

Step-by-Step to Free File Certification **FREE FILE**

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Free File Foreign Student Tax Preparer

Free File Foreign Student Tax Preparers provide a valuable service to the taxpayer. Many international students don't have access to free tax preparation. Thank you for your help!

Tax preparers are required to pass a tax law certificate in addition to the 2 basic certifications all volunteers are required to pass.

This guide will take you through the process step by step. The following are required to volunteer as a Free File Foreign Student Tax Preparer:

Step 1: Create a Link & Learn Account

• Visit <u>https://linklearntaxescertification.com</u> Create a new IRS account. Follow the tips below.



This is a screenshot of the main Link and Learn account page. After you create an account, you'll use the Username and Password section to Sign In. If you forget your username or password, select "CLICK HERE" under Forgot Password or Username? to retrieve it.

<u>Tips:</u>

Your Group: 07-Foreign Student Site Volunteer

Partner/Organization Name: United Way of Pickens County

Do you want to take the Site Coordinator certification? Unless you plan to be a Site Coordinator and have talked to Nicole about this, it is not necessary.

Do you plan to volunteer in the VITA/TCE Program? Yes! Free File falls under the federal VITA program.

Training Source: Link and Learn Taxes (e-learning)

For those sections that do not have a red star, you do not need to complete the field. For example, if you do not have a PTIN Number, CTEC Number, or a need for continuing education credits, leave those sections blank.

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Step 2: Volunteer Standards of Conduct (VSC) Exam

- The exam questions are found in the Publication 6744 (pages 11-14). You can get a paper version from Nicole or an electronic version here: <u>https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f6744.pdf</u>
- The answers are found in the Volunteer Standards of Conduct (VSC) Training in Publication 4961. You can get a paper version from Nicole or find the material here: <u>https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4961.pdf</u> (pages 2-21).
- Sign in to Link and Learn using the Username and Password on the left side of the screen. <u>https://linklearntaxescertification.com</u>. Click on the Volunteer Standards of Conduct Exam and answer the questions.
- Minimum Proficiency Requirement is 80% or 8 out of 10 correct answers. Exam may be retaken using retest for an initial Score of 79% or less.



• Estimated completion time for exam is 1 hour.

Step 3: Intake/Interview and Quality Review Exam

- The exam questions are found in the Publication 6744 on (pages 23-24). You can get a paper version from Nicole or an electronic version here: <u>https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f6744.pdf</u>
- The answers are found in the Intake Interview and Quality Review Processes in Publication 4961. You can get a paper version from Nicole or find the material here at <u>https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4961.pdf</u> (pages 22-28).
- For additional information see Publication 5101 Intake/Interview & Quality Review Training at https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p5101.pdf
- Sign in to Link and Learn using the Username and Password on the left side of the screen. <u>https://linklearntaxescertification.com</u>. Click on the Intake/Interview and Quality Review Exam and answer the questions.
- Minimum Proficiency Requirement is 80% or 8 out of 10 correct answers. Exam may be retaken using retest for an initial Score of 79% or less.
- Estimated completion time for exam is 20 minutes.



Step 4: Foreign Student Tax Certification

• Please Note: <u>These are challenging</u>. They are created to provide you with every odd scenario that could come to you. Please remember that the average taxpayer has a very simple return. AND you are not alone. There will be plenty of help and support on site for you. You don't need to know everything.

<u>Create a Practice Lab Account</u> – you will need a Practice Lab account to complete portions of the Foreign Student Tax exam.

• Visit https://vita.taxslayerpro.com/IRSTraining (password TRAINPROWEB)

	Sign In
	Username
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	Sign In
ľ	Create Account
	Forgot Password Forgot Username

https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f6744.pdf.

- Click Create Account
- Fill out all information to create an account.
- \circ Select "VITA" under program type.
- Leave SIDN blank
- o After filling out fields select "Create Account"

 $\ensuremath{\circ}$ Then sign in again using new Username and Password

 $\ensuremath{\circ}$ Write down your username and password for future use

• The exam questions are found in the Publication 6744 on (pages 163-195)

- Answers are found by using Publication 4011. You can get a paper version from Nicole or find the material here: <u>https://irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4011.pdf</u>
- The second half of the test will prompt you to use your Practice Lab log in to complete the questions. Log in to your practice lab to practice creating tax returns.

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Section 1: Getting Started with TaxSlayer Pro Online ▶ User Guide ▶ Pro Online: Login and Passwords	Section 2: Configuring TaxSlayer Pro Online User Guides Setting up Site Information	Section 3: Installing TaxSlayer Pro ► User Guides ► Contingency Procedures
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Ready to Take the Foreign Student Tax Exam?

- Sign in to Link and Learn using the Username and Password on the left side of the screen. <u>https://linklearntaxescertification.com</u>. Click on the blank space on the right-hand side of the page. This will allow the tabs to slide over to make room for the Foreign Student tab
- Click on the Foreign Student Exam and answer the questions.
- Minimum Proficiency Requirement is 80% or 28 out of 35 correct answers. Exam may be retaken using retest for an initial Score of 79% or less.
- Estimated completion time for exam is 4 hours ٠ Click Here to expand tabs to include "Foreign Student" 2VITA/TCE Certification Test My Account Foreign Student Circular 230 Basic Advanced Military International Puerto Rico You may sign your You may sign your Pass/Fail Attempts (2 attempts Course name Score (click for results) per exam allowed) Volunteer Agreement electronically by checking this Pass box 100.00 % 2022 Volunteer Standards of Conduct Exam 1 Print Certificate Nicole Zeiset 11/16/2022 Pass 2022 Intake/Interview and Quality Review Exam 100.00 % 1 Print Certificate Click here to open and Pass complete vour Volunteer 2022 Site Coordinator Exam 100.00 % 1 Print Certificate Agreement. Click Print from the file menu to print the page Pass Print Certificate 2022 Foreign Student Exam 86.00 % 1 Save the Volunteer Agreement

Step 5: Submit Signed Volunteer Agreement

- Sign in to Link and Learn using the Username and Password on the left side of the screen. <u>https://linklearntaxescertification.com</u>
- On the right side of the screen, you'll see a check box prompting you to sign your Volunteer Agreement electronically by checking this box.
- After checking the box, select the blue "Click here" link underneath to open and complete your Volunteer Agreement for your records.
- A PDF will appear in the bottom left-hand side of your screen. Click to open.
- You need to submit this agreement to United Way of Pickens County. You can either download and email it to Nicole at nzeiset@uwpickens.org or you can print it and turn it in person

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