

Income Workshop

Florida Chapter of the International Association of Assessing Officers



**Who Must File
Who Should File**

**2008 Filing
Requirements for
most taxpayers**



Who Must File

Filing Status	End of 2008 your age was.....	Gross income at least
Single	Under 65	\$8,950
	65 or older	\$10,300
Married Filing jointly	Under 65 (both spouses)	\$17,900
	65 or older (one spouse)	\$18,950
	65 or older (both spouses)	\$20,000
Married filing Separately	Any age	\$3,500
Head of household	Under 65	\$11,500
	65 or older	\$12,850
Qualifying Widower with dependent child	Under 65	\$14,400
	65 or older	\$15,450



Who Should File

- You had federal income tax withheld from your pay
- You qualify for the earned income credit
- You qualify for additional child tax credit
- You qualify for the health coverage tax credit

Examples of Taxable Income

(Examples of income to consider when determining whether a return must be filed)

Wages, salaries, bonuses, commissions	IRA distributions
Alimony	Jury duty fees
Annuities	Military pay (not exempt from taxation)
Awards	Military pension
Back pay	Notary fees
Breach of contract	Partnership, Estate and S-Corporation income
Business income/Self-employment income	(taxpayer's share)
Compensations for personal services	Pensions
Debts forgiven	Prizes
Director's fees	Punitive damage
Disability benefits (employer-funded)	Railroad retirement—Tier I (portion may be taxable)
Discounts	Railroad retirement—Tier II
Dividends	Refund of state taxes*
Employee awards	Rents (gross rent)
Employee bonuses	Rewards
Estate and trust income	Royalties
Farm income	Severance pay
Fees	Self-employment
Gains from sale of property or securities	Non-employee compensation
Gambling winnings	Social security payment (portion may be taxable)
Hobby income	Supplemental unemployment benefits
Interest	Taxable scholarships and grants
Interest on life insurance dividends	Tips and gratuities
	Unemployment compensation



Examples of Non-Taxable Income

(Examples of income items to exclude when determining whether a return must be filed)

<p>Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)</p> <p>Child support</p> <p>Damages for physical injury (other than punitive)</p> <p>Death payments</p> <p>Dividends on life insurance</p> <p>Federal Employees' Compensation Act payments</p> <p>Federal income tax refunds</p> <p>Gifts, bequests, and inheritances</p> <p>Insurance proceeds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accident• Casualty• Health• Life <p>Interest on tax-free securities</p> <p>Interest on EE/I bonds redeemed for qualified higher education expenses</p>	<p>Meals and lodging for the convenience of employer</p> <p>Payments to the beneficiary of a deceased employee</p> <p>Relocation payments or payments in lieu of worker's compensation</p> <p>Rental allowance of clergyman</p> <p>Sickness and injury payments</p> <p>Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</p> <p>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)</p> <p>Veterans' benefits</p> <p>Welfare payments (including TANF) and food stamps</p> <p>Worker's compensation and similar payments</p>
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What about Social Security Benefits?

Do not include social security benefits on your return unless:

- You are married filing a separate return and you lived with your spouse at any time during 2008.**

Or

- One half of your social security benefits plus your other gross income is more than \$25,000 (\$32,000 if married filing jointly).**



Example

- You and your spouse (both over 65) are filing a joint return for 2008 and you both received social security benefits. You received your SS statements showing net benefits of \$7,500 and \$3,500. You also receive a taxable pension of \$20,000 and interest income of \$500. You did not receive any tax-exempt interest income.

Quick Worksheet

A.	Amount from Box 5 SSA Form 1099:	\$11,000
B.	Enter one half of the amount on line 1:	\$5,500
C.	Enter Taxable pensions, wages, dividends and other taxable income:	\$20,500
D.	Enter any tax exempt interest:	<u>\$ 0</u>
E.	Add lines B, C, and D	\$26,000

Results

Your benefits are not taxable for 2008 because your income is not more than your base amount (\$32,000).

Help From the IRS

www.irs.gov

Questions?

Thank you!

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