



## Fact Sheet: 2017 Filing Season Voluntary Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly Programs

- Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Programs
  - The VITA and TCE programs provide free help to limited or fixed income (generally \$54,000 and below), senior, disabled, and non-English speaking persons who need to file simple federal and state income tax returns.
  - 1,161 sites statewide provide free tax assistance.
  - Many military bases also provide VITA services for the U.S. Armed Forces.
  - In California, the major TCE partner is the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), which provides seniors with free, easily accessible tax assistance.
  
- VITA and TCE Statistics
  - 11,000 volunteers statewide.
  - 1,161 volunteer sites.
  - 594,642 federal and state income tax returns.
  
- How Internal Revenue Service and Franchise Tax Board Support VITA and TCE Programs
  - Jointly administer the programs.
  - Recruit VITA and TCE volunteers statewide.
  - Provide volunteer training.
  - Provide outreach to increase the public's awareness of the programs.
  - Provide training and support for tax law questions to the military VITA program.
  
- Find Out More About VITA or TCE Programs
  - Go to **ftb.ca.gov** or **irs.gov** and search for **VITA** or **TCE**.
  - **AARP.org** also provides TCE program information.
  
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