

Determining Federal Tax Status

*Information for students, scholars, trainees, and researchers categorized as **nonresident aliens** or **resident aliens** (for tax purposes).*

MIT uses **Sprintax Calculus**, a tax compliance software designed to help students, scholars, trainees, and researchers categorized as **resident** or **non-resident aliens** for U.S. tax purposes to determine:

- their U.S. tax status
- whether they are eligible for a tax treaty.

You may receive the following emails from noreply@sprintax.com:

- ❖ Welcome to Sprintax Calculus
- ❖ Sprintax Calculus Profile Incomplete
- ❖ Action Required - Sprintax Calculus Profile Incomplete 2nd Reminder

These emails are not fraudulent, please do not ignore them. They contain important information about your U.S tax status.

What's next?

Be sure to read all Sprintax emails carefully and follow their instructions on accessing your account and completing your profile in a timely manner. All foreign nationals, who receive payments through the MIT Payroll office, need to complete their Sprintax Calculus account. Your Sprintax Calculus record should be kept up to date so that your tax status is accurate while at MIT, to ensure your payments are taxed correctly and to receive the correct annual tax forms in order to file your tax return.

Need help?

- Visit this link with helpful details and hints about completing a Sprintax Calculus profile: <https://vpf.mit.edu/sprintax-faq>
- E-mail nratex-payroll@mit.edu.
- Schedule a Zoom appointment with the Tax Treaty Guidance Tuesdays and Wednesdays- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm by visiting the Atlas Service Center website <http://atlas.mit.edu/atlascenter>.

Filing Federal Income Tax Returns

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MIT offers **Sprintax Returns** which provides free help for **Non-Resident Aliens for U.S. tax purposes** to prepare and file their federal tax returns.

How do I access Sprintax Returns?

Sprintax Returns can be accessed through either:

- MIT International Students Office (ISO)
- MIT International Scholars Office (ISchO)

Both access points require login using MIT Touchstone with your MIT Kerberos credentials.

Help for Resident Aliens

Sprintax also provides help to resident aliens for U.S. tax purposes who are already claiming a tax treaty benefit and to dual status residents. They can file paper tax returns for a small fee.

VPF staff cannot provide individual tax advice. Foreign nationals at MIT are strongly encouraged to consult a tax accountant who specializes in nonresident alien tax issues.

Need help?

Sprintax offers 24/7 customer support through its online chat feature.