# **Sprintax Tax Preparation Software**

OISS is covering the cost for your federal income tax return (\$51.95) if you file using Sprintax. You must access Sprintax via the links on our website (see below) to benefit from this discount. There are a limited number of Sprintax codes offered by Yale for each tax year. Please file as early as possible. Although we usually have enough codes for all of our students and scholars, please note that we cannot guarantee a Sprintax discount code, especially after the April tax deadline.

Sprintax can do your state taxes as well for an additional fee. Please see step 6 below for more information. Important Note:

Sprintax is only for nonresident tax filers with U.S. source income

- Are you a resident tax filer? Verify your tax filing status here [1].
- No U.S. source income? You just need to fill out Form 8843. [2]

# **Sprintax Access**

First, please read the steps on this page to learn how to file your return(s). Then, click one of these buttons to get the link or access code so you can use Sprintax paid by OISS.

NetID Access [3] Non-NetID Access [4]

# **Sprintax Webinars - Open to All**

You are invited to attend a Sprintax Tax Workshop to learn more. Click on a date or title below to find out more and register.

Coming soon.

### How to File

## Create or Log into your Sprintax Account

Gain access to Sprintax using OISS's links or codes by selecting one of these options:

NetID Access [3]

Non-NetID Access [4]

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Open your new Sprintax account by creating a user ID and password; or if you have an existing account on Sprintax you can login using your existing credentials.

Continue to follow the Sprintax instructions. The following steps refer to the steps you'll go through when filling out your tax return on the Sprintax website.

We've included videos that may help you complete your tax return as easily as possible. These videos are also available in the following languages:

- Chinese [5]
- Portuguese [6]
- Spanish [7]

#### **Need Help?**

If you have questions about filling out your tax return, you can contact the Sprintax support team or find your answer using the options below:

- Email: <a href="mailto:hello@sprintax.com">hello@sprintax.com</a> [8]
- 24/7 help from Sprintax's virtual assistant [9]
- Sprintax website FAQs [10]
- Sprintax's educational tax videos on YouTube [11]
- Sprintax's blog [12]

## Step 1: Confirm Your Tax Residency Status

After you login to Sprintax, you will be asked a series of questions about the time you have spent in the U.S. over the recent years. Sprintax will then determine your tax status. If it determines that you are a "nonresident" (NRA) for federal tax purposes, you can continue to use the software and prepare your nonresident tax return.

However, if Sprintax determines that you are a resident for federal tax purposes, you will not be able to use the software. In that case, please see our page for resident tax payers [13].

### Step 2: Getting to Know You

Answer the personal- and immigration-related questions in Sprintax.

### Step 3: Let's Talk Money

Add the income documents you've received and answer the tax-related questions.

### Step 4: Offset Your Expenses

Answer questions about certain payments you've made in the past year, as they may reduce the amount of income that you owe taxes on.

## Step 5: About Your College

Add details about Yale and your program director from your DS-2019 or I-20.

## Step 6: State Taxes

Determine if you need to fill out a state income tax return by listing any U.S. states you've lived in, as well as time you've spent outside the U.S. Sprintax will inform you if you need to complete a state tax return. If so, you will have the option to use Sprintax for an additional fee of \$44.95. However, it is your choice to use them or to do the state tax return on your own. Instructions and resources may be found here [14].

## Step 7: Review and Submit Your Return

### Summary

Review all the information you've entered to confirm that it is accurate. Afterwards, Sprintax will generate all your tax return documents:

- a completed Form 8843 for you (and each of your dependents)
- a federal tax return, Form 1040NR

#### **Federal Tax**

Many filers may be able to e-file their federal tax documents through Sprintax. In order to do so, you must verify your identity by providing information from last years' tax return (or enter 0) and creating or entering a PIN number to use as an electronic signature.

### **State Tax**

E-filing does not apply to state income tax returns. If you have a state filing requirement, you must print and mail this to the relevant tax authorities of that state. <u>Learn more about this here</u> [14].

If you do not want to e-file or you are not eligible, you will be required to download, print and sign your federal tax return and mail it to the IRS. If you have a state filing requirement, you must also mail this to the relevant tax authorities of that state. <u>Learn more about this here</u> [14].

### **Post-Filing Support**

Sprintax will offer to provide post-filing support for an additional fee. This is not required, and you can bypass it by clicking the 'I would like to handle all post-filing communication with the IRS myself at no additional cost' box, then clicking the Next button. Please note that OISS does not provide this post-filing support for individuals, so you must determine if you want to skip this post-filing support for yourself.

### **Sprintax Forms**

Sprintax will offer to help you with pre-employment paperwork for an additional fee. This fee is not required, and you can bypass it by clicking the 'Proceed without Sprintax Forms' link (under the red button), then clicking the Next button. The <u>Yale International Tax Office</u> [15] should be able to assist you with preparing your pre-employment paperwork correctly, however you must determine for yourself if you want to obtain Sprintax's support.

## Step 8: Finalizing

If you have used OISS's link to access Sprintax, you should now be presented with your total amount owed, with the \$51.95 Federal Return fee deducted automatically. If this fee has not been deducted automatically, please contact <a href="mailto:alina.nevins@yale.edu">alina.nevins@yale.edu</a> [16] before completing this step so we can address this for you.

# **Sprintax Resources for Your Questions or Concerns**

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#### Source

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#### Links

[1] https://oiss.yale.edu/..%23taxfilingstatus [2] https://oiss.yale.edu/irs-form-8843 [3] https://oiss.yale.edu/sprintax-tax-preparation-software/sprintax-access-netid [4] https://oiss.yale.edu/sprintax-tax-preparation-software/sprintax-access-code-request-no-netid [5]

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