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70,000 US Citizens in Australia Now Facing Taxing Time

As the US tax season kicks off, [H&R Block](#) is issuing a call to action to the 70,000 US citizens who call Australia home - lodge now!

Mark Chapman, Director of Tax Communications with H&R Block Australia, said “We all know how stressful it can be to lodge an Australian tax return. As the US tax season gets under way, spare a thought for those US citizens who have chosen to temporarily or permanently make Australia home. As well as an Australian return, they also need to lodge an American one!”

The US tax code has strict rules imposing taxation on the worldwide income of all US citizens. So, whether you’re here on a short term working assignment or vacation or whether you’ve lived here for decades and made your permanent home in Australia, chances are you’ll still need to lodge a US tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) by 15 April.

And with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) signing a recent agreement with the IRS to pass on a broad range of information about the local income of Australian-based US citizens, it’s never been more important to get good advice to ensure that you’re properly reporting all your income, as well as maximising your deductions.

Fortunately, as the largest preparer of tax returns in both Australia and the US, H&R Block is ideally placed to help. H&R Block in Australia has a [team of US tax experts](#), including former IRS officers and CPAs, waiting to help US citizens lodge and get the best possible tax outcome.

US citizens can work with our US expat centre in one of two ways - either face-to-face in our office at 428 George Street, Sydney, or from anywhere in the world through our secure remote services. Simply upload your documents, and let our professionals handle the rest. They can be contacted on 02 9221 4600 or email usexpattax@hrblock.com.au.

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