



HELP TAX FILERS START SAVING WITH *myRA*

A GUIDE FOR TAX PROFESSIONALS

Many people think about their financial situations during tax time, and IRS data shows that about three out of four tax filers receive federal tax refunds. It's the perfect time to help your clients use those refunds – often the single largest sums of money they receive all year – to save. *myRA*, a starter retirement savings account brought to you by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, makes tax time saving easy.

As a tax preparer, you're in a unique position to help your clients start saving. Visit [myRA.gov/taxpro](https://myra.gov/taxpro) today for tips, tools, and materials designed especially to help you learn more about *myRA* and to share *myRA* information with your colleagues, networks, and clients.

HERE'S WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT *myRA*

myRA was created by the U.S. Treasury, especially for people who lack access to a retirement savings plan at work or lack other options to save. Saving with *myRA* is simple, safe, and affordable.

- It costs nothing to open an account, and there are no fees.
- There are no minimum balance or contribution requirements.
- There is no risk of losing money, and accounts safely earn interest.
- It takes only minutes to sign up at [myRA.gov/tax](https://myra.gov/tax) or by calling **855-406-6972**.
- A saver can direct all or part of their tax refund to their *myRA* account.

A *myRA* is a Roth IRA with contributions invested in a single U.S. Treasury savings bond. Key Roth IRA features include the following:

- Savers may contribute a maximum of \$5,500 (\$6,500 if age 50 or older) annually in all of their Roth and traditional IRA accounts.
- Because contributions are made after-tax, savers can take out what they've put in without tax or penalty. "Qualified" earnings in the Roth IRA are also not taxable.
- For a distribution that is "not qualified," earnings are taxable; and if the owner is under age 59½, a 10% income tax will apply unless an exception is available.
- Savers may choose to transfer or roll over their money to a private sector Roth IRA at any time. *myRA* account balances should be transferred to a private sector Roth IRA when they reach \$15,000, or after 30 years.
- Income limits apply. Savers can contribute to a Roth IRA if in 2016 they earned below \$132,000 (\$133,000 for 2017) if single, and \$194,000 (\$196,000 for 2017) if married filing jointly.
- Learn more at [myRA.gov/roth-ira](https://myra.gov/roth-ira).

SAVING AT TAX TIME WITH *myRA*

SAVE MORE, PAY LESS IN TAXES

With *myRA*, not only can you help people start saving, but you can also help eligible filers claim the Saver's Tax Credit, which can maximize their refunds or lower their tax bills. Individuals who contribute to a Roth IRA with modified adjusted gross income (AGI) below certain levels for the year are eligible to claim a Saver's Tax Credit for their contributions. For more information, visit myRA.gov/roth-ira.

EVEN MORE REASONS TO SAVE

The SaveYourRefund campaign is back! Offered by Commonwealth and America Saves, the SaveYourRefund campaign provides fun and exciting incentives for Americans to save at tax time. By splitting and saving portions of their refunds, SaveYourRefund entrants have a chance to win one of 100 cash prizes and enter a photo contest to win the \$25,000 grand prize. And it's all to motivate Americans to save for their futures. Visit myRA.gov/taxpro to learn more.

THREE EASY STEPS: SAVING AT TAX TIME WITH *myRA*

1 SET UP A *myRA* ACCOUNT

Saver opens a *myRA* account at myRA.gov/tax or by calling 855-406-6972, selects the option to fund the account with the tax refund, and notes their *myRA* account number and routing number (111925074). Information needed to begin enrollment:

- Email address
- SSN (ITIN can be used - Must call *myRA* customer support center)
- Driver's license, state ID, U.S. passport, or military ID
- Name and birth date of at least one beneficiary

2 SEND THE TAX REFUND TO THE *myRA* ACCOUNT

When preparing the tax return, saver chooses to directly deposit their refund and provides their *myRA* account number and routing number. "Savings" should be indicated as the account type. IRS Form 8888 is submitted if only part of the tax refund will be deposited.

3 MAKE SAVINGS GROW

While the tax refund is a great way to jump start or boost personal savings, an account holder should consider setting up regular contributions. Account holders can save up to \$5,500 (\$6,500 if you're 50 or older) annually in all of their Roth and traditional IRA accounts, including *myRA*.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit myRA.gov/taxpro to learn more about *myRA* and to download free materials. We've designed free resources like flyers, posters, newsletter copy, and more to make it easy for you to learn more and share information about *myRA*.