NoRTH International Tax Clinic

DIY-Taxes using TaxSlayer

An IRS FSA (Facilitated Self-Assistance) Tax Clinic

This guide is intended to assist in preparing tax year 2023 federal income tax returns for nonresident aliens.

This special circumstances guide covers:

Wage Income with No 1042-S or Your Treaty Benefits DO NOT MATCH

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The mission of these programs is to provide free basic tax return preparation for low-tomoderate income and elderly taxpayers. This also includes taxpayers with disabilities, limited English proficiency and the Military.

Volunteers participating in these programs must sign a Form 13615, Volunteer Standards of Conduct Agreement - VITA/ TCE Programs. These agreements require them to provide high quality service and uphold the highest ethical standards.

While the IRS is responsible for providing oversight requirements to Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs, these sites are operated by IRS-sponsored partners who manage IRS-required site operations and volunteer ethical standards. In addition, the locations of these sites may not be in or on federal property.

To report unethical behavior to IRS, e-mail us at wi.voltax@irs.gov

Programas de **Impuestos Gratuitos** Ofrecidos por VITA/TCE

El Servicio de Impuestos Internos (IRS, por sus siglas en inglés), patrocina los programas de Asistencia Voluntaria al Contribuvente para la preparación de los Impuestos sobre el ingreso (VITA, por sus siglas en inglés), y el de Asesoramiento Tributario para las Personas de Edad Avanzada (TCE, por sus siglas en inglés).

La misión de estos programas es proporcionar la preparación gratuita de las declaraciones de impuestos sencillas a los contribuyentes de ingresos bajos a moderados y contribuyentes de edad avanzada. Esto incluye también a los contribuyentes con discapacidades, aquéllos con dominio limitado del inglés y la milicia.

Aunque el IRS es responsable de proporcionar los requisitos de supervisión para los programas de Asistencia Voluntaria al Contribuyente (VITA) y de Asesoramiento Tributario para las Personas de Edad Avazada (TCE), estos sitios son operados por socios patrocinados por el IRS que administran las operaciones requeridas por el sitio y los estándares de ética de los voluntarios. Además, es posible que las ubicaciones de estos sitios no estén en la propiedad federal.

Los voluntarios que participan en estos programas, tienen que firmar el Formulario 13615, Volunteer Standards of Conduct Agreement - VITA/ TCE Programs (Acuerdo de los estándares de conducta de los voluntarios de los programas de VITA/TCE), en inglés. Estos acuerdos exigen que ellos proporcionen un servicio de alta calidad y mantengan los más altos estándares éticos.

Para denunciar un comportamiento no ético al IRS, envíenos un correo electrónico a wi.voltax@irs.gov



Tax Year 2023 Wage Incon 1042-S or Treaty

WARNING!

- The TaxSlayer software is not "smart"!
 - Just because you can create a return that shows a particular amount of tax owed or a refund, or any number in any particular spot, does NOT mean that the return is correct.
- It is your responsibility to correctly prepare your tax return.
 - When you sign to send it in, you are signing under penalties of perjury that the return is true, correct, and complete.
 - We have provided aides to assist you in this process, and opportunities to talk to trained volunteers about how to prepare your return, but ultimately it is up to you to ensure that your return is correct.
 - As an IRS VITA clinic, the volunteers and organizations who assist you are not liable for any incorrect information in your return.
 - If the return you prepare is incorrect, YOU will be responsible for any additional tax, interest, or penalties that you may owe the IRS or any other tax authorities.

Tax Process Overview

Create a personalized guide and you'll only get the steps and pages that you need to prepare and file your federal and state tax returns!

Nonresidents

- Get Ready
 - Gather your income documents
 - Confirm your return is in scope
- Do Your Taxes
 - Option 1: Create and use a Personalized Guide
 - · Create your personalized guide
 - Prepare your return
 - File your return
 - Option 2: Use tools, basic, and special circumstances guides
 - Confirm your federal tax residency status for 2023
 - Determine if you need to file a tax return
 - Determine your treaty benefits
 - Determine which scenarios apply to you
 - Prepare your return using a basic scenario
 - Update your return with any special circumstances scenarios
 - File your return

Residents

- Get Ready
 - Gather your income documents
 - Confirm your return is in scope
- Do Your Taxes
 - Option 1: Go straight to TaxSlayer, and use their built-in guide
 - Option 2: Create and use a Personalized Guide (coming soon).

You should be here in the tax process

Special Circumstances Scenarios

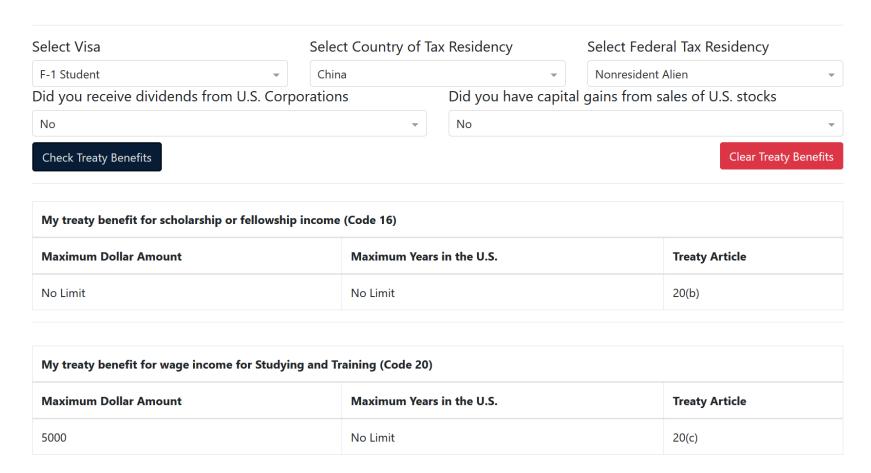
- We have broken out our state tax return preparation into separate guides. We have guides for the following states:
 - Minnesota, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, California, Maryland, Wisconsin, Ohio
- The following scenarios are intended to expand the federal and state tax return preparation process for nonresident aliens who have the following special circumstances:
 - Minnesota Property Tax Refund
 - Working in multiple states
 - Investment transactions Interest, Dividends, Capital Gains
 - Wage Income with No 1042-S, or Your Treaty Benefits DO NOT MATCH
 - Scholarship or Fellowship Income Not Reported on a 1042-S
 - Charitable Contributions
 - Student Loan Interest
 - Dependents
 - IRA/401(k) Distributions
- If one or more of these special circumstances applies to you, FIRST complete this basic scenario, and THEN complete the guides for any special circumstances that apply.

Out of Scope Income & Situations

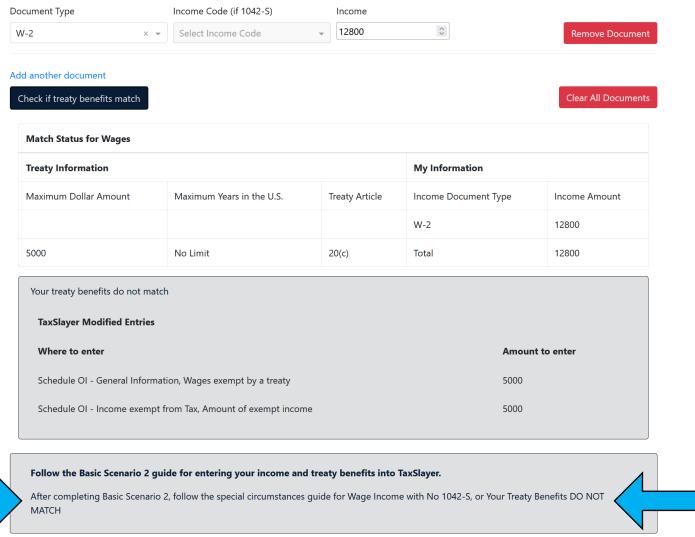
- Income over \$79,000
 - Note: this is a software limit, and you won't be able to prepare a return if your income is over this amount.
- Some state income tax returns. We support MN, CA, PA, NC, MD, OH, and WI returns.
 - The software supports all of the other states, but we can't help you do them.
- Treaty benefits for income types other than wages, scholarships, dividends, and capital gains
- Self-employment Income (1099-NEC or 1099-MISC)
 - Per IRS rules, we can help with this for residents, but not for nonresident aliens. Here is a free resource that may help you no matter your federal tax residency status: <u>Self Employment Tax Guide from My</u> Free Taxes
- Income earned outside of the U.S.
- Amended Returns
- Prior Year (2022 or earlier) Returns
- Cryptocurrency or other digital assets
- If you have a type of income that is out of scope you can still use TaxSlayer to prepare your return, but we will not be able to provide guidance about the out of scope income.
- You can find reference materials for preparing your federal return / reporting out of scope income here:
 - https://www.irs.gov/

Macalester tax clients should use GLACIER' Tax Summary Report and GTP to confirm any tax treaty benefits. You can only use TaxSlayer software if your NRA for tax. If you want to get same information that is shown here, you can also access https://tools.nrtaxhelp.org/treatybenefits by using NRVTAP's site, https://www.nrvtap.com/, and using there What Are My Treaty Benefits? tool.

Have you checked your treaty benefits?



Did you enter your income documents? Are you in the right special circumstances scenario?



Print Results

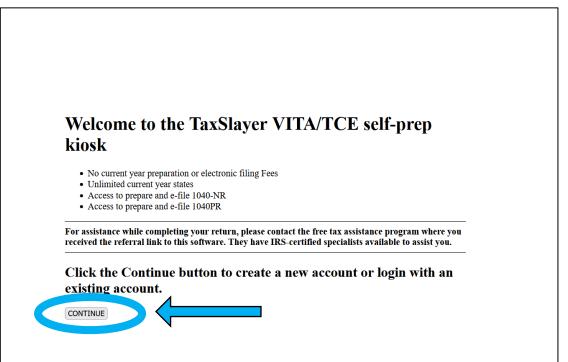
Potential situations where your benefits don't match.

- 1. You received a W-2 for some wages, a 1042-S for some wages, and your total of W-2 + 1042-S wages is less than your treaty benefit.
 - This commonly occurs when individuals sign their treaty benefit paperwork after they have started working. Their first few paychecks may be reported on a W-2, and then later ones are reported on the 1042-S
 - This happens for both teachers and researchers who have an unlimited maximum of treaty benefits for wages, and for students who have a limited amount of treaty exempt wage income, and their total income is less than their treaty benefit.
- 2. You only received a W-2 for wages. You are eligible for a treaty benefit, but you did not receive a 1042-S form.
 - This commonly occurs for individuals who do not work for at a college or university, or who never signed treaty paperwork with payroll at that school.
 - In this case your "1042-S" is \$0.
- 3. You received two 1042-S forms, and together they total more than your treaty benefit.
 - This commonly occurs when students transfer between schools, and each school independently applies the treaty to their wages.

Go into TaxSlayer, then skip to the section that matches your situation

• If your situation doesn't match one of these, please contact us at your member support email (see the Get Help tab on your member pages).

Accessing TaxSlayer – Make sure the link takes you here.



Note: The first series of steps you need to do all in one go, so don't stop until we say that you can save and exit.

Do NOT go to the main TaxSlayer website to create your account!

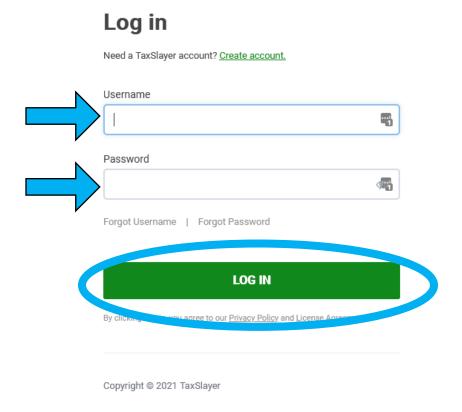
Your only option on that site will be to pay for your return.

You MUST use the link in the Do Your Taxes page of the member website.

You will not be charged a fee if you are using the proper link, or you will have to delete your account start your return again .

Log into your TaxSlayer account

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You should have a federal and a state return

MY ACCOUNT 2023 Tax Return

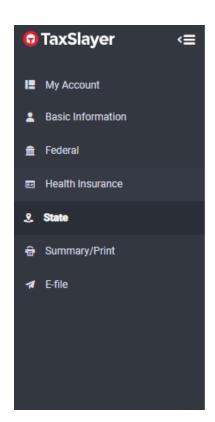
Welcome back! Let's finish your 2023 tax return.

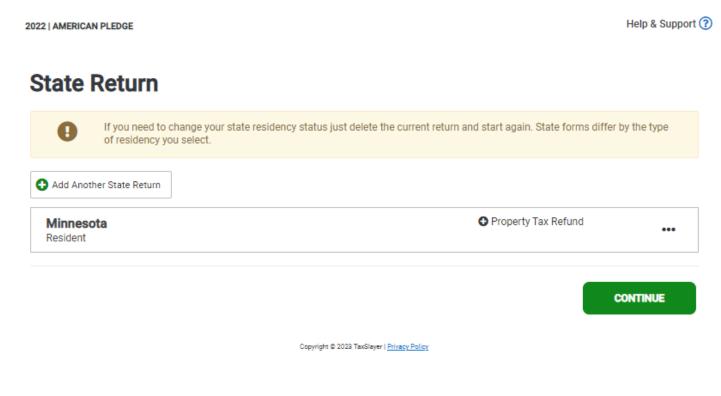




| RETURN | STATUS | REFUND AMOUNT |
|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| Federal | Created (1) | -\$11.00 |
| Minnesota | Created (i) | \$0.00 |

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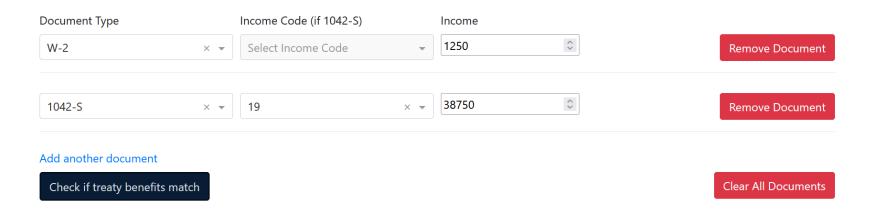




Situation #1:

Entering adjustments in TaxSlayer for when you received a W-2 for some wages, a 1042-S for some or zero wages, and your total of W-2 + 1042-S wages is less than your treaty benefit.

Nick is here as a J-1 researcher. He received both a 1042-S and a W-2, although his treaty benefit is unlimited.



These are the results of his "My Treaty Benefits" worksheet, showing that his benefits do not match

| Match Status for Wages | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|--|--|
| Treaty Information | | My Information | | | | |
| Maximum Dollar Amount | Maximum Years in the U.S. | Treaty Article | Income Document Type | Income Amount | | |
| | | | W-2 | 1250 | | |
| | | | 1042-S | 38750 | | |
| No Limit | 3 | 19 | Total | 40000 | | |

We will now make these two adjusting entries

TaxSlayer Modified Entries

Where to enter

Schedule OI - General Information, Wages exempt by a treaty

Schedule OI - Income exempt from Tax, Amount of exempt income

40000

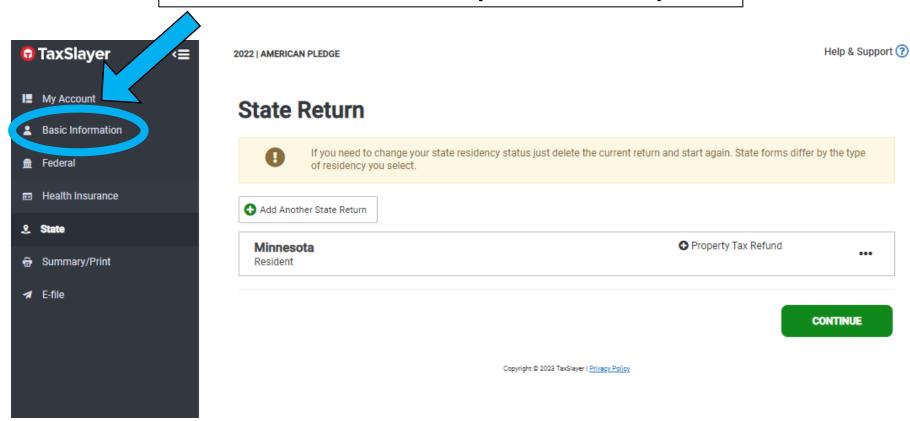
Follow the Basic Scenario 2 guide for entering your income and treaty benefits into TaxSlayer.

After completing Basic Scenario 2, follow the special circumstances guide for Wage Income with No 1042-S, or Your Treaty Benefits DO NOT MATCH

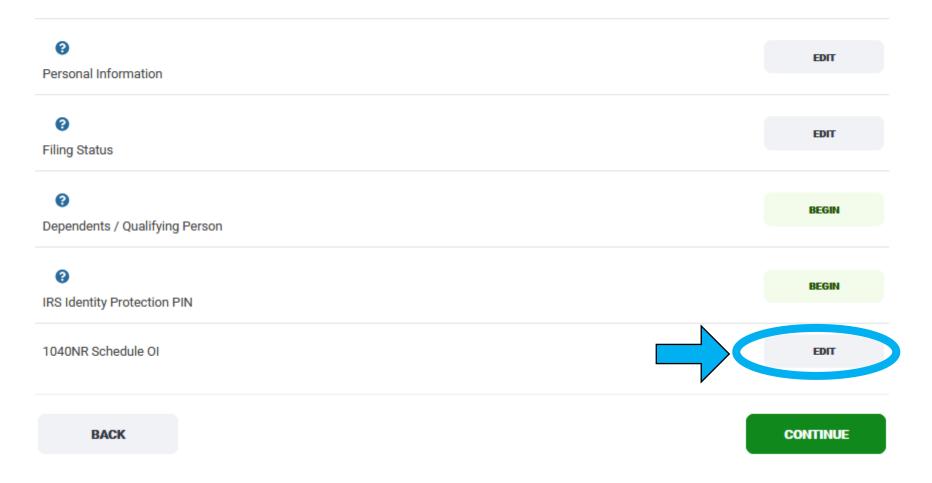
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Click on Basic Information, if you aren't already there

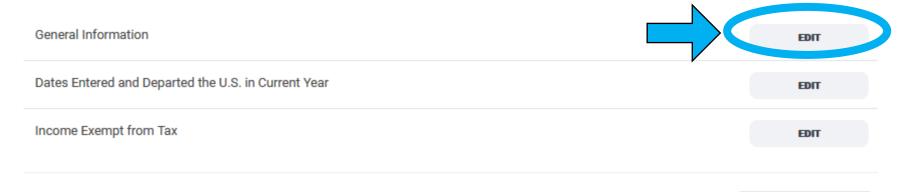


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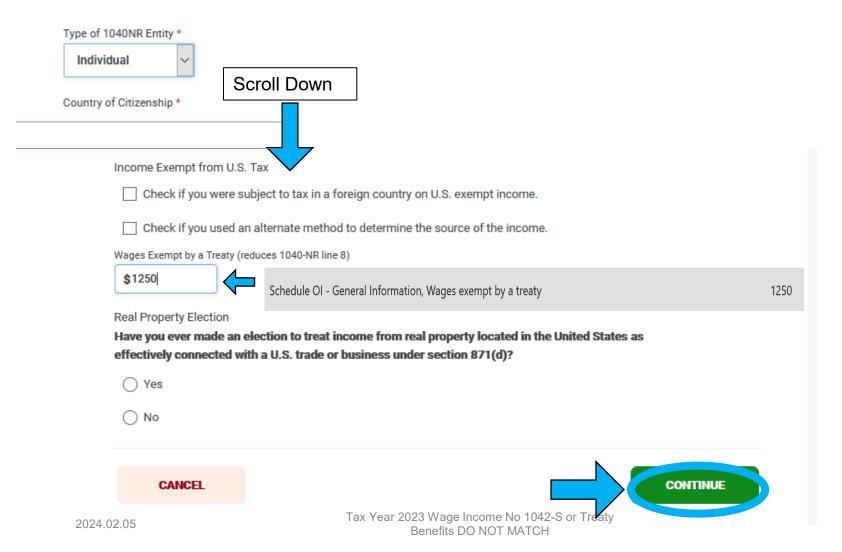




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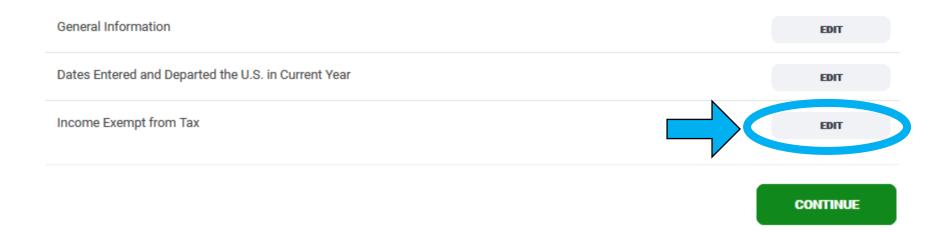
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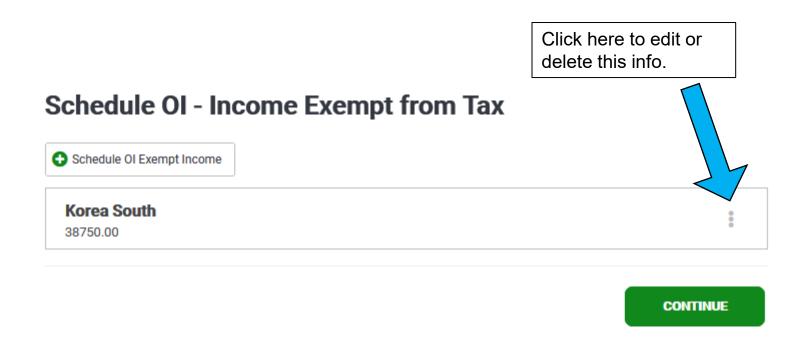


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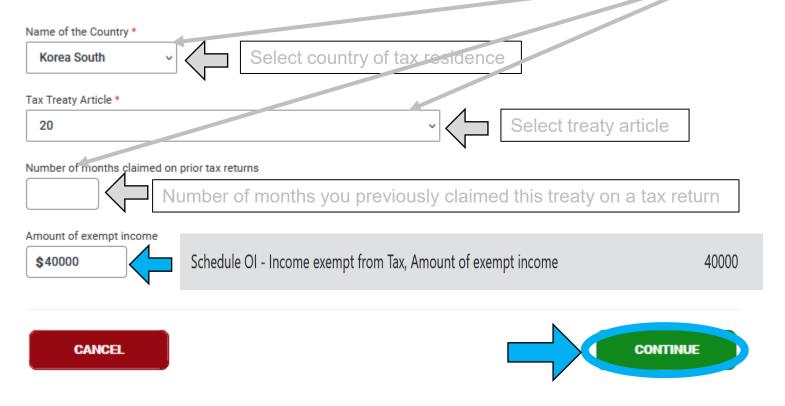


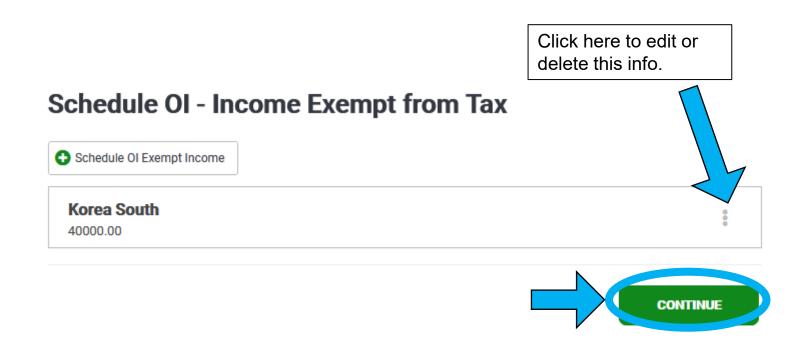
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Schedule OI - Income Exempt from Tax





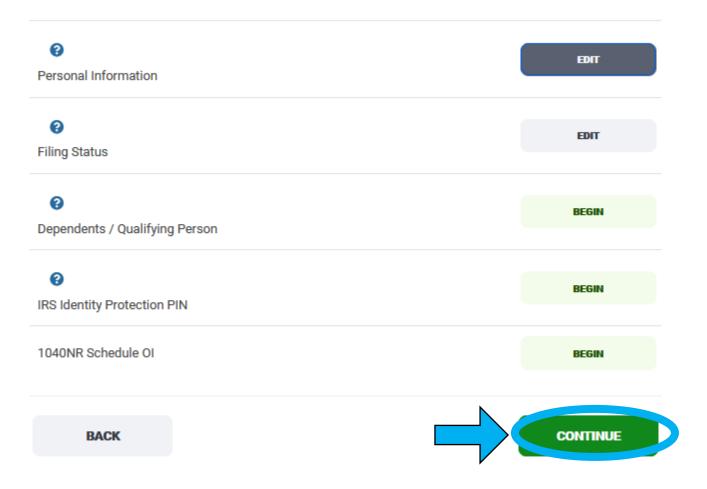
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| Dates Entered and Departed the U.S. in Current Year | EDIT |
| Income Exempt from Tax | EDIT |



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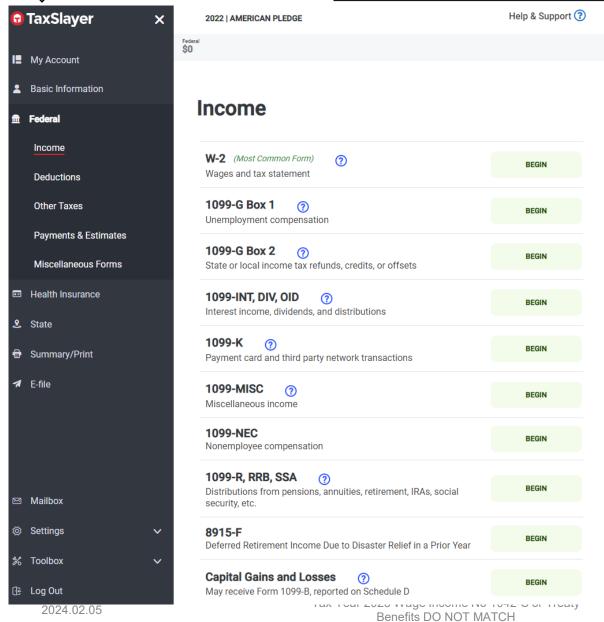


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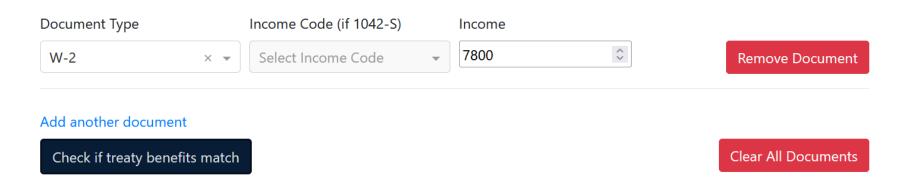
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Situation #2:

Entering adjustments in TaxSlayer for when you have a treaty benefit for wages, but you do not receive a 1042-S for wages.

Nick is here as an F-1 student. He never signed his treaty benefits forms with payroll, and so he only received a W-2 for his wages.



Match Status for Wages Treaty Information Maximum Dollar Amount Maximum Years in the U.S. Treaty Article Income Document Type Income Amount W-2 7800 2000 5 21(1) Total 7800

Your treaty benefits do not match

TaxSlayer Modified Entries

Where to enter

Schedule OI - General Information, Wages exempt by a treaty

Schedule OI - Income exempt from Tax, Amount of exempt income

2000

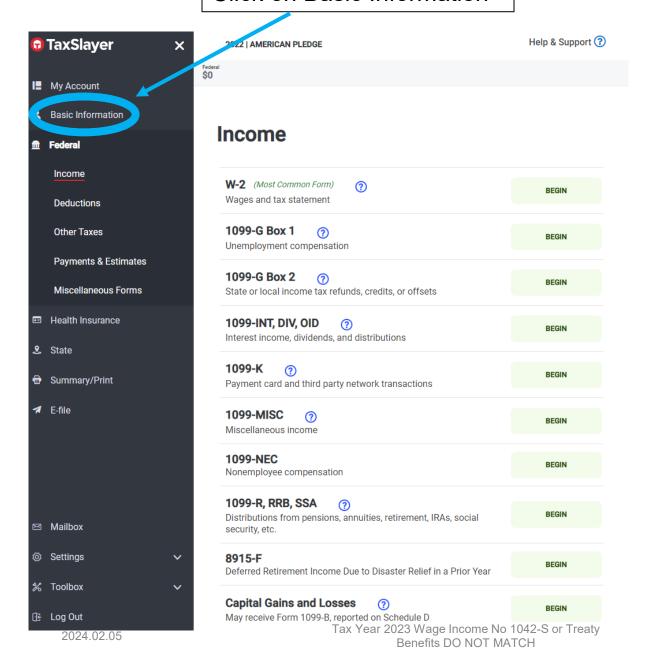
Follow the Basic Scenario 2 guide for entering your income and treaty benefits into TaxSlayer.

After completing Basic Scenario 2, follow the special circumstances guide for Wage Income with No 1042-S, or Your Treaty Benefits DO NOT MATCH

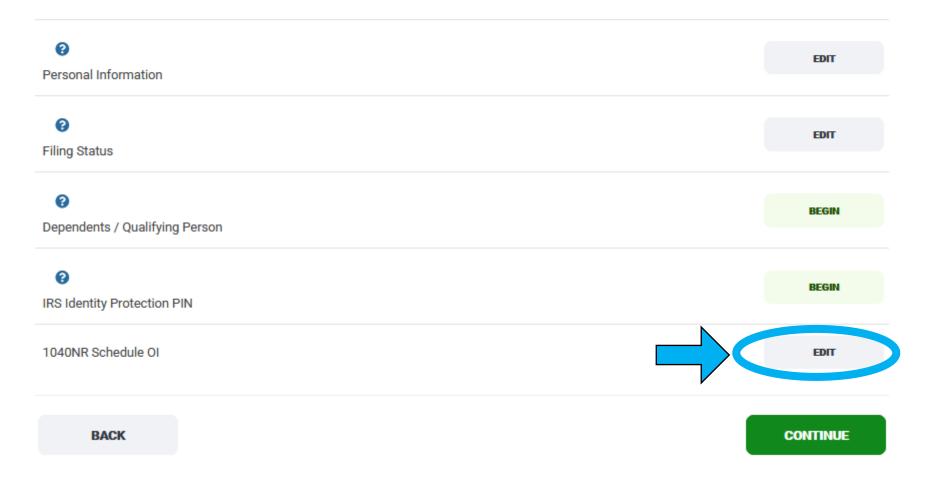
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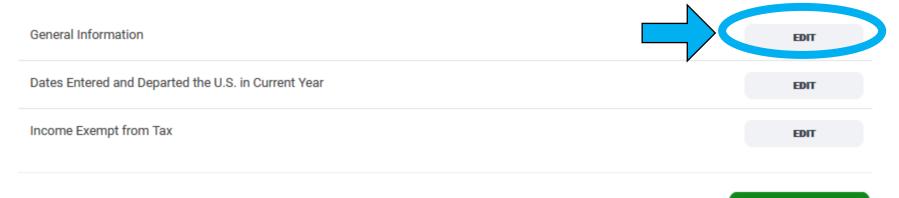


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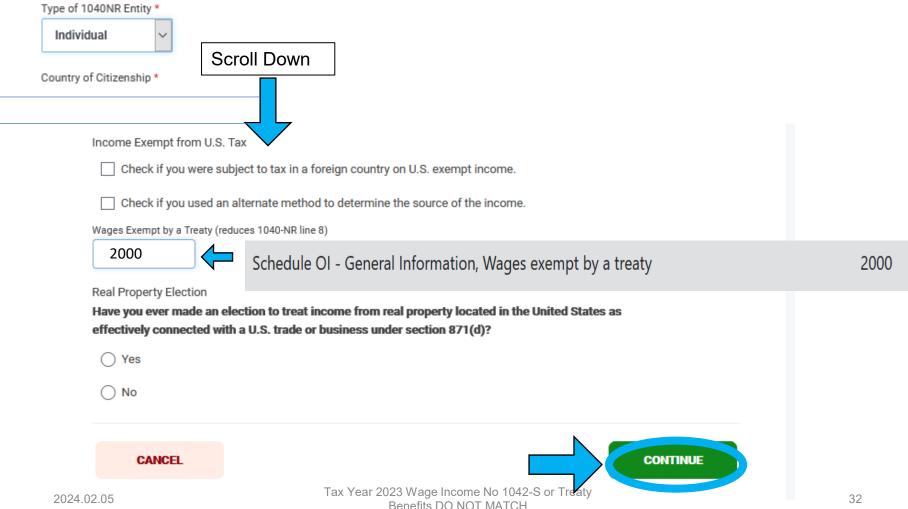




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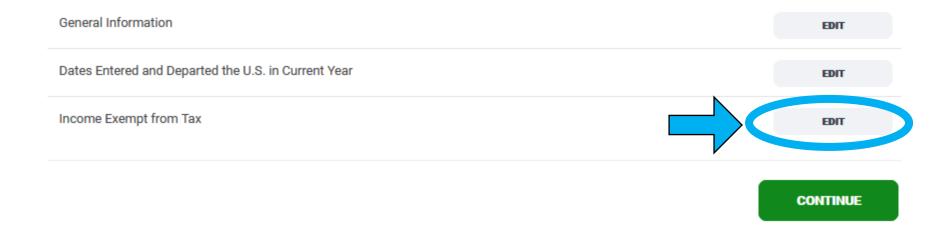
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General Information



Schedule OI

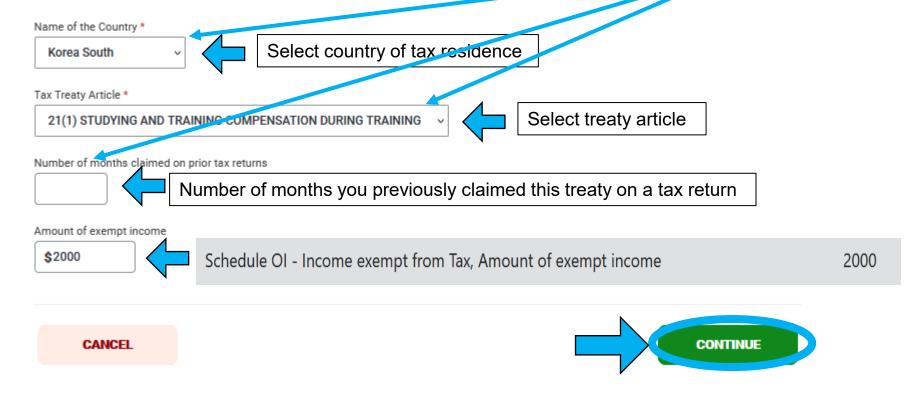


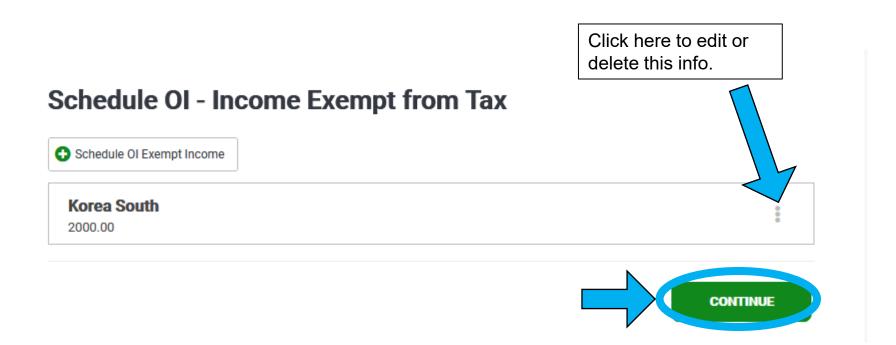


| Treaty Information | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Maximum Dollar Amount | Maximum Years in the U.S. | Treaty Article | | |
| | | | | |
| 2000 | 5 | 21(1) | | |

Fill these out based on information in My Treaty Benefits results.

Schedule OI - Income Exempt from Tax





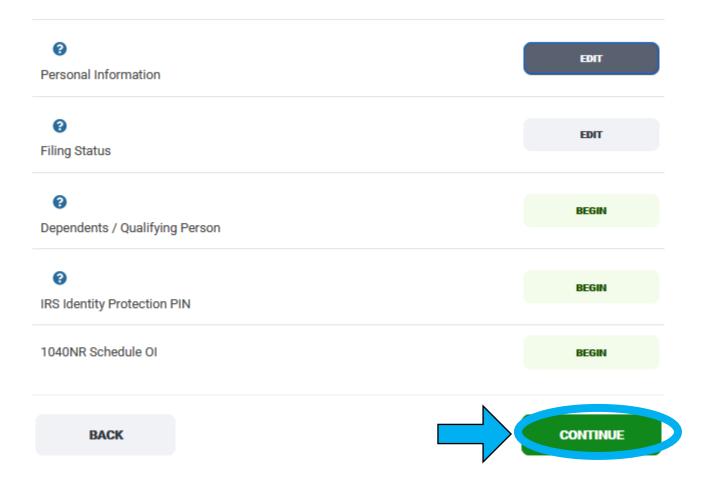
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| Income Exempt from Tax | EDIT |



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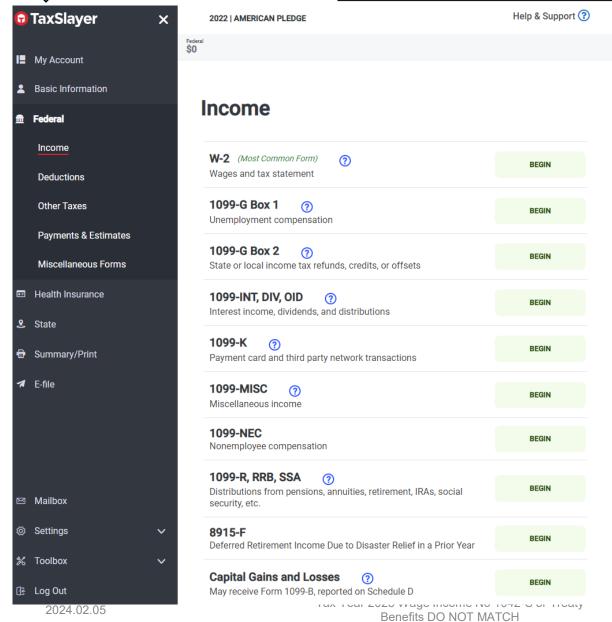


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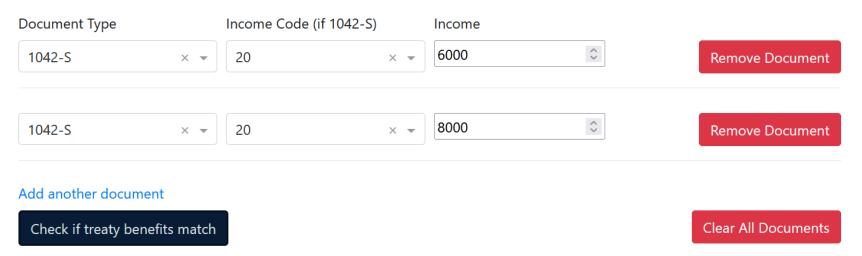
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Situation #3:

Entering adjustments in TaxSlayer for when you received two 1042-S forms, and together they total more than your treaty benefit.

Birkir is an F-1 student whose country of tax residency is Iceland. He went to school at Michigan State during the spring of 2022, and then transferred to the UofMn for the fall semester. He received a 1042-S form for his wages from working on campus from both schools.



These are the results of his "My Treaty Benefits" worksheet, showing that his benefits do not match

Match Status for Wages

| Treaty Information | | | My Information | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Maximum Dollar Amount | Maximum Years in the U.S. | Treaty Article | Income Document Type | Income Amount |
| | | | 1042-S | 6000 |
| | | | 1042-S | 8000 |
| 9000 | 5 | 19(1) | Total | 14000 |

| Your treaty benefits do not match We will now make these | We will now make these two adjusting entries | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| TaxSlayer Modified Entries | | | |
| Where to enter | Amount to enter | | |
| Schedule OI - General Information, Wages exempt by a treaty | -5000 | | |
| Schedule OI - Income exempt from Tax, Amount of exempt income | 9000 | | |
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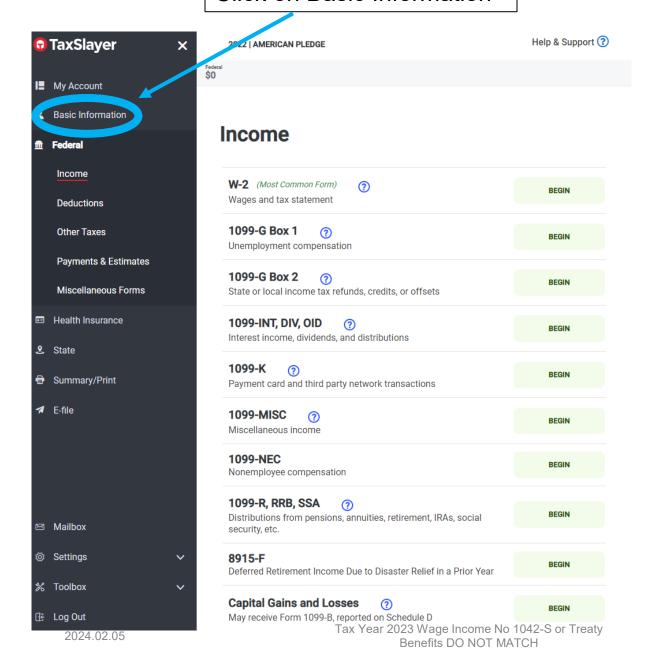
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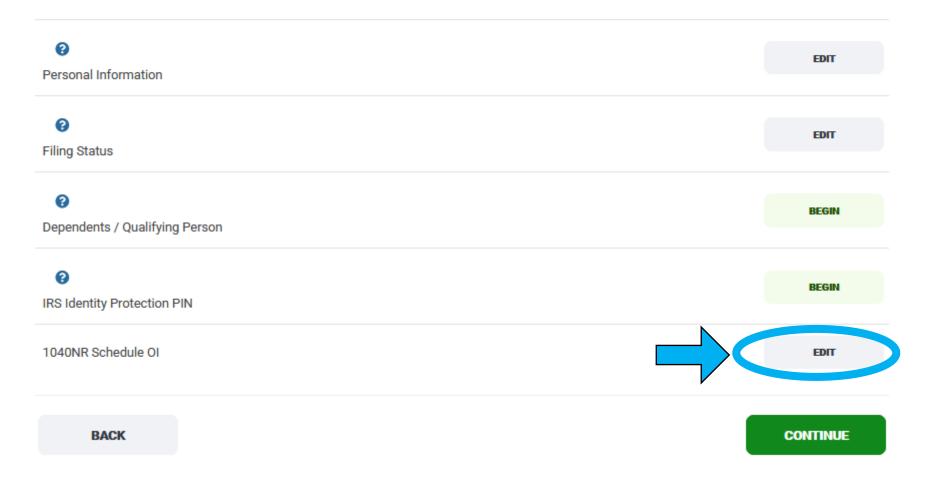
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Click on Basic Information



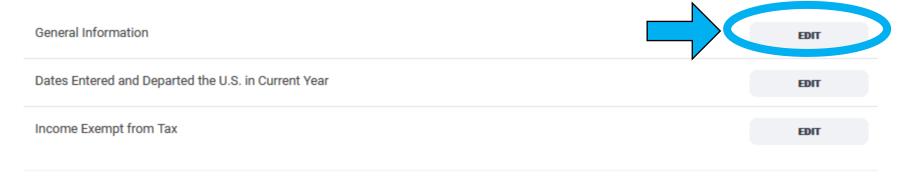
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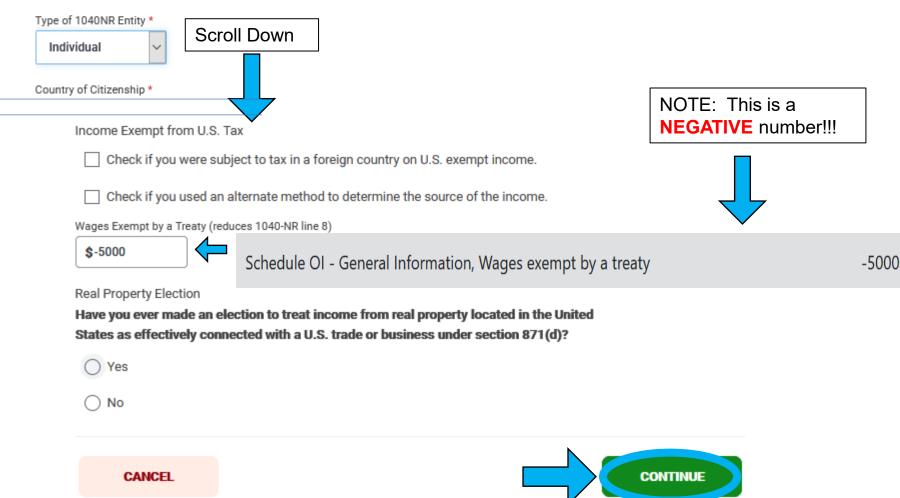




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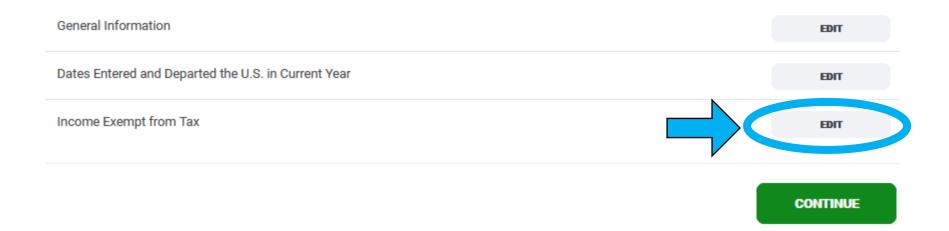
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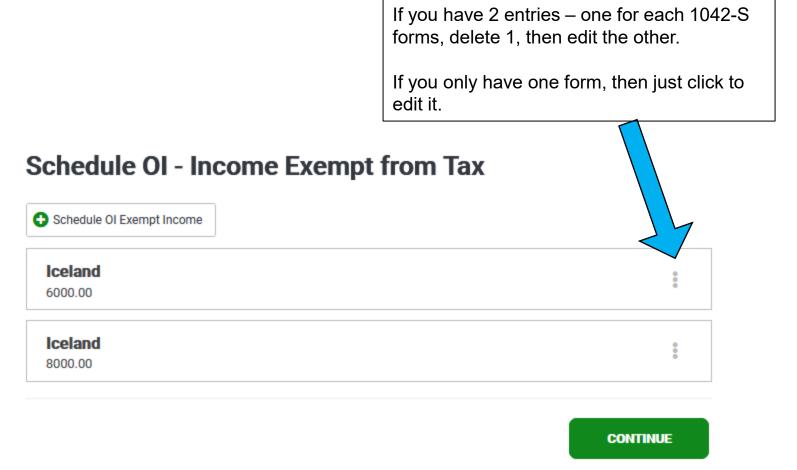


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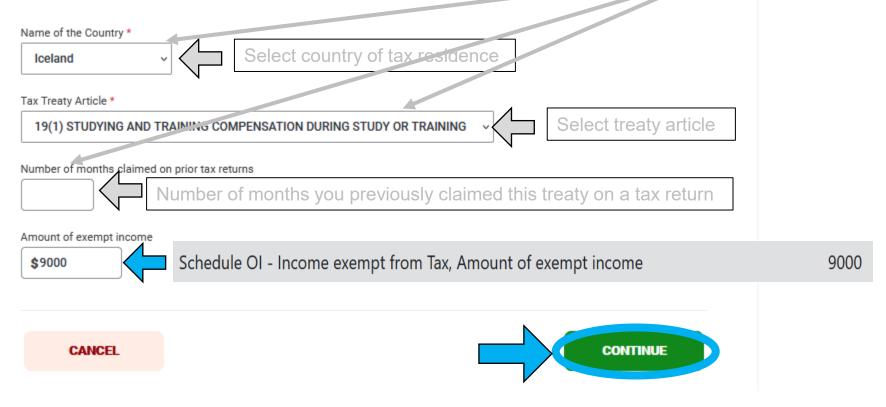


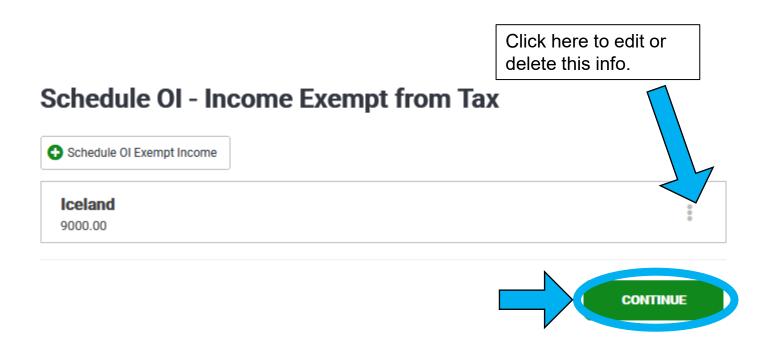
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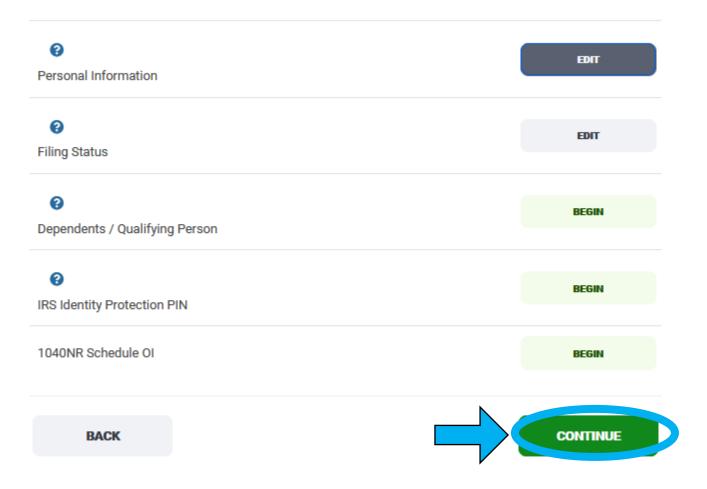
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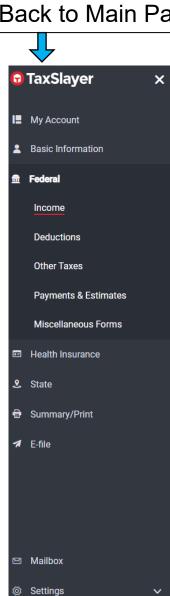


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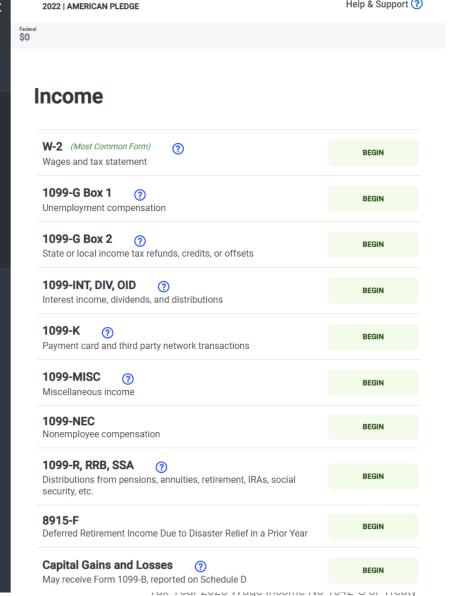
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Help & Support ?

If this is your only or final special circumstances information to enter, go to next slide

If not, save your file, and go to your next special circumstances guide.

Filing instructions guide has been published on the member site

Go to Do Your Taxes, scroll down to E-File Your Return to access the link to this guide to complete your returns and file them with the tax authorities

Congratulations!!!

You have prepared your tax return!