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Tax season 2023 off to uneventful start

Tax season activity returns to pre-pandemic levels amidst lack of tax law change

APPLETON, Wis. (March 9, 2023) – Over a month into tax season, preparers are noticing an unusual trend – business as usual.

After a few years of pandemic-related updates, mid-tax season IRS guidance, last-minute tax law changes and more, the ‘quiet’ is a welcome change to many, and some preparers are even feeling anxious filing returns in the event of a mid-tax season shakeup.

“It’s been really quiet,” said NATP’s Director of Tax Content and Government Relations Tom O’Saben. “It’s probably heightened because, compared to the last few years, there have been minimal tax law changes. It’s almost as if we’re back to pre-COVID activity.”

While the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act added credits for taxpayers who purchase an electric vehicle and make energy-efficient home improvements, there are few other changes to tax law that need to be implemented, reported and reconciled on most taxpayers’ 2022 returns.

The hope, O’Saben said, is that there are no major changes that result in taxpayers and tax professionals needing to amend returns.

“What we’re waiting for next is to see what happens when the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act provisions expire in 2025,” O’Saben said. “Then things are bound to ramp up again, and it will be even more important for tax preparers to be informed and educated for their clients’ sake.”

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