

THE TAX PICTURE

Get Your Tax Refund Back—Fast

(NAPSA)—April Johnson used to spend hours at her Sacramento, Calif. kitchen table with a pencil, calculator and telephone. Johnson would wait on hold for long periods of time just to ask the Internal Revenue Service questions about the new tax law changes. This painful process meant she spent days preparing her tax return before sending it off in the mail.

“It was torture and the IRS jargon made me feel stupid because I didn’t understand all that ‘tax speak,’” said Johnson. Her husband suggested they switch to do-it-yourself tax software and leave the pencils and miscalculations behind. After she used it once, she was hooked.

“Now, with tax software, preparing my taxes takes less time,” she said. “Plus, I’m confident that my taxes are done right because I don’t do the math—TurboTax does.”

Johnson has found out what millions of Americans already know—doing your taxes doesn’t have to feel like getting a root canal. Last year, more than 36 million tax returns were prepared with a home computer, making tax software and online tax preparation Web sites the fastest-growing tax-preparation choice of United States taxpayers.

The ease of use of today’s tax software products is a top reason for its growing popularity. Tax software walks users through their return, asks simple questions and puts the answers on IRS-approved forms. It easily handles even complicated returns and some packages, such as TurboTax, even offer audit support. Not only does tax software make it easier for taxpayers to prepare their return, it also helps



them get their refund back faster by filing electronically.

With the average federal income tax refund of \$2,200 last year, it’s no wonder why a growing number of taxpayers are electronically filing their returns. With e-file, taxpayers get their refunds back fast—in as little as nine days with direct deposit to their bank account. Sending a tax return by snail mail means taxpayers could be waiting up to six weeks to receive their refund.

According to the IRS, returns prepared electronically and e-filed are 20 percent more accurate than those filed through the mail. With e-file, taxpayers using the most popular tax packages also receive e-mail confirmation directly from the IRS when their return is received and accepted.

What used to be a joint task with her husband has now become something she’s comfortable and confident doing on her own.

“He doesn’t protest because he knows I use TurboTax and we trust that it’s accurate,” she said. “Tax software really makes life easier.”

Visit www.turbotax.com today to join Johnson and the millions of Americans who use tax software, e-file, and get their refund back—fast.