

TAXES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



A Concise Summary Compiled by

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Hey Camila, are you excited about tax season?! I cant wait to see if I qualify for a refund this year.



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Hey, slow down! I am just a first-year graduate student. What is Tax season, why are you expecting a refund?



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Tax season is a period at the beginning of each year where the Internal Revenue Service requires everyone to report their income and estimate if they have been undertaxed, overtaxed, or taxed just right.



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Ok, so why are you expecting a refund? Shouldn't all the taxes you pay go to the government?





You are still required to file your taxes, my friend. The law says that if you were physically in the US between Jan 1st and Dec 31st of the previous year even for just a day, you are required to file regardless of income.

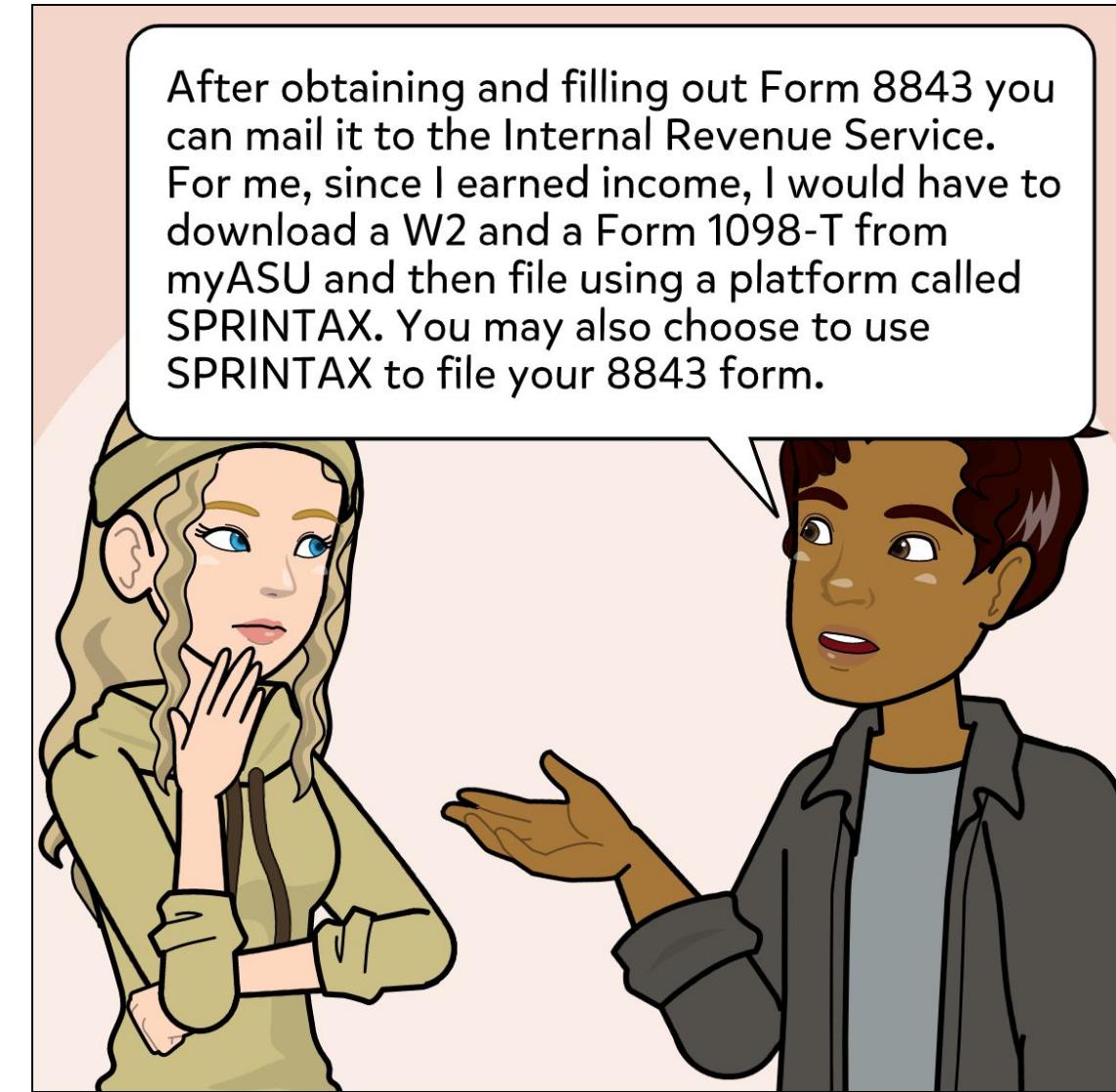
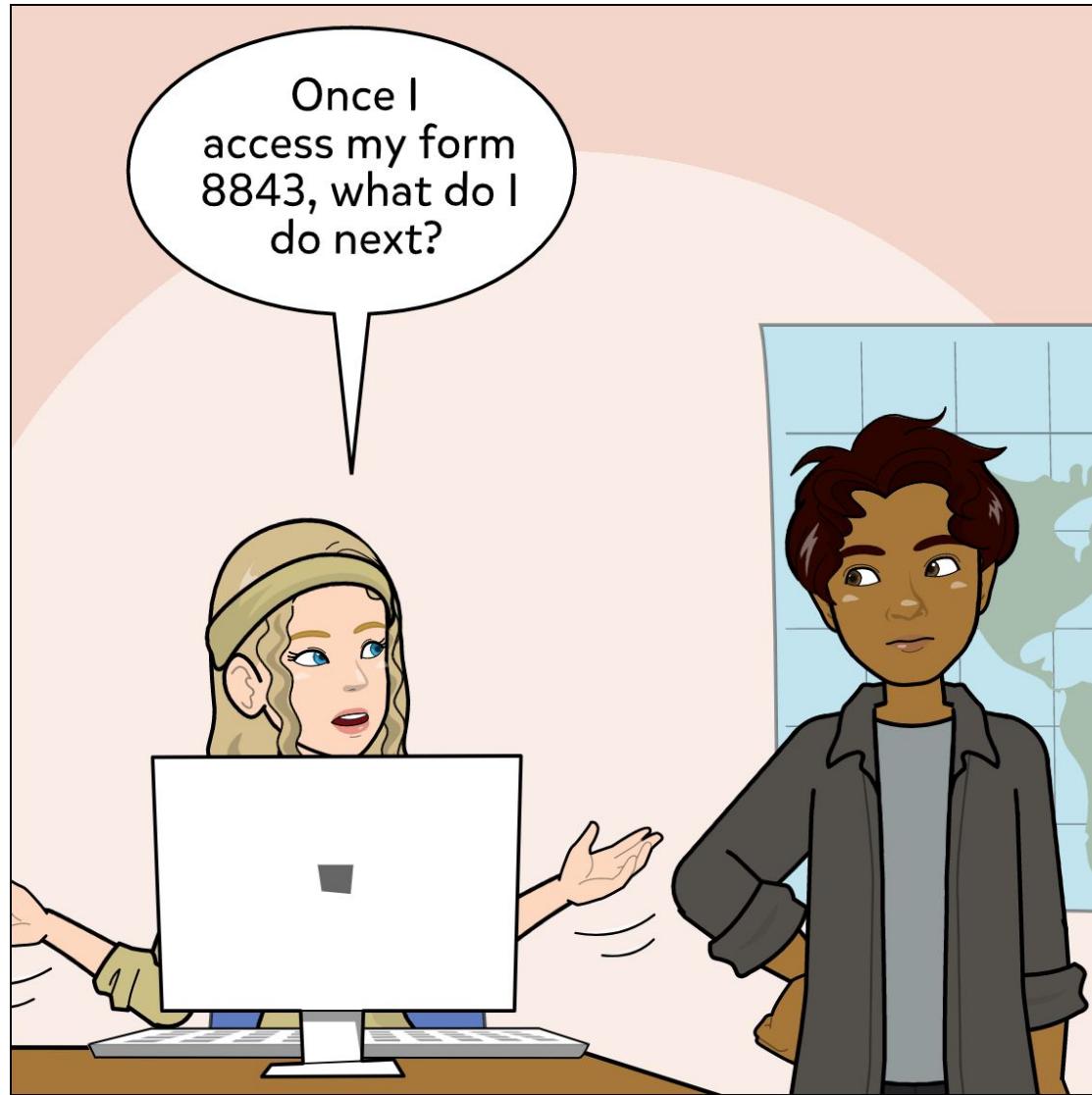


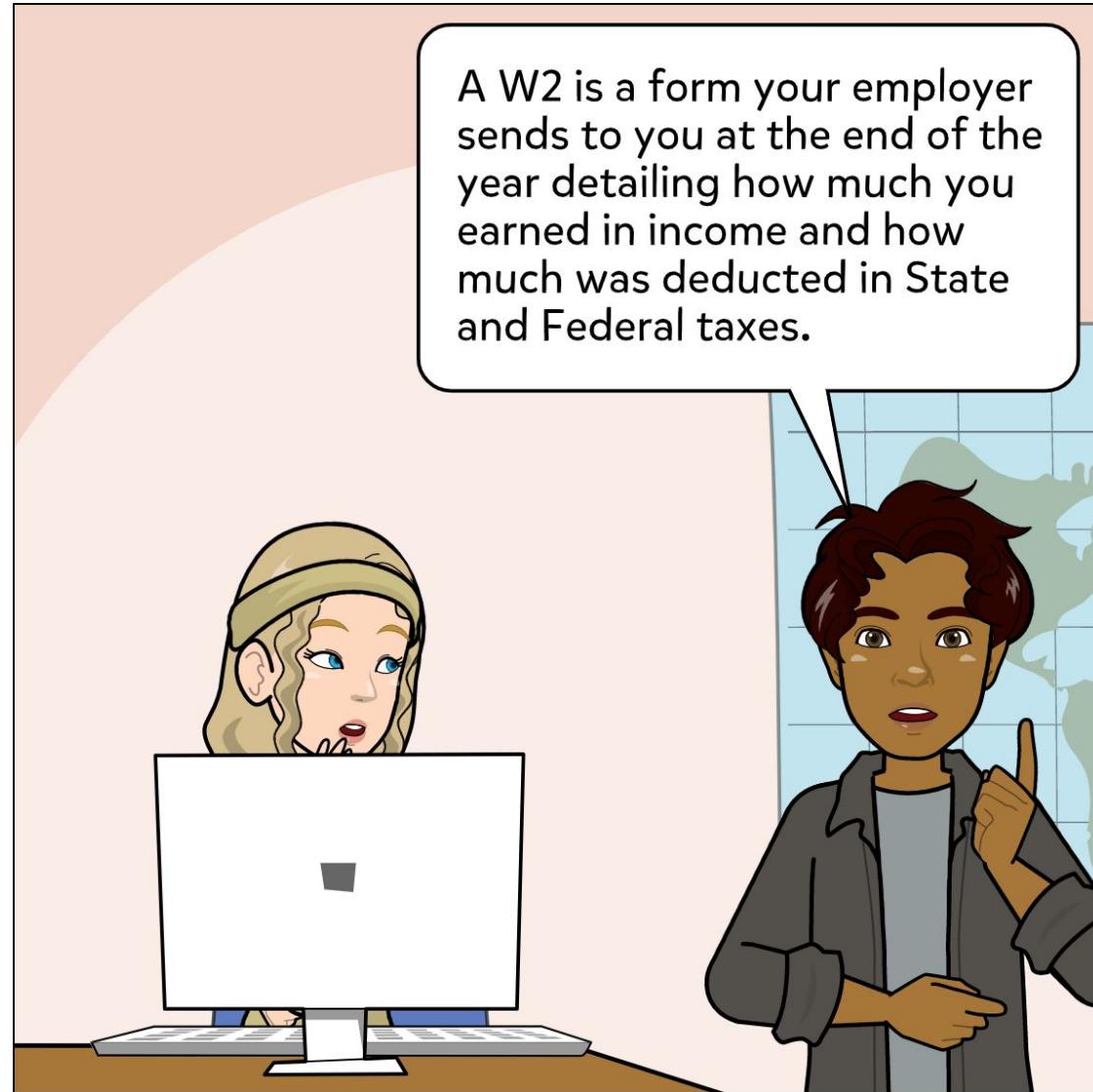
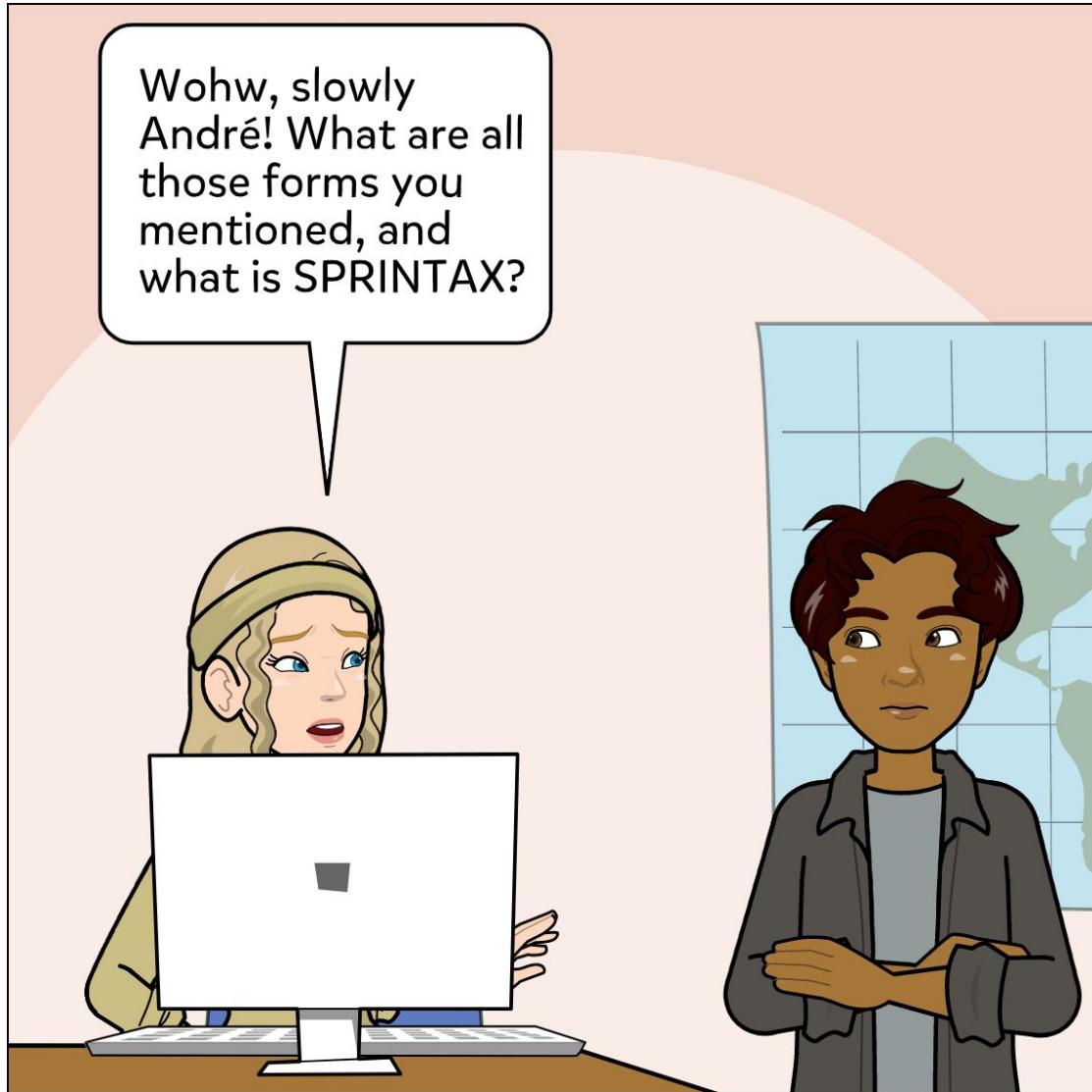
That sounds scary!



Don't worry, it's quite easy for your case. Since you made no income, you only have to send in a form called the 8843. This form is available by going to the IRS website or by going on the ISSC tax webpage.









Yeah, that makes sense!
So, since ASU is your
employer you should be
able to find your W2 on
MyASU right?



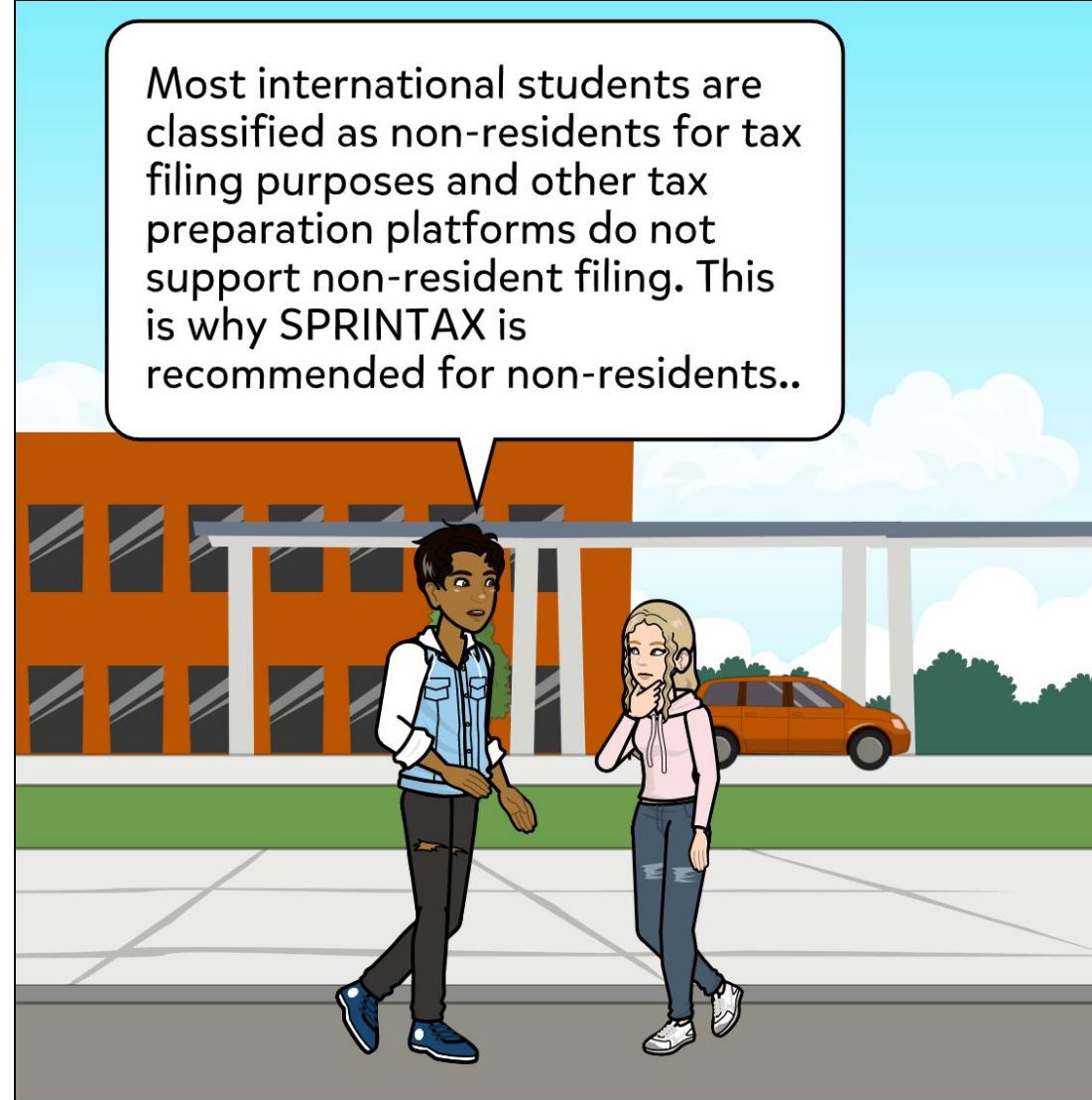
Wow, this is less scary
than I thought. So I guess
SPRINTAX is where you
enter all the information
you get from the tax
forms for filing?

You are catching on and are very correct! ASU has also collaborated with SPRINTAX to provide a discount code for state taxes and a waiver for federal taxes.

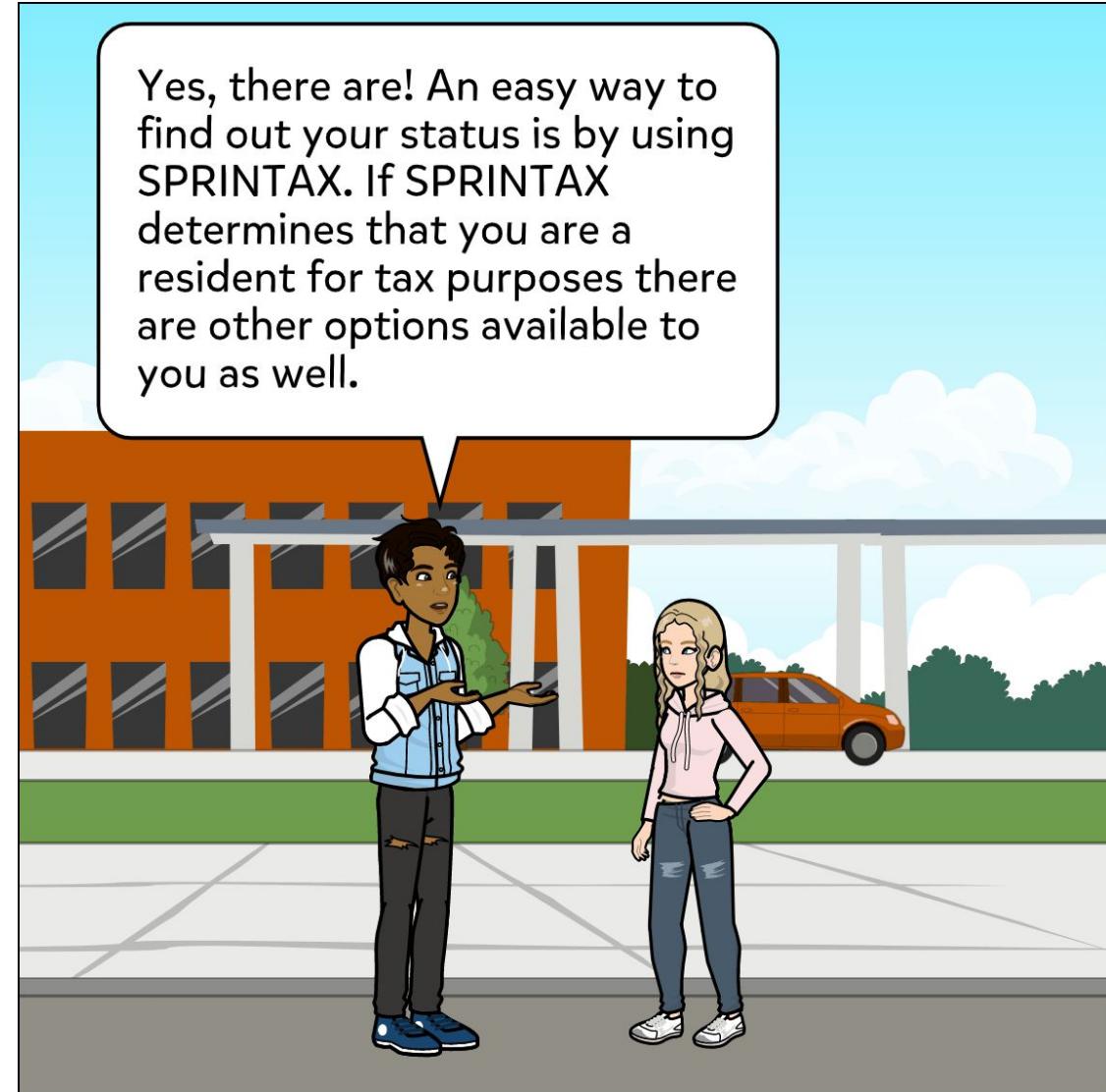
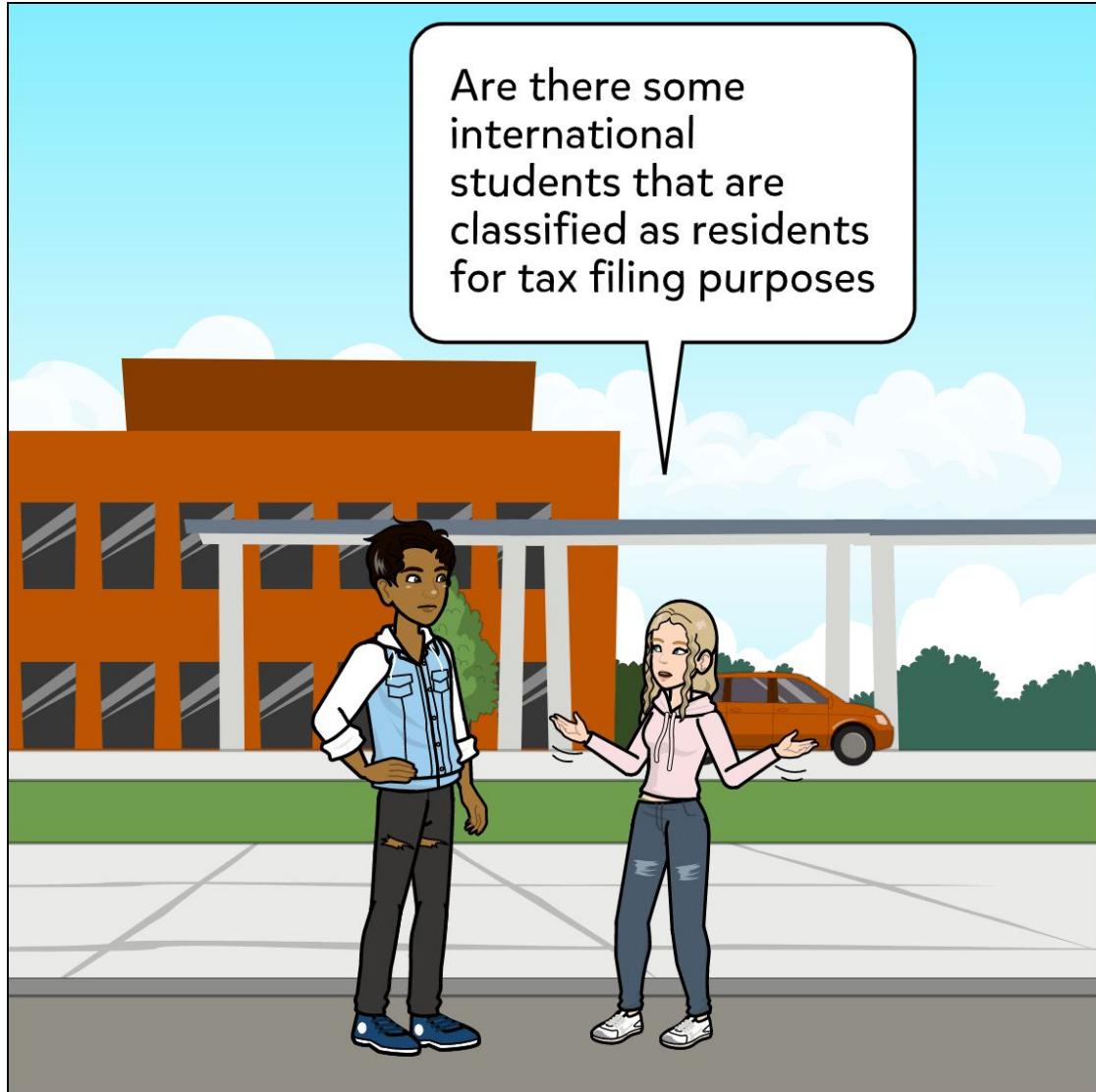




Do all international students have to use SPRINTAX to file their taxes? That sounds like we have only one option.



Most international students are classified as non-residents for tax filing purposes and other tax preparation platforms do not support non-resident filing. This is why SPRINTAX is recommended for non-residents..



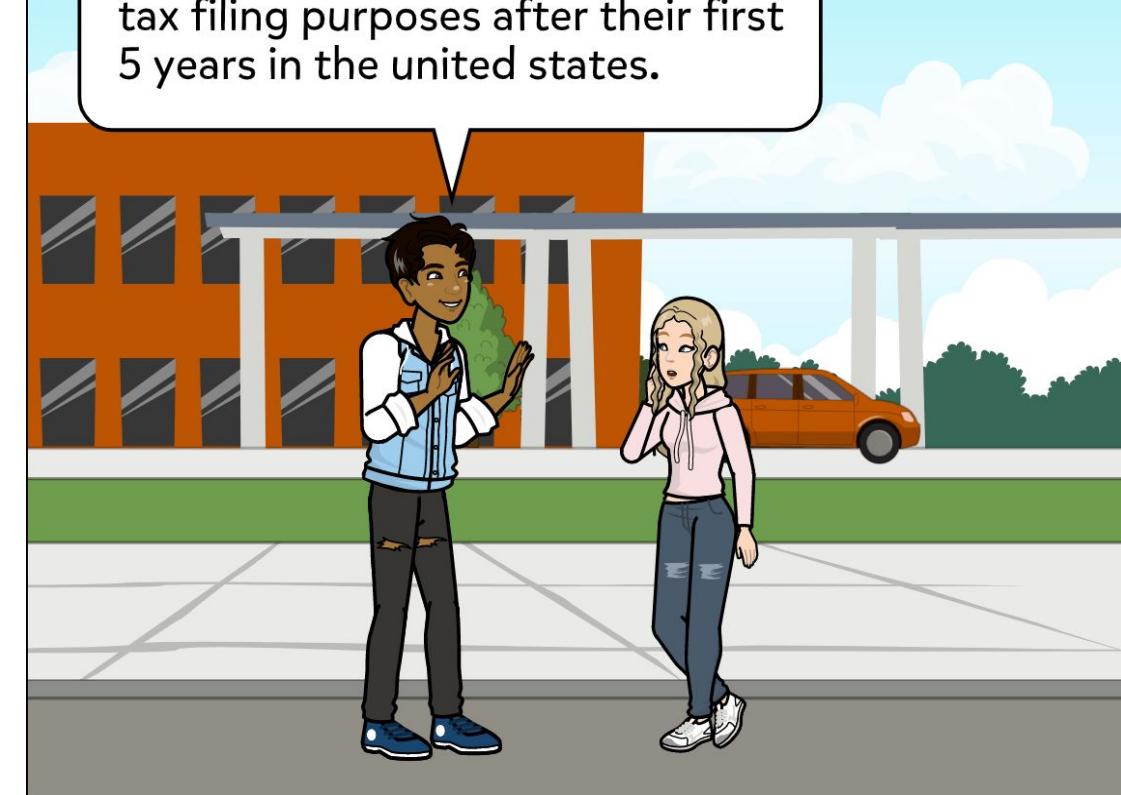
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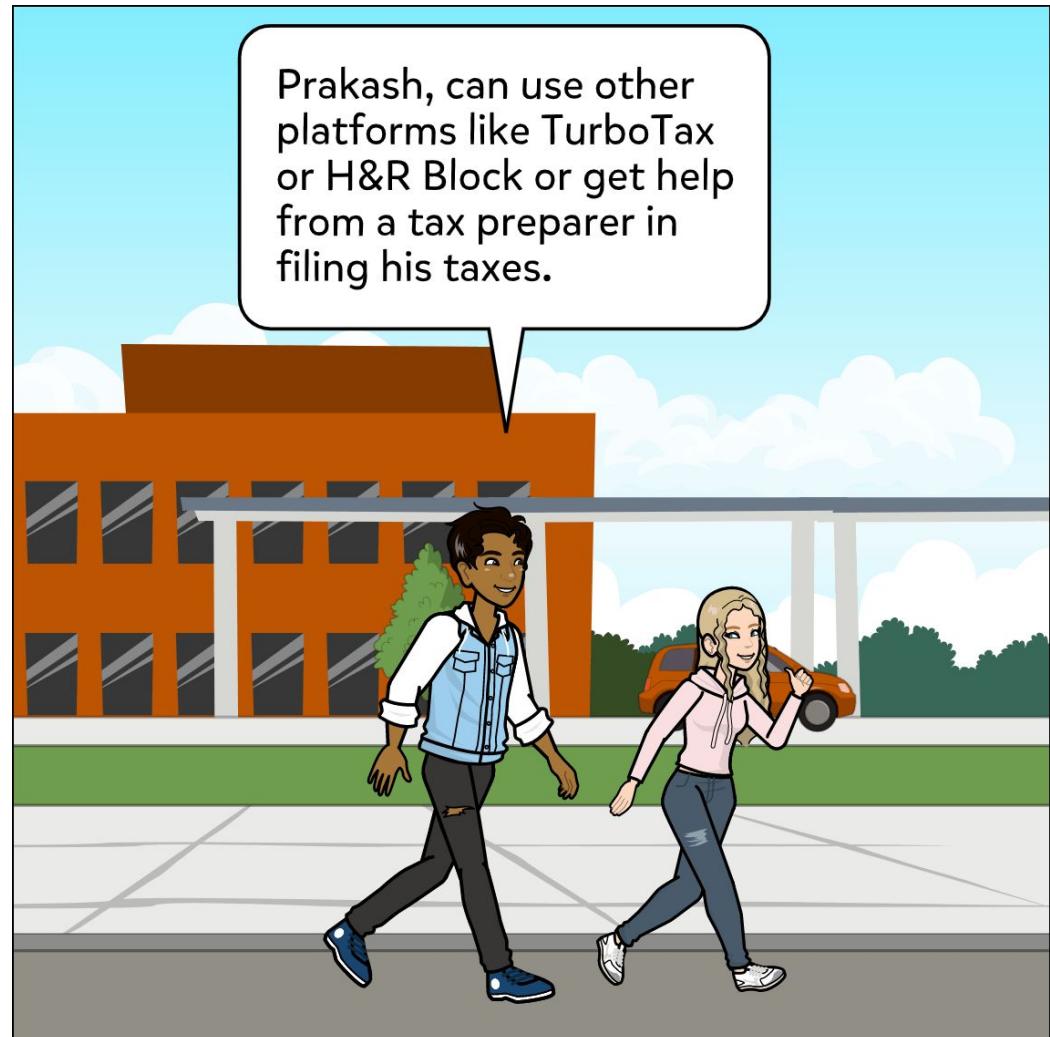
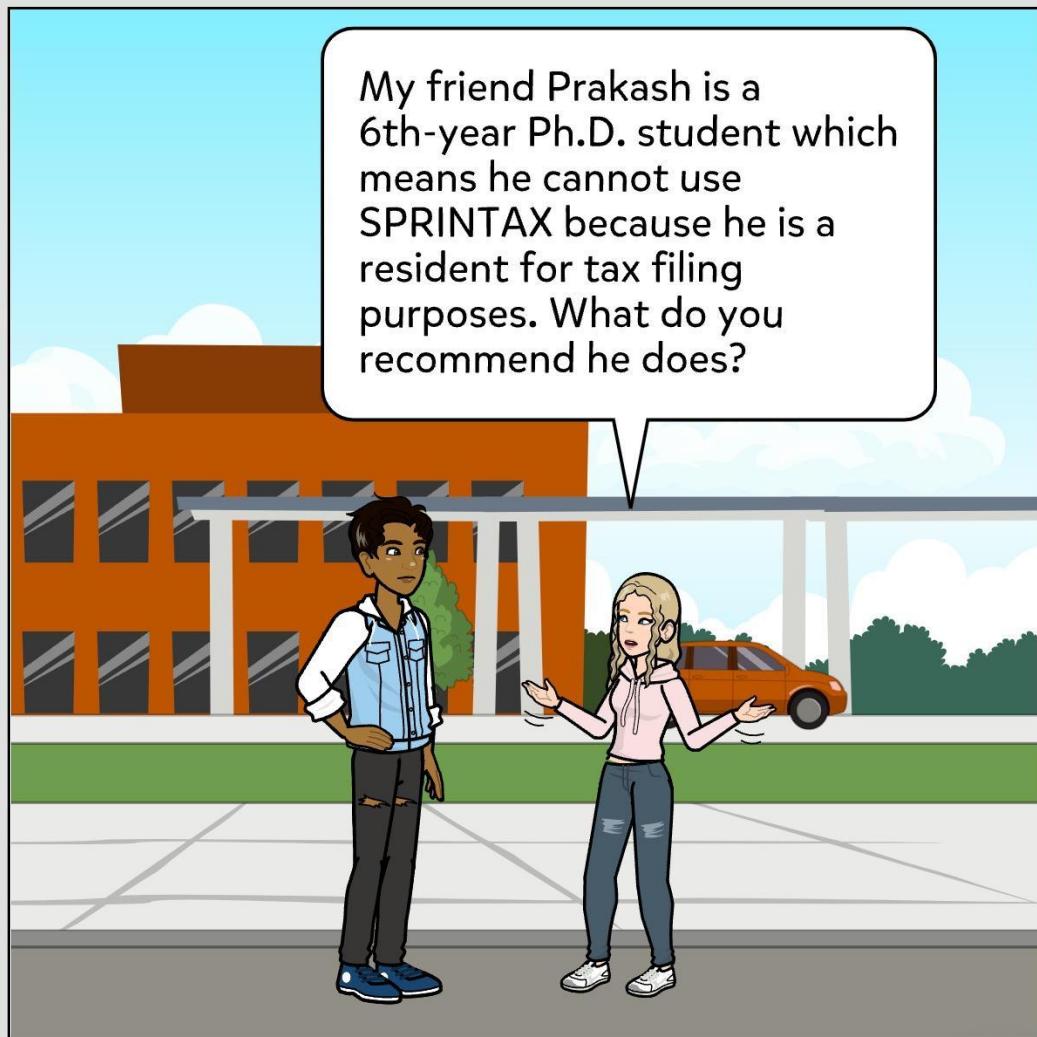
Generally, how does one become a resident for tax filing purposes? Does that mean obtaining a green card?



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No, being identified as a resident for tax purposes does not change your immigration status. Generally, students on F1 and J1 visas only become residents for tax filing purposes after their first 5 years in the United States.





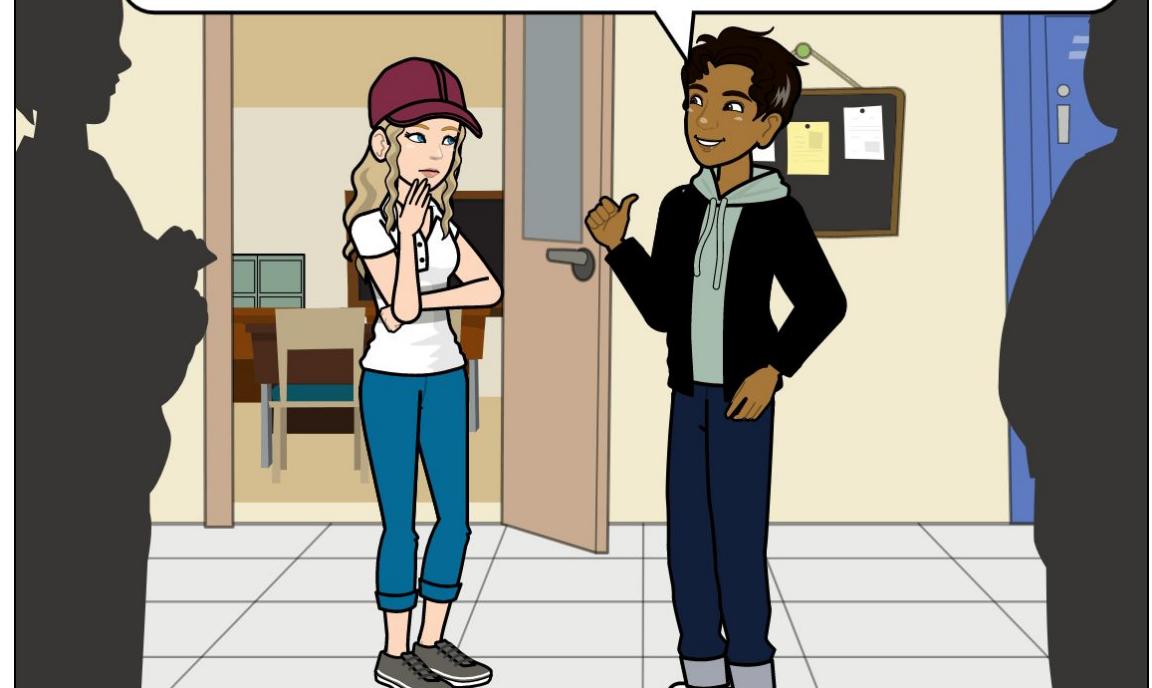
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All this information sounds great but I will still like to have someone guide me when I am filing my taxes.



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You are in luck, Camila! The GPSA has a list of student volunteers who are available to assist with filing your taxes with you. Just send an email to internationalaffairs gpsa@gmail.com and they will pair you with a volunteer. Also, the ISSC webpage is also a fantastic resource on taxes for international students.



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MORE RESOURCES

IMPORTANT NOTE: The following information was compiled by GPSA's International Students Affairs Committee.

We are not tax experts; this information is based on our experience and recommendations.

Please Visit the ASU ISSC Tax webpage for any updates <https://issc.asu.edu/f-1j-1-students/resources/tax-information>

We highly encourage you to attend the webinars and information sessions that the ISSC provides to learn the tax system.

You can also view recordings of past tax webinars here
<https://youtube.com/channel/UC5FIQXh6OEP1-No8pfAH7KO>

Tempe VITA TAX is also a helpful resource <https://www.tempecommunitycouncil.org/free-tax-help/site-info/>

We have been there so take a deep breath, gather your documents and you got this!"

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