

Expat Tax Starter Kit

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Your friendly guide to navigating expat taxes — anywhere in the world.

Welcome & What's Inside

Welcome to the Expat Tax Starter Kit — your quick guide to staying tax-smart while living abroad. This resource is designed for expats, digital nomads, and global citizens who want to avoid costly mistakes and keep tax stress low. Here's what you'll find inside:

1. Understanding your tax obligations as an expat
2. Avoiding the most common expat mistakes
3. A quick, global-friendly tax checklist
4. Felix's final tips and next steps

Your Tax Obligations as an Expat

Every expat's tax situation is unique, but there are a few universal truths:

- You may have tax obligations in both your home country and your host country.
- Some countries tax based on residency, others on citizenship (e.g., the U.S.).
- Double tax agreements (DTAs) can help prevent you from being taxed twice.
- Filing deadlines and rules can differ drastically — mark your calendar early.

Tip: Always confirm if your home country requires ongoing tax filings after you move.

Top 5 Common Expat Mistakes

1. Forgetting to update tax residency status — leading to unexpected bills.
2. Missing filing deadlines in either country.
3. Overlooking foreign income reporting rules.
4. Not understanding local tax on investments or pensions.
5. Assuming 'no news is good news' from the tax office.

Quick Global Expat Tax Checklist

- ✅ Confirm your tax residency status in both countries.
- ✅ Understand foreign income reporting rules.
- ✅ Check if there's a Double Tax Agreement (DTA) between your countries.
- ✅ Keep digital and paper copies of key documents.
- ✅ Stay on top of tax deadlines.
- ✅ Review your bank accounts for reporting requirements.
- ✅ Seek advice before major financial moves abroad.

Felix's Final Tips & Next Steps

Moving abroad is exciting — but don't let taxes ruin the adventure. By staying informed, keeping records, and planning ahead, you can save time, stress, and money.

If you found this Starter Kit helpful, explore our full ebooks and courses for in-depth guidance:

- Australia Expat Tax Guide
- Canada Expat Tax Guide
- Global Expat Tax Basics (Free)

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