



## INTAKE/INTERVIEW AND QUALITY REVIEW TRAINING





#### **OBJECTIVES OF THIS TRAINING**

At the end of this lesson, you will be able to describe:

- The purpose of following a consistent intake/interview and quality review process
- How to complete <u>Form 13614-C</u>, Intake/Interview and Quality Review Sheet
- The basic steps of a complete intake process
- The basic steps of a complete interview process
- The basic steps of a complete quality review process



#### REFERENCES

Form 13614-C, Intake/Interview and Quality Review Sheet

Form 14446, Virtual VITA/TCE Taxpayer Consent

<u>Publication 17</u>, Your Federal Income Tax (For Individuals)

Publication 524, Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled

Publication 4012, VITA/TCE Volunteer Resource Guide

Publication 4299, Privacy, Confidentiality, and Civil Rights - A Public Trust

**Publication 5166**, VITA/TCE Volunteer Quality Site Requirements

Publication 5838, VITA/TCE Intake/Interview and Quality Review Handbook



## THE PURPOSE OF THIS TRAINING

To assist SPEC partners and employees understand the process of conducting effective intake/interview and quality reviews.





#### Introduction

# Benefits of a complete Intake/Interview and Quality Review

- Timely refund
- Reduces rejects
- Reduces preparer anxiety
- Enhances taxpayers understanding of their tax return
- Maintains positive public perception





# **Intake/Interview and Quality Review Training**

## Required by:

- Instructors
- Coordinators
- Client facilitators
- Return preparers
- Quality reviewers
- Volunteer assisting taxpayers in completing <u>Form 13614-C</u>, and/or assigning tax returns to preparers





#### **Tax Law Certification**

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#### Annual requirement for:

- Volunteers who answer tax law questions
- Instruct tax law classes
- Prepare
- Correct tax returns
- Conduct quality reviews of completed tax returns

Screeners and client facilitators who answer tax law questions must also certify in tax law.



## **DUE DILIGENCE**



#### You must:

- Clarify information that may appear to be inconsistent or incomplete
- Determine if the information is unusual or questionable
- Discuss concerns with your coordinator



#### Form 13614-C

# Form 13614-C, VITA/TCE Intake/Interview and Quality Review Training

A tool designed to help ensure taxpayers are given the opportunity to provide all needed information before their tax return is prepared. When used properly, this form effectively contributes to accurate tax return preparation.





#### New:

- Moved dependency question on page 1, closer to top of form
- Updated marital status questions on page 1 to mirror Pub 4012
- Added "Other" question on page 3
- Added tax return question on page 3 to mirror volunteer side





# **FY2025 Top Quality Errors**

# **Top 5 errors found during FY2025 FSV/RSR/QSS Reviews:**

- Taxpayer addresses
- Reporting dividend income
- Reporting retirement income
- Reporting other income specifically taxable scholarship income
- Filing status which impacted taxable income, tax, child tax credit and additional child tax credit







# **Greet the taxpayer**



"Hello", "Good Morning" / "Good Afternoon", "Nice to meet you", "I am here to help you."





Explain the intake, interview and quality review processes







Ensure the taxpayer has all the documents required to prepare the tax return







Provide taxpayer with <u>Form 13614-C</u> (if taxpayer doesn't already have one)

Form <b>13614-C</b> (October 2025)	Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service Intake/Interview and Quality Review Sheet									OMB Number 1545-1964		
You will need: Tax Information such as Forms W-2, 1099, 1098, 1095. Social Security cards or ITIN letters for all persons on your tax return Picture ID (such as valid driver's license) for you and your spouse						<ul> <li>Complete pages 1-5 of this form.</li> <li>You are responsible for the information on your return. Provide complete and accurate information.</li> <li>If you have questions, ask the IRS-certified volunteer preparer.</li> </ul>						
Volunteers are trained to prov	vide high (	quality ser	vice and uphold the	highest eth	ical stan	dards. To report unethi	cal behavior to	the IRS, em	ail us at	ts.voltax@irs.gov		
Your first name		M.I.	Last name			Your date of birth	Your job title					
Spouse's first name		M.I.	Last name		Spouse's date of birth   Spouse's job title							
Mailing address				Apt #	City State			State		ZIP code		
Your telephone number	Spouse's telephone number Email a				ress (optional)  Did you live or work in t  Yes No				wo or more states in 2025			



# INTAKE PROCESS: DETERMINE THE REQUIRED CERTIFICATION LEVEL



Determine the certification level of the tax return

- Basic (B)
- Advanced (A)
- Basic or Advanced (B/A)
- Military (M)
- Advanced or Military (A/M)



# Completing Form 13614-C

- At the site upon arrival
- Prior to arriving at the site
- During interview with preparer



#### **INTAKE PROCESS: ASSIGN TAX RETURN**



Assign the tax return to a volunteer preparer based on certification level. (Greeters, screeners and client facilitators who assign tax returns must pass the Intake/Interview and Quality Review certification test)





#### **SCOPE OF SERVICE**



TAXPAYER SERVICES STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION (SPEC)



# **POLL QUESTION 1:**

If a Greeter is not certified in Intake/Interview and Quality Review, can they assign tax returns to a volunteer preparer?

- a) Yes
- b) No





#### Only IRS-tax law certified volunteers may interview the taxpayer

- Confirm taxpayer photo identification and taxpayer identification number (TIN)
- Review <u>Form 13614-C</u>
- Interview the taxpayer using open ended questions
- Make filing status and dependency determinations
- Review documentation (income, expenses, and tax related events)





### **Confirm Photo Identification and Taxpayer Identification Numbers**



Refer to <u>Publication 4299</u>, Privacy, Confidentiality and Civil Rights - A Public Trust for more information



# **Acceptable documentation**









# **POLL QUESTION 2:**

#### What are the options for verifying the taxpayer's identity?

- a) Previous years' tax return
- b) Photo ID
- c) Social Security Card
- d) All the above





#### Known to the Site

Larry goes to the local VITA/TCE site to have his taxes prepared and forgot his Social Security card. Larry has been a client at this site for several years and knows the site coordinator. The volunteer at the intake desk asks for Larry's Social Security card. Larry doesn't have it. The volunteer gets approval for Larry to be covered under Known to the Site from the site coordinator as the site coordinator knows Larry. The site coordinator notes and initials the exception in the Additional Comments section on Form 13614-C, Intake/Interview and Quality Review Sheet.



# **POLL QUESTION 3:**

# Who can authorize an exception to service a taxpayer who does not have their ID?

- a) Volunteer preparer
- b) Greeter
- c) Site Coordinator
- d) Partner





#### **Review Form 13614-C**

- Form 13614-C must be filled out completely to ensure all necessary information is gathered from the taxpayer
- Answer required questions in the "To be completed by a certified volunteer" gray shaded area
- Tax preparer must indicate by placing "No", "N/A", a check mark, or other
  markings next to each question not marked by taxpayer to show it has been
  addressed with the taxpayer.



#### **POLL QUESTION 4:**

#### When is the Form 13614-C considered complete?

- a) When all questions applicable to the taxpayer(s) are answered and all unchecked questions are discussed with taxpayer and determined not applicable
- b) When the grey shaded area in the dependency section is completed when applicable
- c) Taxpayer(s) names match with Social Security card(s)
- d) All the above





# **During the Interview**

- Probing Questions
- Engage in conversation with the taxpayer
- Ask open ended questions
- Notate comments when answers change



Errors or omissions must be corrected or entered on the Form 13614-C prior to tax preparation



# Form 13614-C page 1 – Your Personal Information

Form <b>13614-C</b> (October 2025)		Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service Intake/Interview and Quality Review Sheet										
You will need: Tax Information such as Forms W-2, 1099, 1098, 1095. Social Security cards or ITIN letters for all persons on your tax return Picture ID (such as valid driver's license) for you and your spouse						Complete pages 1-5 of this form. You are responsible for the information on your return. Provide complete and accurate information. If you have questions, ask the IRS-certified volunteer preparer.						
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Your first name		M.I.	Last name			Your date of birth	Your job title					
Spouse's first name		M.I.	Last name			Spouse's date of birth	Spouse's job title					
Mailing address				Apt #	City	City State			ZIP code			
Your telephone number	Spouse's telephone number Email addr				ess (optional)  Did you live or work in to Yes No				r more states in 2025			
Can anyone else claim you o	or your spo	ouse on ti	neir tax return					Yes 🗌	No			



# Form 13614-C page 1 – Your Personal Information

Check if you or your spous	se were in 2025:			Legally blind	You	■ Spouse	□ No
A U.S. citizen	You	Spouse	■ No	Totally and permanently disabled	You	Spouse	□ No
In the U.S. on a visa	☐ You	Spouse	■ No	Issued an identity protection PIN (IPPIN)	You	Spouse	□ No
A full-time student	You	☐ Spouse	■ No	Owners or holders of any digital assets	You	☐ Spouse	□ No

See <u>Publication 17</u>, Your Federal Income Tax (For Individuals), for "Full-time student" requirements.



# FORM 13614-C Page 1

Check if you or your spouse were in	1 2025:			Legally blind	☐ You	Spouse	■ No
A U.S. citizen	You	Spouse	□ No	Totally and permanently disabled	You	Spouse	□ No
In the U.S. on a visa	You	Spouse	□ No	Issued an identity protection PIN (IPPIN)	You	Spouse	□ No
A full-time student	You	■ Spouse	■ No	Owners or holders of any digital assets	You	■ Spouse	□ No

See <u>Publication 524</u>, Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled for more information on totally disabled determination.



# **FORM 13614-C Page 1 – Marital Status**

As of Dec	As of December 31, 2025, what was your marital status										
Never	Married	■ Married	If married, were you m	narried on the last (	day of the year	Yes	□ No				
Did you and your spouse live apart all of the last 6 months of the year							□ No				
☐ Divorced ☐ Legally Separated but not Divorced							☐ Widowed				
Date of	f final decree	Date of separate n	naintenance decree			Year of s	spouse's death				



# **POLL QUESTION 5:**

Which of the following does not require a date to be entered on Page 1-Marital Status on Form 13614-C?

- a) Married
- b) Divorced
- c) Legally Separated
- d) All the above





# FORM 13614-C PAGE 1 - DEPENDENT INFORMATION

List the names below of everyone who lived with you last year (except your spouse) AND anyone you supported but did not live with you last year.				Answer Yes or No (Y/N)				To be completed by certified volunteer (Yes, No, or N/A)						
Name (first, last)	Date of birth (mm/dd/yy)	Relationship to you (child, parent, none, etc.)		Single or Married as of 12/31/2025 (S/M)	1	Resident of U.S., Canada or Mexico	Full-time student	Totally and permanently disabled		child or relative of any other		person had less than \$5,200 of	provided	Taxpayer(s) paid more than half the cost of maintaining a home for this person



# FORM 13614-C PAGES 1, 2, and 3 GRAY SHADED AREAS

#### **FORM 13614-C GRAY SHADED AREAS**

List the names below of everyone who lived with you last year (except your spouse) AND anyone you supported but did not live with you last year.				Answer Yes or No (Y/N)				To be completed by certified volunteer (Yes, No, or N/A)						
Name (first, last)	Date of birth (mm/dd/yy)	Relationship to you (child, parent, none, etc.)		Single or Married as of 12/31/2025 (S/M)	U.S. Citizen	Resident of U.S., Canada or Mexico	Full-time student	Totally and permanently disabled	Issued IPPIN	child or relative of any other		person had less than \$5,200 of	more than 50% of support for	Taxpayer(s) paid more than half the cost of maintaining a home for this person
Jane Doe	12/12/2024	Daughter	12	S	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y



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Name (first, last)	Date of birth (mm/dd/yy)	Relationship to you (child, parent, none, etc.)	Number of months lived in your home in 2025	Single or Married as of 12/31/2025 (S/M)	U.S. Citizen	Resident of U.S., Canada or Mexico	Full-time student	Totally and permanently disabled	Issued IPPIN	Qualifying child or relative of any other person	This person provided more than 50% of their own support	This person had less than \$5,200 of income	Taxpayer(s) provided more than 50% of support for this person	Taxpayer(s) paid more than half the cost of maintaining a home for this person
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Income: Answer the following questions on the left side of this	page. Check only the boxes that apply to you and/or yo	ur spouse.
Received money from any of the following in 2025:	(To be completed by certified volunteer) Income to b	e included Notes/Comments
(B) Wages as a part-time or full-time employee     How many jobs      1		# 1
☐ (B/A) Tips	☐ (B/A) Tips (Basic when reported on W2)	No/NA
☐ (B/A) Retirement account, pension or annuity proceeds	☐ (B/A) 1099-R (Basic when taxable amount is reported)	# No /
	☐ (A) Qualified Charitable Distribution From 1099-R	\$ No √
(B) Disability benefits (such as payments from insurance and worker's compensation)	☐ (B) Disability benefits on 1099-R or W-2	# No
(B) Social Security or Railroad Retirement Benefits	☐ (B) SSA-1099, RRB-1099	# No If a question does not apply to the taxpayer
☐ (B) Unemployment benefits	☐ (B) 1099-G	# No write "No", "N/A",
☐ (B) Refund of state or local income tax	☐ (B) Refund	\$ No a check mark, or
	☐ (B) Itemized last year ☐ Yes	No/NA other markings.
(B) Interest or dividends (bank account, bonds, etc.)	☐ (B) 1099-INT # No ✓ ☐ (B) 1099-DIV	# No 🗸 🖟
(A) Sale of stocks, bonds or real estate	☐ (A) 1099-B (include brokerage statement)	# No 🗸
Did you report a loss on last year's return ☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Capital loss carryover ☐ Yes	□ No/NA
⊞- (B) Alimony	☐ (B) Alimony	\$ No \( \sqrt{Taxpayer never married}
	Excluded from income Yes	No/NA



# FORM 13614-C, Page 2 - INCOME

					Page 2		
Income: Answer the following questions on the left side of this page. Check only the boxes that apply to you and/or your spouse.							
Received money from any of the following in 2025:	(To be completed by certified volunteer) Income to b	e inclu	uded	Notes/Comments			
(B) Wages as a part-time or full-time employee     How many jobs	☐ (B) W-2s	#					
☐ (B/A) Tips	☐ (B/A) Tips (Basic when reported on W2)						
(B/A) Retirement account, pension or annuity proceeds	☐ (B/A) 1099-R (Basic when taxable amount is reported)	#					
	☐ (A) Qualified Charitable Distribution From 1099-R	\$					
(B) Disability benefits (such as payments from insurance and worker's compensation)	☐ (B) Disability benefits on 1099-R or W-2	#					
(B) Social Security or Railroad Retirement Benefits	☐ (B) SSA-1099, RRB-1099	#					



### FORM 13614-C PAGE 2 - SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME

☐ Income from renting personal property such as a vehicle		
☐ (B) Gambling winnings, including lottery	☐ (B) W-2G or other gambling winnings (list losses belo taxpayer can itemize deductions)	w if #
☐ (A) Payments for contract or self-employment work	☐ (A) Schedule C	
Did you report a loss on last year's return ☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ 1099-MISC	#
	☐ 1099-NEC	#
	☐ 1099-K	#
	☐ Other income reported elsewhere	
	☐ Schedule C expenses	\$
Any other money received during the year? (example: cash payments, jury duty, awards, digital assets, royalties, union strike benefits)	Other income (see Pub 4012 for guidance on other in scope of service chart)	come, i.e.,



#### FORM 13614-C - PAGE 2 - INCOME

**Example 1:** Taxpayer check box next to the question "Retirement account, pension or annuity proceeds". If they have given you a <u>Form 1099-R</u> from an IRA distribution, ask "Is this your only distribution?"



# FORM 13614-C – PAGE 2 - INCOME Example 2

**Example 2:** Taxpayer checks box next to the question "Interest or dividends (bank account, bonds, etc.)". Taxpayer provides four interest documents and states they have an additional \$50 in interest for which they didn't receive a statement. Preparer tells quality reviewer about the \$50 but doesn't document **Form 13614-C.** 



### **FORM 13614-C PAGE 3 - EXPENSES**

				Pag	ge 3
Expenses and Tax Related Events: Answer the questions on the	he left side of this page. Check	only the boxes that apply	to you a	and/or your spouse.	_
Paid any of the following expenses to itemize in 2025?	(To be completed by certified vor Itemized Deductions	olunteer) Standard		Notes/Comments	
· ☐ (A) Mortgage Interest	☐ (A) 1098	#			
(A) Taxes: state, local, real estate, sales, etc.					
(A) Medical, dental, prescription expenses	☐ (B) Standard deduction	(A) Itemized deduction			
(A) Charitable contributions					
Paid any of these expenses in 2025?	(To be completed by certified v	olunteer) Expenses to repo	ort	Notes/Comments	
☐ (B) Student loan interest	☐ (B) 1098-E				
(B) Child and dependent care	(B) Child and dependent car	e credit			



# FORM 13614-C PAGE 3 - LIFE EVENTS (NEW)

Did any of the following happen during 2025?	(To be completed by certified volunteer) Information to report	Notes/Comments
(B) You or someone in your family took educational classes	(B) Taxable scholarship income	
(technical school, college, job related, etc.)	☐ (B) 1098-T (itemized statement from school, invoice, etc.)	
	☐ (B) Education credit or tuition and fees deduction	
(A) Sell a home	(A) Sale of home (1099-S)	
(A) Have a health savings account (HSA)	☐ (A) HSA contributions ☐ (A) HSA distributions	
(A) Purchase health insurance through the Marketplace (Exchange)	(A) 1095-A	
(A) Purchase and install energy-efficient home items (example: windows, furnace, insulation, etc.)	<ul> <li>(A) Energy efficient home improvement credit (Form 5695, Part II only)</li> </ul>	
(A) Other (example: purchased a new vehicle, etc.)	□ VIN#	
<ul> <li>(A) Have credit card, mortgage, or other debt cancelled/forgiven by a lender</li> </ul>	☐ (A) 1099-C	

See **Publication 4012** for additional guidance.



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(technical school, college, job related, etc.)	☐ (B) 1098-T (itemized statement from school, invoice, etc.)	
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(A) Other (example: purchased a new vehicle, etc.)	□ VIN#	
(A) Have credit card, mortgage, or other debt cancelled/forgiven by a lender	☐ (A) 1099-C	
(A) Have a loss related to a declared Federal disaster area	☐ (A) 1099-A	
	□ Disaster relief impacts return	
(B) Have a tax credit disallowed (example: earned income credit,	☐ (B) EITC, CTC, AOTC or HOH disallowed in a previous year	
child tax credit, or American opportunity credit)	Year disallowed Reason	
Receive any letter or bill from the IRS	☐ Eligible for Low Income Taxpayer Clinic referral	
(B) Make estimated tax payments or apply last year's refund to	☐ (B) Estimated tax payments	
2025 taxes	☐ (B) Last year's refund applied to this year	
☐ Brought last year's return	Last year's return available	

See **Publication 4012** for additional guidance.

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### **FORM 13614-C PAGE 4 - OPTIONAL INFORMATION**

Optional Information	Page 4
The following information is for statistical purposes only. Your responses to th IRS with your tax return. You are not required to answer these questions.	ese questions are not a part of your tax return and are not transmitted to the
Would you say you can carry on a conversation in English      Ver	y well Well Not well Not at all Prefer not to answer
Would you say you can read a newspaper in English      Ver	y well Well Not well Not at all Prefer not to answer
Do you or any member of your household have a disability	B No ☐ Prefer not to answer
4. Are you or your spouse a Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces	B No ☐ Prefer not to answer
What is your race and/or ethnicity? <u>Select all that apply</u>	6. What is your spouse's race and/or ethnicity? Select all that apply
American Indian or Alaska Native (for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, Maya, etc.)	American Indian or Alaska Native (for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, Maya, etc.)
Asian (for example, Chinese, Asian Indian, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese, etc.)	Asian (for example, Chinese, Asian Indian, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese, etc.)
<ul> <li>Black or African American (for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.)</li> </ul>	☐ Black or African American (for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.)
Hispanic or Latino (for example, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Salvadoran, Cuban, Dominican, Guatemalan, etc.)	☐ <b>Hispanic or Latino</b> (for example, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Salvadoran, Cuban, Dominican, Guatemalan, etc.)
Middle Eastern or North African (for example, Lebanese, Iranian, Egyptian, Syrian, Iraqi, Israeli, etc.)	☐ <b>Middle Eastern or North African</b> (for example, Lebanese, Iranian, Egyptian, Syrian, Iraqi, Israeli, etc.)
<ul> <li>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (for example, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc.)</li> </ul>	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (for example, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc.)
☐ White (for example, English, German, Irish, Italian, Polish, Scottish, etc.)	White (for example, English, German, Irish, Italian, Polish, Scottish, etc.)



# **POLL QUESTION 6:**

# True or False: Taxpayers must sign the Global Carry Forward Consent Form?

- a) True
- b) False





#### **FORM 15080**

### FORM 15080, CONSENT TO DISCLOSE

Form **15080** (October )

Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service

# Consent to Disclose Tax Return Information to VITA/TCE Tax Preparation Sites

#### Consent:

I/we, the taxpayer, have read the above information.

I/we hereby consent to the disclosure of tax return information described in the Global Carry Forward terms above and allow the tax return preparer to enter a PIN in the tax preparation software on my behalf to verify that I/we consent to the terms of this disclosure.

Primary taxpayer printed name and signature	Date
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Secondary taxpayer printed name and signature	Date



### **INTERVIEW PROCESS**

# **Filing Status and Dependency Determinations**













#### **INTERVIEW PROCESS**

#### **Review Documentation**



If the taxpayer has income or expenses listed on the return that do not require a source document and none were provided, notate information on Form 13614-C in Additional Notes/Comments section.



# **Preparing the Tax Return**





# **QUALITY REVIEW PROCESS**



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#### **QUALITY REVIEW PROCESS**

#### **Quality Review Methods**

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**Designated Review** – IRS-tax law certified volunteer is solely dedicated to reviewing tax returns prepared by other IRS-tax law certified volunteer preparers

**Peer-to-Peer Review** – IRS-tax law certified volunteer preparer quality reviews tax returns of another preparer



Self-Review is NOT allowed



## **Quality Review Process**

#### An effective and thorough quality review process includes:

- Confirming identity and taxpayer identification numbers
- Engaging the taxpayer's participation
- Verifying all items listed in the Quality Review Checklist
- Verifying an accurately completed Form 13614-C was used
- Reviewing all supporting documentation
- Reviewing tax law references
- Advising taxpayer of their responsibility for information on the tax return



### **POLL QUESTION 7:**

# What are the accepted methods for quality reviewing a return at a VITA/TCE site?

- a) Designated Reviewer
- b) Peer-to-Peer Review
- c) Self Review
- d) A & B





# **QUALITY REVIEW PROCESS**

# **Concluding the Quality Review Process**





#### TAXPAYER COPY PRINT SET

#### At a minimum, sites must provide:

- Simplified Method Worksheet
- Social Security Benefits Worksheet
- Standard Deduction Worksheet for Dependents
- Qualified Dividends and Capital Gain Tax Worksheet
- EIC Worksheets
- State and Local Income Tax Refund Worksheet
- IRA Deduction Worksheet
- Student Loan Interest Deduction Worksheet



# SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT



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## **POLL QUESTION 8:**

# When must the taxpayer(s) be advised of their responsibility for the information listed on their tax return?

- a) During return preparation
- b) Before the Quality Review
- c) After signing the tax return
- d) Before signing the tax return





#### **SUMMARY**

#### In this course you learned:

- Intake, Interview and Quality review are three distinct processes
- SPEC has determined there is a direct correlation between the proper use of <u>Form 13614-C</u> and the preparation of an accurate tax return
- Form 13614-C is required to be fully completed for every tax return prepared at a VITA/TCE site before tax return preparation begins
- Volunteers certified in Intake/Interview and Quality Review may assist taxpayers in completing Form 13614-C
- Only IRS-tax law certified volunteers may answer taxpayers' questions related to tax law on Form 13614-C



#### **SUMMARY**

#### You also learned:

- Quality Review must include the taxpayer
- Every tax return prepared at a VITA/TCE site must have a quality review completed using the Quality Review Checklist in <u>Publication</u> 4012
- All taxpayers must be informed verbally of their responsibility for the information listed on their tax return before signing their tax return
- Sites must not transmit tax returns before a quality review is completed and the taxpayer has signed the <u>Form 8879</u>, IRS e-file Signature Authorization



# Closing

