

Types of Tax Returns Available from the IRS

Tax Return

Exact copy of a previously filed and processed tax return and all attachments (including Form W-2)
\$57 fee for each tax period requested
May take up to 60 calendar days to receive by mail
Form 4506 Request for Copy of Tax Return
Can request up to 8 tax years

Record of Account

Will show a combination of most line items contained on the return as it was originally filed and changes made by the tax payer or the IRS after the original return was filed
No fee
Varies, may take from 10 – 30 calendar days to receive by mail
(Must specifically request)
Form 4506-T Request for Transcript of Tax Return
Can request up to 3 tax years

Wage and Income Transcript

Will show wages and income submitted to the IRS by employers and various financial institutions
No fee
Varies, may take from 10 – 45 calendar days to receive by mail
(*As a rule, must specifically request)
Form 4506-T Request for Transcript of Tax Return
Can request up to 3 tax years

Tax Return Transcript

Will show most line items contained on the return as it was originally filed
No fee
Varies, may take from 10 – 30 calendar days to receive by mail
Form 4506-T Request for Transcript of Tax Return
Can request up to 3 tax years

Account Transcript

Will show changes made by the tax payer or the IRS after the original return was filed
No fee
Varies, may take from 10 – 30 calendar days to receive by mail
(*As a rule, must specifically request)
Form 4506-T Request for Transcript of Tax Return
Can request up to 3 tax years

Verification of Non-filing

Will show proof from the IRS that the tax payer did not file a return for the year requested (Current year requests are only available after June 15th)
No fee
Varies, may take up to 10 calendar days to receive by mail
Form 4506-T Request for Transcript of Tax Return
Can request up to 3 tax years

*IRS Customer Service Representative (CSR) indicated that if an individual has a power of attorney, they can fax or mail the documents to the individual with power of attorney. If no power of attorney is submitted, IRS will mail directly to the taxpayer.

*IRS CSR indicates that while some CSR's send the Account Transcript and the Wage and Income Transcript if the taxpayer requests a Tax Return Transcript, the training guide indicates not to send them unless specifically requested.