

TAX RETURN 2020 INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Taxes are often complicated, even for the U.S. citizens. The International Education Center staff is not trained to help with tax-filing. We can, however, provide you with general information and links to other tax resources.

Did You Work in 2020?	Forms	Due Date
Yes	U.S. Nonresident Alien Income Tax Return: 1040NR or 1040NR-EZ AND Statement for Exempt Individuals and Individuals with a Medical Condition: Form 8843	Extended to: Monday, May 17, 2021
No	Statement for Exempt Individuals and Individuals with a Medical Condition: Form 8843	Tuesday, June 15, 2021

To get specific help in determining your federal tax filing status, please contact the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-1040 or visit the sites below which give detailed information regarding state and federal taxes.

1. <http://www.internationalstudent.com/tax/>
2. <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/International-Taxpayers/Foreign-Students-and-Scholars>

TAX FORMS EXPLAINED

Form W-2

This form shows taxable income received in the form of **wages**. It lists the total income and all the taxes that have already been withheld and may include Federal, State, Social Security and Medicare.

W-2 forms are **employer-specific**, so if you had a job anywhere you will have a Form W-2 from that employer that you will need to file your tax return.

Your W-2 is generally mailed in late January to your address on file in the payroll system of your employer as of December 31. If you worked at Brookdale, your W-2 may be available via WebAdvisor.

Form 8843

Students who were in the U.S. in 2020 but did not receive any U.S. income must file IRS Form 8843 by **Tuesday, June 15, 2021**. Everyone in F-1, F-2 or J-1, J-2 status must complete this form. If you have

dependents, each one must mail their own 8843 in a separate envelope. The instructions are on page 3 and 4 including the address where the form must be mailed:

Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service Center
Austin, TX 73301-0215

If you received income, then form IRS 8843 is due May 17, 2021 along with your income tax forms.

Form 1040NR-EZ or IRS Form 1040NR – Income Tax Forms

Students who were in the U.S. in 2020 and received U.S. income must complete and file IRS Form 8843 and IRS Form 1040NR-EZ or IRS Form 1040NR with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) **Monday, May 17, 2021.**

If you worked in 2020 you should have received a W-2 (or 1099-MISC - independent contractor income) from your employer. The information on these forms is used to complete Form 1040NR-EZ or 1040NR. You can download these forms and instructions from the IRS website - www.irs.gov.

Form 1098-T

This form is given by Brookdale to show your educational expenses for each tax year. This form is useful for U.S. citizen taxpayers. It is generally not useful for international students.

You must make photocopies of all forms submitted to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and keep them for your records.

TAX SERVICES

Staff in the International Education Center do not have the knowledge to assist you with completing your tax forms. You can use a tax software to help you. But, if you do, be VERY CAREFUL that you are using a reputable product. Some examples students have used in the past are:

<https://www.sprintax.com>

<https://www.glaciertax.com/>

<http://www.internationalstudent.com/tax/>