

Automatically Transferring Your Tax Information Using the Internal Revenue Service Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT)

The IRS DRT automatically transfers tax information into the FAFSA form. Be sure to consider this option if it's offered to you. (If you got an extension on filing your taxes and didn't file until September or October, [find out when your tax return information will likely be available using the IRS DRT.](#))

Note: The IRS DRT is available on the 2018–19 FAFSA form for eligible individuals. (You'll need an FSA ID in order to use the tool.) However, the tool is not available on the 2017–18 FAFSA form. Here's how the IRS DRT process works, assuming your tax information is available:

1. The IRS DRT takes you to the IRS website, where you'll need to provide your name and other information exactly as you provided it on your tax return. Some information will be prepopulated from your FAFSA form.
2. At the IRS site, you'll see a page that indicates that your tax information is available. (You won't see the actual information.) You can choose to import your information into the FAFSA form, or you can cancel your request and return to the FAFSA site.
3. If you choose to import your information into the FAFSA form, you'll find that on the FAFSA site, instead of your tax information being displayed, you'll see "Transferred from the IRS" in the appropriate fields. You won't be able to make changes to those answers.

Using the IRS DRT saves you time and effort:

- You don't have to find your tax records.
- You don't have to worry about making mistakes entering your tax information on your FAFSA form.
- You may not need to provide tax transcripts if you're selected for verification.

[Learn more about the IRS DRT and recent changes to its functionality, and find answers to frequently asked questions about the tool.](#)