

Election to File a Joint Tax Return

You are electing to file your income taxes on a joint return. Filing a joint return requires an affirmative election indicated by your signing this form with the intent to file jointly with your spouse.

Filing jointly generally results in a lower tax than if you each file separately. *Filing a joint return, however, renders each spouse both individually and jointly liable to the IRS for the entire tax liability reported on the return or later determined by audit.*

This joint and several liability may be avoided only if you qualify for very restrictive so called “innocent spouse” relief. You may if you choose, file a separate return reporting only your own income, deductions, tax-credits and withholding. Thus, you should sign the tax return only if you are certain it is accurate, intend to file a joint return and thereby assume all of the benefits and burdens of the joint return election.

If one of you wish to file your tax return other than Married Filing Joint, then DO NOT sign this form.

I _____ and _____
Primary Taxpayer Name (Print) Spouse Name (Print)

agree to file our _____ tax return as Married Filing Joint.
Tax Year(s)

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Primary Taxpayer

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Spouse