

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide CyberTax

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To: All AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Volunteers

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Subject: CyberTax TY2017-06: IRS Volunteer Tax Alert – VTA 2018-06 – updates related to extender legislation passed early in the 2018

Following is a summary of IRS Volunteer Tax Alert - 2018-06 including updates on the extender legislation passed earlier this year. [Click here to view the full document](#) on the IRS website. CyberTax is required to be available at all Tax-Aide sites in paper or electronic format.

The Internal Revenue Service is now processing tax year 2017 returns claiming the following tax benefits:

- Exclusion from gross income of discharge of qualified principal residence indebtedness (often, foreclosure-related debt forgiveness), claimed on [Form 982](#),
- Mortgage insurance premiums treated as qualified residence interest, generally claimed by low- and middle-income filers on [Schedule A](#),
- Deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses claimed on [Form 8917](#), and
- Credit for nonbusiness energy property claimed on [Form 5695](#) (Updated per IR-2018-59).

Note that:

- Taxpayers who are eligible for any of the four tax benefits mentioned above can now file their tax returns.
- Eligible taxpayers who already filed their tax returns but did not include these benefits should file amended returns.