

# 2020 Tax Return Questionnaire

Name (YOU): \_\_\_\_\_ Name (SPOUSE): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB (YOU): \_\_\_\_\_ DOB (SPOUSE): \_\_\_\_\_ Township: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Please "✓" check the applicable box:

1. If you have an overpayment, do you want to  receive the refund or  apply it to next year?
2. If refunded, do you want the funds directly deposited into your  Checking or  Savings account?
3. If payment owed, do you want to pay electronically from  Checking or  Savings account?

## REQUIRED IF #2 OR #3 CHECKED:

Bank name: \_\_\_\_\_ Routing # \_\_\_\_\_ Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Yes No During 2020, please "✓" check the applicable box. When checking "yes" provide all applicable documentation/tax forms to your tax appointment.

### Personal Information

Did your address change during the year? If yes, Date Moved: \_\_\_\_\_

New Township: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you get  married,  legally separated or  divorced during the year? If yes, please check which one and provide date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*   If you paid or received alimony, what was the date of the divorce separation agreement? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your spouse (if married) have separate debt, liabilities or taxes owed that you would prefer to file separately?

ONLY if not married, could you be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return for 2020?

Were there any changes in dependents? If yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_.

**Parents be sure your dependent children do NOT claim themselves on their individual return if self-prepared. Your return will be rejected electronically if one of your dependents claimed themselves. We will charge an additional fee to paper file your return because a dependent child claimed themselves. As a safeguard, do not allow them to file until after your return has been e-filed.**

Did you have any children under age 19 or full-time students under age 24 at the end of 2020, with unearned income in excess of \$2200? Unearned income is any income other than from wages or self-employment income.

### Income

At any time during 2020 did you receive, sell, send, exchange, or have a financial investment in any virtual currency (bitcoin or other)?

Did you start a  business,  farm,  purchase a rental property, or  acquire an interest in a business? If yes, please check which one. **If so, please provide all documents applicable to the formation of this business (IRS EIN, PA formation approval letters)**

Did you sell any stocks, bonds, business assets, or investment property during the year? Provide your annual brokerage statement and annual 1099-B. **Check that basis was provided for all security sales (call your broker for any missing info). If you have a brokerage account, please contact your advisor and ask if a corrected statement is forth coming. This would avoid having to file an amended return where additional tax preparation fees would be incurred.**

Did you receive distributions from any retirement type plan? Any retirement rollovers or Roth conversions during 2020? (RMD from your IRA was not required in 2020).

Did you receive any  prizes,  awards,  jury duty,  lottery/gambling winnings,  unemployment,  disability,  gifts, or any  miscellaneous income? **Please check all that apply and provide all documents to us.**

- Did you have any foreign income or pay any foreign taxes? Note: after 1/1/15, PA no longer allows a foreign tax credit.
- Did you cash any Series EE U.S. savings bonds issued after 1989 and pay qualified higher education expenses for yourself, your spouse, or your dependents?
- Did you have any debts cancelled, debts forgiven, have any property foreclosed, seized, or taken over during 2020?
- Did you have a dedicated home office? If so, we need the total house square footage, the office square footage, a 2020 utility summary, household repairs and maintenance, homeowner's insurance, HOA fees, and all unreimbursed business expenses, including business mileage driven.
- Did you purchase or sell your principal residence in 2020? If yes, provide us with the "HUD-1" settlement sheet(s). If a 1<sup>st</sup> time homeowner, did you pull IRA money to buy house? (Note: 401k money does not qualify)

**Only if you are over age 59 ½ and receiving distributions from your IRA accounts, please complete the following:**

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- (1) What was the combined total dollar value of all traditional IRA accounts for you on December 31, 2020? \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) What was the combined total dollar value of all traditional IRA accounts for your spouse on December 31, 2020? \_\_\_\_\_

- Did your children receive any savings bonds in 2020? If yes, what interest was accrued/earned in 2020? \_\_\_\_\_ (Memo – US Savings bond election). We will discuss.

**Adjustments to Income**

- Teachers Only (K-12, non-athletic) Did you have any out-of-pocket expenses for teaching supplies, books, etc.?
- Did you make a contribution or take a distribution from an HSA or MSA account during 2020? If you took a distribution, were all the funds used for qualified medical expenses? If you made a contribution by writing a check or transferring funds from your bank account to an HSA (not through your W-2 and not your employer contribution), what was the amount you contributed during the 2020 tax year? \_\_\_\_\_
- Did you pay any alimony? If so, we need the amount paid, complete name and SSN of the recipient.
- Have you already or do you plan to make a contribution to your IRA, SEP or SIMPLE plan?
- Did you make total cash charitable contributions of \$300 or more in 2020?

**Itemized deductions (Note: Investment advisor fees are no longer deductible)**

- Did you refinance any mortgage or loan in 2020? If so, provide us with all refinance settlement sheet(s). New primary residence loans are limited to \$750,000 (pre-existing loans are grandfathered to \$1,000,000).
- Do you have a home equity loan or line of credit? If so, were the loan proceeds used 100% to buy, maintain or improve your primary residence?
- Did you donate any non-cash items (clothing, furniture, household goods)? If so, please provide receipts along with a summary of value.
- Did you have any casualties (fire, flood, theft, damage, etc.) during the year or anything in a Federally declared disaster area? If so, please note the amount of insurance reimbursement & your costs not covered by insurance for discussion with us.

**For Small Businesses and Employees, for State and Local Tax Purposes**

- Did you use your car on the job (not commuting to/from work)? The IRS and PA require a log (existing or you need to create one). Did you get any reimbursements Y or N, if so, was reimbursement included in your W-2 Y or N?
- Did you pay for any job-related expenses, including those to work out of town for part of the yr.? (temporary job site).
- Did you get any other reimbursements Y or N, if so, was reimbursement in your W-2 Y or N

## **Credits**

- Did you make any energy efficient improvements to your primary residence or purchase **solar, wind, geothermal** or **fuel cell energy** source? If so, summarize ALL costs paid in the current year. (**NOT** windows, siding, normal HVAC systems or insulation.)
- Did you, your spouse or dependent have tuition expenses in 2020 (even if the classes were not attended until Jan-March 2020)? **If yes, a copy of the 1098-T is required.**
- Did you receive a distribution from an Educational Savings Account or Qualified Tuition Program? If you fully closed out a QTP, did you incur a loss (distributions were less than contributions)?
- Did you pay child/dependent expenses so you/your spouse could work/look for work during 2020? If so, did you take part in the Section 125 pre-tax dependent care benefit program (W-2 box 10)?
- Did you pay any adoption expenses in 2020?

## **Healthcare**

- Did you or your spouse and all dependents have health insurance through the marketplace? If purchased through the marketplace, **provide form 1095-A for each health insurance plan** (should be maximum of 2 if you & your spouse were covered under separate healthcare.gov plans). **If you did not receive one or both 1095-A Forms, call your health insurance provider for them to send you a copy. We cannot prepare your return without this form if you received your health insurance through the marketplace.**
- Did you pay for your own health insurance or long-term care insurance for 2020? If so, please provide the amount for each (insurance only, not co-pays or deductibles and do not include insurance taken out of your pay "before tax").
- Did you have total out of pocket medical expenses (including your after-tax insurance payments) that exceeded 7.5% of your income?

## **General**

- Did you make a contribution to anyone's State 529 plan during 2020? (Deductible for PA purposes) **If so, we need their social security number and amount contributed to each 529 plan for the year.**
- Did you or your spouse make any gifts to an individual that total more than \$15,000 per person, or any gifts to a trust?
- Did you engage the services of any household employees (NOT house cleaners)?
- Did you have an interest in or signature authority over a financial account in a foreign country, such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account? What was the aggregate value?
- Did you receive any notice (from IRS, State or Local) regarding a prior year tax return? If yes, please provide us with the notice(s).
- May the IRS discuss your tax return with your preparer?
- Did you make any IRS, State or Local estimated tax payments (not taxes withheld)? **If yes, please provide us with the date & amount of each payment made to all tax authorities.**
- Do you expect your 2021 taxable income and withholdings to be different from 2020?

## CHECKLIST

Please submit to us the following applicable 2020 documents. **We would appreciate if you could present these items to us in the following order as it will make the preparation more efficient and timelier:**

- Social security numbers for new dependents.
- All Local Tax Forms.
- W-2 Forms from all employers & last pay stub - for reference (returns cannot be prepared from pay stubs alone).
- 1099 Income Forms (Interest, Dividend, Retirement, Debt Cancellation, etc.) (including State/Local refund forms).
- 1099-Brokerage Statements reporting security sales & year-end/annual brokerage or investment statements.  
**Make sure cost basis is included. If you have a brokerage account, please contact your advisor, and ask if a corrected statement is forth coming. This would avoid having to file an amended return where additional tax preparation fees would be incurred.**
- 1095 A (when insurance obtained through the market place/"Obama Care") documenting health care coverage.
- Social Security benefits rec'd year-end statement(s) (**contact SSA 800-772-1213 for a duplicate copy if not rec'd**).
- Unemployment benefits received year-end statement(s) (**contact 888-313-7284 or unemployment online [www.state.pa.us](http://www.state.pa.us)**).
- Schedule K-1 Forms, Federal & State(s), for interests in a Partnership, S Corporation, &/or Estate/Trusts.
- Farm income received this past year including from sales of livestock, crops, etc. & a summary of farm expenses.
- Alimony received or paid during 2020.
- 1099-G from Gambling winnings (including losses), all other misc. income.
- Please provide a **separate summary for each rental property** listing the income received and expenses paid for that individual property (we do not need receipts) for 2020.
- Settlement sheets for all properties purchased &/or sold during 2020.
- If you refinanced, please contact the lender to confirm if you paid points (amount paid & length of loan needed).
- 1099-Misc Forms and other related summary for income received but not reported on a 1099-Misc. Also, an expense summary related to this income (we do not need you to provide actual receipts).
- Summary of un-reimbursed business mileage & expenses.
- Real Estate taxes paid in 2020 (school, county, township) & Forms 1098 for all mortgage/equity loans.
- Sales tax paid in 2020 on any car, boat, or large item purchased.
- List of charitable contributions (cash & check). A letter is needed from any organization you donated > \$250.
- Non-cash contribution receipts—**summary of what, where, and when donated, estimated thrift shop value and approximate original cost.**
- Invoice for 2020 energy efficiencies for solar, wind and geothermal or fuel cell systems **ONLY**.
- Day care/summer camps for dependents under age 13: **provider name, address, EIN, or SSN and amount paid.**
- Health/dental insurance and all related out-of-pocket medical expenses. The medical deduction also includes tuition paid for a dependent to attend special schooling. Only medical expenses over 7.5% of income are deductible.
- PA Property tax/Rent Rebate. Qualified retirees should provide stamped real estate tax bills.

### **NEW CLIENTS ONLY**

- 2019 Tax Returns (federal, state, and local).
- Copy of you and your spouse's (if applicable) driver's license.
- Copy of all Social Security cards.

**As always, we appreciate your business! Stay safe and healthy.**