
INCOME TAX INFORMATION

Privacy Act Waiver

The Privacy Act Waiver—Financial Information form is included in the invitation kit. If a Volunteer would like a third party to receive his or her W-2, this form **must** be completed by the Volunteer and brought to staging.

The Peace Corps no longer accepts a Power of Attorney form for W-2 purposes.

W-2 Forms

W-2 forms for Volunteers serving overseas are mailed by January 31st each year.

Currently serving Volunteers will receive their W-2 forms and tax schedules in their country of service.

Volunteers who terminate service prior to November 30th of a given year will have W-2 forms mailed to the Volunteer's home of record.

A duplicate W-2 will be mailed to a third party only if a signed Privacy Act Waiver is on file in the Office of Volunteer & Personal Service Contractors (PCS) Financial Services by November 30th.

Duplicate W-2s will be mailed to authorized third parties beginning in the second week of February.

Filing Deadline

The filing deadline for any person residing overseas is June 15th. This deadline may be extended to August 15th by filing IRS Form 4868 (Application for Extension of Time).

If you have additional questions, contact Volunteer & PSC Financial Services at 800.424.8580, ext. 1770. Recorded information on this subject is also available during non-business hours.

Taxable Income

Peace Corps Volunteers and trainees receive taxable income in the following categories:

- Readjustment allowance: Accrues at \$275.00 USD per month for Peace Corps Volunteers and \$375.00 USD for Peace Corps Response Volunteers and Volunteers who extend service 3 months or longer.
- Living allowance: Received only during the training period. The rate depends on the country of service, and the amount received is taxable in its entirety.
- Leave allowance: \$24.00 USD per month, taxable in its entirety.
- Special leave allowance: Received by Volunteers who extend service for an additional year and take home leave. This amount is taxable in its entirety.

A Volunteer with no other income during the tax year would not be required to file an income tax return because the total of all allowances earned from Peace Corps service does not exceed the ceiling established by the IRS.