

TaxBook's AFSP for Non-Credentialed Tax Preparers is \$75 for MTAP Members!



Tax Materials, Inc. is an approved IRS CPE Provider of the AFSP course.

The IRS Annual Filing Season Program is a voluntary program offered by the IRS and designed to encourage non-credentialed tax return preparers to demonstrate competence in the preparation of federal tax reports. Passing the course and earning the AFSP certification allows that preparer to represent clients in select 1040-related inquiries, examinations, and hearings, and it places that preparer on the IRS list of approved tax preparers made public for taxpayers seeking to use a qualified third party preparer. Tax preparers who choose not to complete the AFSP may still prepare federal tax returns for clients, but they may not represent clients on IRS inquiries, and they will not appear on the **IRS directory of approved preparers** (<https://irs.treasury.gov/rpo/rpo.jsf>)

IRS website information on the Annual Filing Season Program:
<https://www.irs.gov/tax-professionals/annual-filing-season-program>

The AFSP program is voluntary and the IRS is **not charging for the AFSP - Record of Completion**. To obtain the Record of Completion, non-credentialed tax preparers are required to:

- Have an active PTIN.
- Complete continuing education from an IRS approved CPE Provider (15 total CPES).
- Take the Annual Federal Tax Refresher (AFTR) course (6 CPEs and test).

Who is a “Non-credentialed” Preparer?

The IRS has designated a preparer as non-exempt (non-credentialed) when the individual does not possess a CPA license, Attorney license, Enrolled Agent card, Enrolled Retirement Plan Agent credential, Enrolled Actuary credential, or has not passed an IRS-approved National and/or State Test (like the RTRP).

Continuing Education (CPE) Requirements for AFSP Certification

Continuing Education taken between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017 will count as CPE credit hours for the AFSP - Record of Completion. Practitioners must earn a total of 18 CPEs or more, with at least 3 CPEs earned in federal tax law update; 2 CPEs in Circular 230 ethics, and 13 CPEs in federal tax education. Completion of the TaxBook's AFSP course is worth 6 CPE credits in federal tax education.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Attending MTAP's 2017 GEAR UP 1040 Tax Seminar qualifies for 16 CPEs (3 in tax law update; 2 in Circular 230 ethics, and 11 in federal tax education).

How to Order the TaxBook's AFSP Course for Just \$75 (and Save \$20)!

Go to http://thetaxbook.com/online_cpe.asp and click “AFSP/IRS” from the menu selections towards the middle of the page.

After reviewing the program content, click the red “**Purchase Now**” button, which takes you to the ordering page. Then scroll down to the “Online CPE Courses” section and select the “**8 Online Credit Hours**” for \$75 when using MTAP's promo code 342! From there, simply follow the prompts. Before completing the purchase, be sure to add MTAP's promo code 342 at the bottom of the ordering page (bottom left side). Upon completion of your payment, TaxBook will email you the receipt and instructions on accessing your AFSP self-study program.

NOTE: Purchasing the “8 Online Credit Hour” package provides you with an additional 2 CPEs you can use on any other TaxBook self-study program.