



## 8 Tips To Maximize Your Savings During Tax Season

Don't leave money on the table! Maximize your benefits with these strategies.

1. Ease the stress of tax season with Military OneSource's no-cost [MilTax](#) preparation e-filing software and [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance](#) program.
2. Keep track of all the [documents you need](#) to file a complete return. Forgetting a document could affect your refund or burden you with interest and penalties if you owe.
3. Assess which members of your household may qualify as [dependents](#) - not just kids.
4. Claim your maximum [tax credits](#) and use this [IRS Earned Income Tax Credit Assistant](#) to see if you're eligible for EITC. Keep in mind that tax credits change yearly and vary by state.
5. Identify qualified retirement contributions made before the tax filing deadline that may be eligible for a deduction.
6. Estimate how your [federal income tax withholding](#) on your employment Form W-4 affects your refund, take-home pay or tax due and choose a withholding amount that works for you.
7. Add up all potential deductions and compare to the standard deduction before deciding whether to [itemize](#). Don't forget about [charitable contributions](#).
8. Track your unreimbursed [PCS moving expenses](#) — they may qualify for a deduction.

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