



EMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

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Filing Taxes Overseas

Just as we remember to write “2017” in our checkbooks, yet another annual deadline is on the horizon. That’s right: Tax Day is less than four months away.

Even if you’ve earned income outside of the United States, you’re still required to file tax returns. The good news is that many U.S. citizens living or working overseas may be entitled to a range of deductions, exclusions, and tax credits.



There are a few things to keep in mind. First, many taxpayers abroad can use e-file to do their taxes. Another perk: Overseas residents are eligible for an automatic two-month extension for filing taxes until June 15. But don’t forget that if you owe taxes, you still have to pay any taxes by April 15. If you don’t, you’ll be required to pay interest from the regular due date to when you file. Finally, don’t forget that you have to report foreign bank and financial accounts if the accounts had assets of more than \$10,000 during the year.

Check out the [IRS website](#) for special information on filing taxes from abroad. You can also stop by the embassy to pick up the necessary tax forms.

Travel Warning Reminder

The Department of State continues to maintain a travel warning for Burkina Faso stating that U.S. citizens “should evaluate their personal security situation in light of continuing threats to safety and security.” Embassy Ouagadougou continues to maintain restrictions on official government travel to Dori, Djibo, the road that connects these cities, and all areas north of that road, as well as traveling to or staying at Parc National du W (Parc W), the regional national park located in southeastern Burkina Faso. The red sections on the map to the right show current embassy travel restrictions, which have not changed since December 2015.



You can read the travel warning [here](#).

Provided Services

The Consular Section provides the following routine services for U.S. citizens in Burkina Faso:

- Passport application and renewal
- Notarial services
- Consular Reports of Birth Abroad
- Consular Reports of Death Abroad

To schedule a non-emergency service, contact the Consular Section to schedule an appointment.

Hours

Consular Section

Monday to Thursday, 7:30 am to 5:00 pm
Friday, 7:30 am to 12:30 pm

Non-Emergency Citizen Services

Monday and Thursday, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm,
by appointment

Phone Office Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday, 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Embassy Ouagadougou is closed during U.S. and Burkina Faso holidays.

Upcoming Dates

January 2: New Year’s Day Observed (U.S./Burkina Faso)

January 3: Burkina Faso National Day (Burkina Faso)

January 16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (U.S.)

February 20: Presidents’ Day (U.S.)

March 8: International Women’s Day (Burkina Faso)