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Taxes Made Easy with e-File

Tax season is getting off to a roaring start. With the slump of the economy emptying Americans' wallets, many are filing earlier and electronically in order to receive returns sooner and save on tax professional fees.

According to the I.R.S., about 90 million people chose to file their taxes electronically in 2008 – over half of taxpayers. And, early numbers from this season suggest that many more will turn to their computers when filing.

Who can blame them? The advantages of e-filing are numerous. First, those who file electronically will play an important role in “greening-up” the process by saving paper and saving trees. Second, e-filers will receive returns sooner than those who file by paper and can even request to receive returns via direct deposit, which processes in as little as 8 days. Meanwhile, paper-filers typically wait weeks before seeing tax return come through the mail. If that isn't reason enough to sway filing ways, the convenience of e-filing lets Americans file taxes wherever and whenever – as long as there's a computer nearby.

For those who know nothing about taxes, filing online doesn't mean filing alone. There are many software programs and online downloads that can make the process easier – and cheaper. To maximize savings, filers can find tax software at websites like PromotionalCodes.com and CouponWinner.com, which offer online coupons and promotional codes for different programs. Jon Conlon, an Account Specialist for the popular discount shopping website PromotionalCodes.com, says he expects tax software to account for a significant portion of the company's overall revenue for the first quarter.

“When comparing this January's sales to those of 2008, we found promotional code use for H&R Block's Tax Cut to have increased by over 100 percent. Likewise, use of Inuit's Turbo Tax online coupons rose more than 1,000 percent from last year,” Conlon says. Coupons for both programs (and others) are still available on the site.

Of course, selecting the right software depends on the amount of guidance that is desired and required. Most tax programs offer several different versions ranging from a basic edition to deluxe and even premier. Most often, programs can be downloaded directly from the site to a computer desktop, or ordered as software on CDs. Some websites, including Turbo Tax and Tax Cut, allow the customer to prepare and file completely online without downloading a program. This is often a less expensive alternative. Many programs include complimentary sessions with tax advisors and some even allow users to file multiple returns. Those who choose the more extensive packages, like Turbo Tax Deluxe, will find that the program acts like a personal tax professional. Another bonus, many tax programs such as Turbo Tax, TaxSimple, eSmartTax, and TaxAct.com offer free federal returns with electronic filing.

With so many different tax products on the market it may be difficult to choose the best online system. Consumers should shop around to find one that fits their personal needs and budget. Read customer testimonials and make certain that the site is reputable and trusted to ensure personal information is kept confidential.

For more tips on e-filing, or to find out if you qualify for free, online filing on federal taxes, visit the I.R.S. webpage: <http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=118986,00.html>

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