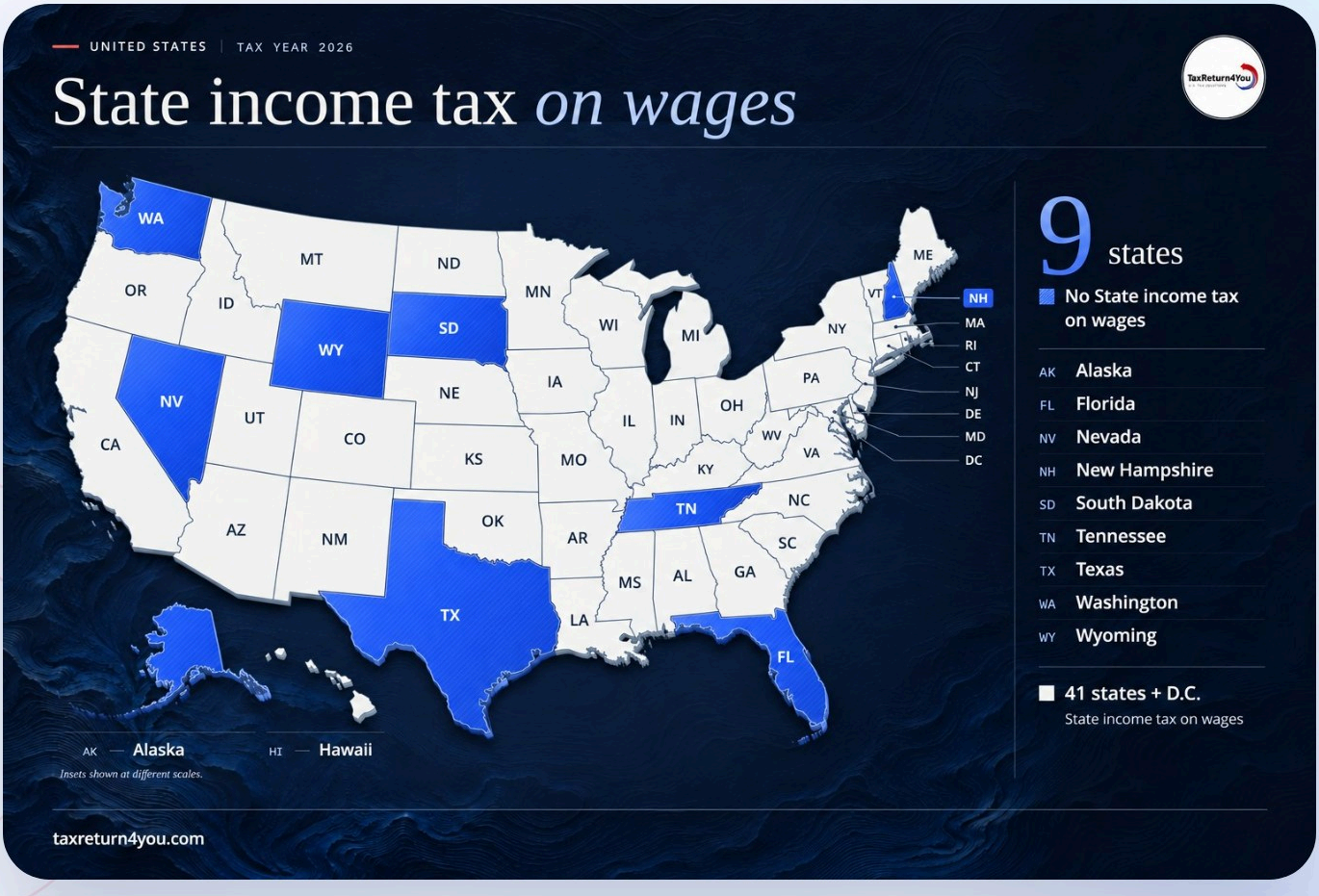
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Read the guide

FEDERAL AND STATE

# Two returns, two possible refunds

One return goes to the IRS. If your state taxes wages, another goes to that state.




### Nine states, no tax on wages

Worked only there? Usually no state return to file.

### Every other state

State tax was probably withheld. See Box 17 of your W-2.

### More than one state?

One federal return, plus one for each state. All in a single application.

ON OUR WEBSITE

**State refunds explained, state by state**

taxreturn4you.com/en/guides/state-tax-refund

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GETTING PAID

# Your refund goes straight to you

The IRS and your state tax agency pay your refund directly to you. Your money never passes through our accounts.

**IRS**
Pays your federal refund

**State tax agency**
Pays your state refund




THE MOST IMPORTANT TIP IN THIS GUIDE

## Don’t close your US bank account until your refunds arrive.

A refund sent to a closed account bounces back, and that means delays.

### No US account anymore?

You still have options.

See your options →

### How long does a refund take?

It depends on the IRS and your state.

See the timeline →

**Get your refund moving.**
Add your bank details in the online application.

Apply now → Calculate my refund

KEY DATES

# Three dates worth saving

They decide when you can file and how long your refund will wait for you.

**FEB 2027**

**1**

Your employer must send your W-2

**APR 2027**

**15**

Filing deadline for tax year 2026

**APR 2030**

**15**

Last day to claim a 2026 refund

### Do you owe tax?

File and pay by April 15, 2027, to avoid penalties and interest.

### Are you owed a refund?

There is no late-filing penalty. But after three years, the refund is lost.

DON'T MISS THIS

## Worked in the US in 2023?

The window for your 2023 refund closes on **April 15, 2027**. You can still claim 2024 and 2025 too.

2023

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How earlier years work

AVOID THESE

# Six mistakes that cost visa holders money

## 01

### Filing the wrong federal form

The right form depends on whether you are a resident or a nonresident. Popular tax software often picks the wrong one.

## 02

### Leaving out a W-2

Every employer counts, even one you worked for only briefly.

## 03

### Skipping the state return

Federal and state returns are separate, and so are the refunds.

## 04

### Paying FICA you didn't owe

Nonresident J-1 workers are generally exempt. Check Boxes 4 and 6.

## 05

### Closing your bank account early

Your refund has nowhere to land, and that means delays.

## 06

### Waiting too long

Unclaimed refunds expire after three years.

**We check for all six.**
Each one is explained in our guides.

Apply now

Read the guides

FAQ

# Good questions. Clear answers.

### Can I apply if I'm already back home?
Yes. Everything is online, and most of our clients apply after returning home.

### How much can I get back?
There is no fixed percentage. Your return shows the exact figure, and our free calculator gives you an estimate.

### Do you charge a commission on my refund?
No. One flat fee, never a percentage. Your refund is paid directly to you.

### When and how do I pay?
In the last step of your application, securely through Stripe.

### How long does it take?
We usually prepare your return within one business day. After that, timing depends on the IRS and your state.

## Have another question?

Every answer is on our website. Scan a code or tap a button.

### All answers in our FAQ
Documents, fees, timing and more.

Open the FAQ →

taxreturn4you.com/en/faq

### Step-by-step guides
W-2, state refunds, tips and overtime.

Read the guides →

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READY WHEN YOU ARE

# Ready for your refund?
# Apply in 5 minutes.

Fully online, from any country. You pay in the last step.

Apply now

Scan the code or tap the button. Want an estimate first? **Calculate my refund**

Online application: **5 min** | Flat fee: **€99** | Secure payment: **Stripe**

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