



The Peace of Mind® Extended Service Plan (the "Plan") is offered by HRB Tax Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries' franchisees ("Block"). The Plan is available only at participating Block offices at the time your return is completed, but no later than October 31st of the year of the return due date. The Plan is separate from, and in addition to, the Block Guarantee that pays penalties and interest resulting from a Block error in tax preparation.

The Plan is effective when paid for and signed by you, and cannot be transferred by you to others. For Block Advisors clients, the Plan is effective upon payment of tax preparation fees. Subject to the exceptions noted below, the Plan provides you with the following benefits with respect to the individual federal and any individual state or local returns prepared and paid for on the date of this agreement.

The Plan applies only to filed and accepted original individual U.S. resident tax returns prepared by Block for the year of the return and for which the balance due to Block has been paid. **You represent to us that you have reviewed the items on your return to ensure it includes all your sources of income**, and that items or issues on such returns have not been, or are not currently, under examination by tax authorities as of the date you pay for the Plan or the date any unpaid balance is paid, whichever is last. Block prepared your return based on information provided by you and does not verify the accuracy of that information. **It is your responsibility to substantiate the basis for any claimed credits, deductions, or expenses.**

If your return is audited, Block will make available a qualified person (but not an attorney) to represent you before the tax authority should such tax authority question the accuracy of your return.

If your tax liability increases as a result of a tax preparation error that is discovered by you, your representative, or a tax authority during the life of the return (the period of the applicable Federal and State statute of limitations for such return), Block will reimburse you for such taxes up to a cumulative total of \$6,000 for all such returns, subject to the terms and conditions detailed below. Any Block errors resulting from Block's misinterpretation of your tax situation will only be reimbursed if all other terms and conditions have been met by you, including that you have provided complete and accurate information. In that event, Block may, at its sole discretion and expense, challenge the determination that additional taxes are owed, and Block will reimburse you upon the conclusion of an unsuccessful challenge. In some cases, the correction of an error will involve changes on multiple returns, including state or local tax returns, which may result in an overpayment on one return and a balance due on another. In such cases, the overpayment and balance due may be netted in determining the amount Block will reimburse you. Block assumes no responsibility for payment of additional taxes to a tax authority. **You are responsible for providing payment of additional taxes to the tax authority.**

For Affordable Care Act related tax issues, it is critical that you provide Block with accurate and current information, including documentation (1095 A, B, or C), other required information in connection with your household insurance coverage status, penalty exemptions you may have claimed (and whether they were denied by the IRS or an Insurance Marketplace), and information related to whether you received Advance Premium Tax Credits.

Before such payment, you must:

- (a) **notify Block of any government notice regarding such tax returns prior to any call, conference or audit with any government agency and within 60 days from the date of the initial notice;**
- (b) promptly provide Block with copies of such notices and other documents relating to or substantiating any information in question;
- (c) provide Block with reasonable notice of the initial audit and allow Block to attend the audit with you or as your representative with Power of Attorney;
- (d) allow Block, at its sole discretion and expense, to challenge the determination that additional taxes and penalties and interest are owed; and
- (e) provide Block with your receipt as proof of your purchase of the Plan.



The Plan does not apply to:

- (a) 1040-NR or amended returns (1040-X) unless the Block error at issue is a result from the error in the original tax preparation;
- (b) non-individual returns such as employment (including taxes assessed on Form 4137 for income other than allocated tips), corporate, state and local small business, occupation tax, partnership, trust, estate, and gift tax returns;
- (c) errors made by Block or others on any returns or other forms used to file for tax credits, prebates or rebates such as property tax, homestead or renters credits (an "Ancillary Form"), unless the error at issue occurred on a federal, state or local income tax return prepared by Block and that data was then used by Block to prepare the Ancillary Form;
- (d) the calculation of estimated tax payment vouchers or additional taxes owed as a result of an erroneous refund of your estimated tax payments by the IRS or a state or local taxing authority;
- (e) any return for which, as of the date of such purchase, you have knowledge of additional taxes owed;
- (f) any return for which you have received on or before the date of such purchase any notification from any tax authority of examination or audit;
- (g) returns for which errors have been identified by Block prior to an assessment of additional taxes by tax authorities and can be corrected by Block within 30 days after purchase;
- (h) any return relating to previous years;
- (i) additional taxes, penalties and interest that are assessed as the result of:
 - (i) incorrect, incomplete, false or misleading information that you have given to Block in relation to the preparation of your return;
 - (ii) the government's inability to obtain from you sufficient records to support deductions, credits and other items on your return;
 - (iii) your failure to timely pay the taxes as shown to be due on your return; and
 - (iv) additional taxes assessed as the result of your desire to take a position on your return that challenges current IRS or judicial tax law guidelines or interpretation. In the event you receive a refund of any assessment that Block has paid you under the Plan, you must reimburse Block for the amount of such refund;
- (j) additional taxes resulting from non-participation in an Individual Retirement Account where you claimed a deduction for such an account.

For New Hampshire Residents ONLY: In the event you do not receive satisfaction under this Peace of Mind contract, you may contact the New Hampshire Insurance Department, Consumer Division, which provides oversight for consumer guaranty contracts, at 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 14, Concord NH 03301 or 603-271-2261. This number is only for clients who purchased Peace of Mind.

ARBITRATION IF A DISPUTE ARISES BETWEEN YOU AND BLOCK

If a dispute arises between you and Block, including any dispute that relates to Peace of Mind, the dispute shall be settled by binding arbitration unless you opt-out of arbitration. The arbitration procedures, including the procedures for you to opt-out of arbitration, are set forth in the Client Service Agreement between you and Block (or in the Online Services Agreement if you purchased Tax Pro Review), in the section titled "Arbitration if a Dispute Arises." The "Arbitration if a Dispute Arises" section hereby is incorporated by reference.



SATISFACTION

If for any reason you are not satisfied with the terms of this Plan, you may rescind and obtain a full refund of the fee you paid for the Plan. Contact the manager of the Block office where your tax return was prepared within seven (7) days from the date of purchase and provide that office the receipt for such payment.

OVERVIEW

If you receive a notice from any tax authority:

1. Provide your tax authority notice and any related documents to your local Block office **within 60 days** from the date of the initial notice. **If you don't contact us within 60 days, your claim may be denied.**
2. Your local Block office will investigate the issue, making available a qualified person (but not an attorney) to represent you at an audit, if necessary. Please note: **while receipts are not required for tax return preparation, you must make these documents available to the tax authority** if they are requested.
 - a. If you owe money in the form of penalties, interest, or additional taxes to the tax authority, you are responsible for making that payment.
 - b. Block may choose to challenge the tax authority's assessment of penalties, interest, or additional taxes owed.
3. The office will submit your claim to the Client Claims department where it will be reviewed and processed. Most claims are processed within six weeks.
 - a. If your claim is approved, you will receive a check. If penalties and interest are due in addition to taxes, that payment may be processed and paid separately under the conditions of the Block Guarantee. Federal law states that if your tax liability is paid by someone else, the amount of that payment becomes taxable income to you. Therefore, you will need to include your Peace of Mind payment on your tax return for the year in which the payment is issued. If the payment is \$600 or more, you will receive form 1099-MISC from Block. Block is not responsible for the payment of any taxes you may owe on such income.
 - b. If your claim is denied, you will receive a letter explaining the reason for the denial.

If you have questions about your claim, you should contact the office where the claim was originally filed. You may also speak to a Client Service Representative by calling 1-800-HRBLOCK.