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Federal Income Tax Return Must Be Filed In Order To Receive A Rebate

If you want a rebate, you'll have to file a tax return! This was the official word from the Internal Revenue Service. This could be confusing to seniors who do not ordinarily file tax returns because their income is either so low or could include seniors whose main source of income — or only source of income — is Social Security or certain types of veterans' benefits.

If you're in that category — whether you live in your own house, in an apartment or in government subsidized housing — you may not have filed a return in a number of years.

But now know this: You won't receive a rebate automatically; you'll have to file a Federal Income Tax return first. You won't have to actually pay any tax. But by filing a return, you'll give the IRS the information it needs to issue you a rebate — such as your name, address, Social Security number and the amount of your income for 2007.

Remember that you generally need at least \$3,000.00 of "qualifying income" for 2007 to be eligible for a rebate — and "qualifying income" includes Social Security benefits as well as certain types of veterans' benefits. You will be able to obtain free tax preparation and tax filing service by contacting any of the various AARP Tax Aide sites throughout the county for an appointment.

Further information can be requested by calling the Ulster County Office for the Aging at 845-340-3456 or toll free 1-877-914-3456.