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TaxBandits

The Insider's Guide

Online e-filing for 1099, W-2, 94x and ACA tax forms



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among accounting and invoicing tools, read from TaxBandits's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from TaxBandits's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on TaxBandits's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 43 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade

TaxBandits is a web service for e-filing US information returns and payroll tax forms, including 1099, W-2, 941, 940 and ACA forms. It charges per form filed on a volume scale instead of a subscription, and adds recipient-copy delivery, TIN matching and a W-9 request tool.

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about TaxBandits**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

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A web app where you upload or key in each form, with no store rating on record.

From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for e-filing 1099 and W-2 forms**

It is not bookkeeping software, and the add-ons for mailing and online access are billed on top.

2 **What it costs**

Paid plans start at $2.75 per form for the first 10 federal 1099/W-2 forms.

3 **There is a free plan**

State filing alongside a federal return, USPS address validation and the first 10 W-9/W-8 requests are free.

4 **It runs on Web**

Web.

5 **Federal and state e-filing**

Files 1099, W-2, 94x, ACA, 1042 and 5500 series forms with the IRS. State filing is free when it goes with the federal return in the combined filing program.

6 **Data import and validation**

Accepts CSV upload and API integration, with validation checks and USPS address validation (free). Smart Extraction pulls form data from documents at $0.35 a page.

7 **Recipient copies**

Online access to recipient copies is $0.50 a form; domestic postal mailing is $1.85 a form and international mailing $4.99.

8 **A 2.2 GPA, above 43 of 127**

That is against the other accounting and invoicing tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

9 **Keep it**

To replace TaxBandits you would be making payroll taxes worked out and filed with the government for you. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

TaxBandits at a glance

PRICING Free plan, from $2.75 per form for the first 10 federal 1099/W-2 forms	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY SPAN Enterprises LLC	CATEGORY Accounting & Invoicing
OUR GRADE 2.2 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for e-filing 1099 and W-2 forms

TaxBandits files US 1099, W-2, 94x and ACA forms online and charges per form, from $2.75 for the first 10 federal forms. It is not bookkeeping software, and the add-ons for mailing and online access are billed on top.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	TaxBandits	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Pay per form: $2.75 each for the first 10 federal 1099s and W-2s, falling to $0.80 past 500. Per-form pricing sits outside the category's monthly figures, so it lands mid-range.
Free plan and trial	D	State filing alongside a federal return and the first 10 W-9 requests are free, but there is no free plan or trial for the federal filing itself.
Features	B	Federal and state e-filing, import and validation, recipient copies, TIN matching and W-9 collection cover the whole job of filing information returns.
Ease of use	C	A web app where you upload or key in each form, with no store rating on record.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web only, but it links to QuickBooks, Xero, FreshBooks, Zoho Books and Zapier.
Grade point average		Fair, out of 4.0 **2.2**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who TaxBandits is for

- ✓ Fits if you file a few dozen 1099s or W-2s a year and want to pay per form
- ✓ Works for small businesses that already keep their books in QuickBooks or Xero

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you file outside the US, as it covers US federal and state forms only
- ✗ Tight if you file more than 2,000 1099s and W-2s or 1,000 94x forms, as above that you contact sales
- ✗ Pricey if you need recipient mailing from $1.85 a form or online access at $0.50 a form, since both are extra
- ✗ Watch out: corrections are free only when the original 94x return was filed with TaxBandits
- ✗ Watch out: the pricing page text would not load here, so the per-form prices are from the listing

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Small businesses filing a few 1099s or W-2s each year
- ✓ Accounting firms filing for clients through an API or CSV import
- ✓ Businesses that need to collect W-9 forms from vendors

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Covers US federal and state forms only; it is not general bookkeeping software.
- ⓘ Volume pricing stops at 2,000 forms for 1099 and W-2, and at 1,000 for 94x, above which you contact sales.
- ⓘ Add-ons are charged separately: recipient mailing from $1.85 a form and online access at $0.50 a form.
- ⓘ Corrections are free only when the original 94x return was filed with TaxBandits.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

$2.75

To start. There is a free plan too

TaxBandits has a free plan. Paid plans start at $2.75 per form for the first 10 federal 1099/W-2 forms.

> **Per-form pricing sits outside the category's monthly figures, so it lands mid-range.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

1099 / W-2 FEDERAL E-FILE

$2.75

per form for the first 10 forms

Falls to $1.75 per form for 11-100, $1.15 for 101-250, $1.00 for 251-500 and $0.80 for 501-2,000. Also covers 1098, 5498 and 480.

94X PAYROLL FORMS

$5.95

per form for the first form

Forms 940, 941, 943, 944 and 945: $5.25 for 2-4 forms, $4.75 for 5-25, down to $3.00 for 501-1,000. Amendments are free.

941 BUNDLE

$21.42

for 4 quarters of Form 941

Four quarters of Form 941 after a 10% bundle saving from $23.80. A Complete 94x bundle with Form 940 is $26.77.

The free plan

State filing alongside a federal return, USPS address validation and the first 10 W-9/W-8 requests are free.

W-9/W-8 REQUESTS

$0.35

per request after the first 10, which are free

Requests sent by text cost $0.50 each. TIN matching is $0.35 per TIN.

Read from taxbandits.com on Nov 13, 2026.

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Place it runs: Web

Online e-filing for 1099, W-2, 94x and ACA tax forms. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: public API, forms, payroll.

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Web only, but it links to QuickBooks, Xero, FreshBooks, Zoho Books and Zapier.

From our grade for platforms and integrations

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Data import and validation

Accepts CSV upload and API integration, with validation checks and USPS address validation (free). Smart Extraction pulls form data from documents at $0.35 a page.

Recipient copies

Online access to recipient copies is $0.50 a form; domestic postal mailing is $1.85 a form and international mailing $4.99.

TIN matching

Checks names and taxpayer ID numbers before filing, at $0.35 per TIN, or $99 for a bulk file.

W-9 and W-8 collection

A W-9 Manager requests and stores W-9 and W-8 forms from payees. The first 10 requests are free, and the page names it a free W-9 manager.

Corrections and retransmission

The Bandit Commitment promises no-cost corrections, free retransmission when a return is rejected, and a money-back guarantee, with terms.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

QuickBooks
Xero
FreshBooks
Zoho Books
Zapier

TaxBandits is made by SPAN Enterprises LLC.

Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

43/127

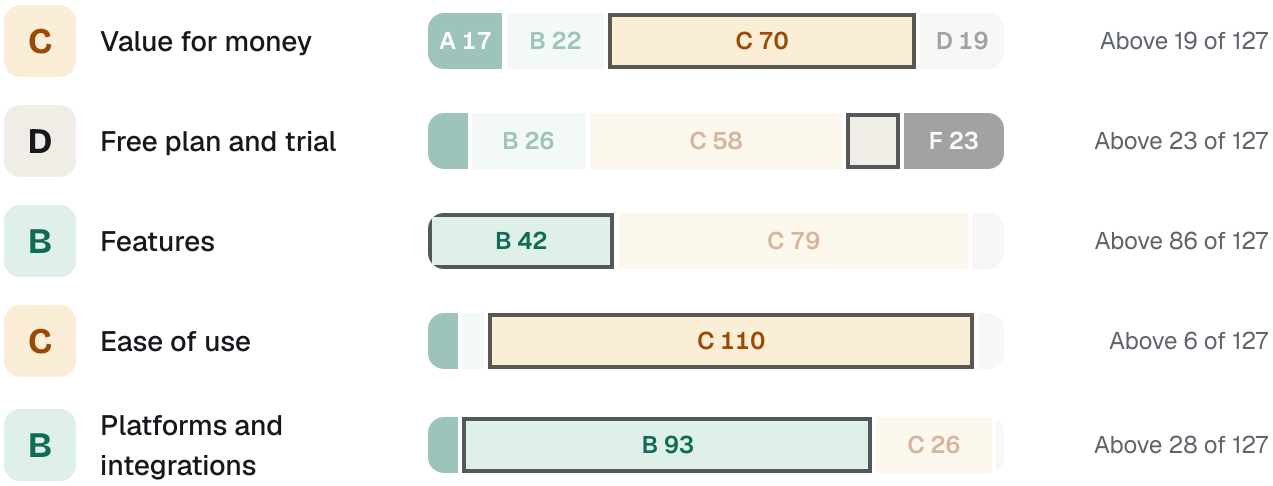
Other accounting and invoicing tools it is graded above

TaxBandits's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 43 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade, and level with 30.

It stands best on features (B, above 86 of 127) and worst on free plan and trial (D, above 23).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 128 accounting and invoicing tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. TaxBandits's own letter is outlined.



Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

To replace TaxBandits you would be making payroll taxes worked out and filed with the government for you. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

What you could make

- Forms: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- Payroll taxes worked out and filed with the government for you.
- It plugs into other products, QuickBooks, Xero and FreshBooks among them, and has an API.
- The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. TaxBandits's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



TaxAct, Drake Tax, FreshBooks and QuickBooks Online

The 4 tools TaxBandits is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

TaxAct

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Free plan · from $44.99/yr

Online and downloadable tax filing for individuals and businesses.

- TaxBandits also covers forms and payroll.
- TaxAct also covers documents and calculator.

TaxBandits and TaxAct compared in full

Drake Tax

2.2 GPA

Free trial · from $299.99/yr

Professional tax preparation software for tax firms, desktop and web.

- TaxBandits has a free plan. Drake Tax does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Drake Tax lists a Windows app.
- TaxBandits also covers forms and payroll.

TaxBandits and Drake Tax compared in full



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FreshBooks

Free trial · from $23/mo

Invoicing and accounting for freelancers and service businesses.

- TaxBandits has a free plan. FreshBooks does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only FreshBooks lists iOS and Android apps.
- TaxBandits also covers forms.

TaxBandits and FreshBooks compared in full



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QuickBooks Online

Free plan · from $38/mo

Cloud accounting from Intuit, from a free plan to 25-user Advanced.

- Only QuickBooks Online lists iOS and Android apps.
- TaxBandits also covers forms.
- QuickBooks Online also covers invoicing, reports, bookkeeping and expense tracking.

TaxBandits and QuickBooks Online compared in full

PART 06 · QUESTIONS

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is TaxBandits free?

TaxBandits has a free plan. State filing alongside a federal return, USPS address validation and the first 10 W-9/W-8 requests are free.

How much does TaxBandits cost?

TaxBandits lists 4 plans. 1099 / W-2 federal e-file: $2.75 per form for the first 10 forms.

What platforms does TaxBandits work on?

TaxBandits is available on Web.

Does TaxBandits have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. TaxBandits is listed for Web.

Does TaxBandits have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. TaxBandits is listed for Web.

Is TaxBandits open source?

TaxBandits is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

Does TaxBandits have an API?

Yes. TaxBandits offers a public API, according to its own site.

What does TaxBandits integrate with?

TaxBandits's listing names QuickBooks, Xero, FreshBooks, Zoho Books and Zapier.

Who makes TaxBandits?

TaxBandits is made by SPAN Enterprises LLC.

What are the alternatives to TaxBandits?

The closest alternatives to TaxBandits in our directory are TaxAct, Drake Tax, FreshBooks and QuickBooks Online.

How does TaxBandits compare with other accounting and invoicing tools?

TaxBandits's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 43 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade, and level with 30.

Could I make my own version of TaxBandits?

To replace TaxBandits you would be making payroll taxes worked out and filed with the government for you.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from TaxBandits's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from TaxBandits's own pages on 13 November 2026. The price page text would not load here, so the prices are those on the listing. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by SPAN Enterprises LLC. Prices change, so check taxbandits.com before you buy.

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PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at **toolgpa.com**.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

TaxBandits, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/taxbandits

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Prices and grades as they are today

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The best-graded accounting and invoicing tools after TaxBandits, each with an Insider's Guide of its own.

Accounting & Invoicing Insider's Guide

Every one of the 129 accounting and invoicing tools we grade, compared

Zoho Invoice Insider's Guide

Free invoicing app from Zoho for freelancers and small businesses

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Zoho Books Insider's Guide

Online accounting from Zoho, with a free plan and six paid tiers

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Cash App Taxes Insider's Guide

Free federal and state tax filing inside Cash App

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