

*From our Constituent Services' Desk...*

As 2019 comes to a close, it is a good time to plan for the upcoming tax season. April 15, 2020, will be here before we know it, and a little preparation now can hopefully make that time less stressful. The Internal Revenue Service is encouraging people to visit their updated [Get Ready](#) page on [IRS.gov](#).

Part of the [Get Ready](#) tax preparation includes getting organized now. This section of the IRS website has extensive filing information for parents, students, international taxpayers and businesses.

*“Gather your records. Develop a recordkeeping system - electronic or paper - that keeps important information in one place. Add tax records to the files as you receive them. Having all the needed documents on hand before you start to prepare your return helps you file a complete and accurate tax return.*

*This includes year-end Forms W-2 from employers, Forms 1099 from banks and other payers, other income documents, virtual currency transactions and Forms 1095-A from the Marketplace for those claiming the Premium Tax Credit. You should confirm that each employer, bank or other payer has your current mailing address. Typically, these forms start arriving by mail in January. Review them over carefully and, if any of the information shown is inaccurate, contact the payer right away for a correction.”*

A recent IRS press release also encouraged people to look ahead to see if they are eligible for any tax credits while filing their 2019 returns. Be sure to check eligibility for the following tax credits:

- [Earned Income Tax Credit](#)
- [Child Tax Credit](#)
- [Credit for Other Dependents](#)
- [Education Credits](#)

The IRS recently released the [2020 annual inflation adjustments](#). This site includes upcoming 2020 tax rate schedules and changes, such as the ‘failure to file’ penalty starting after 2019 will increase to \$330.00. Tax laws change yearly, you can find updates to help you navigate the 2020 tax year and start planning accordingly.

Lastly, the IRS website is viewable in several languages. Simply go to the top of the [IRS.gov](#) home page and select the language option you desire. Once you select your preferred language, the website will be quickly translated for you to easily navigate.

If you have questions, or a specific problem with the Internal Revenue Service, please contact our office at [caseworkgal1@mail.house.gov](mailto:caseworkgal1@mail.house.gov) or 770-429-1776. We look forward to serving you, should you need our assistance.