

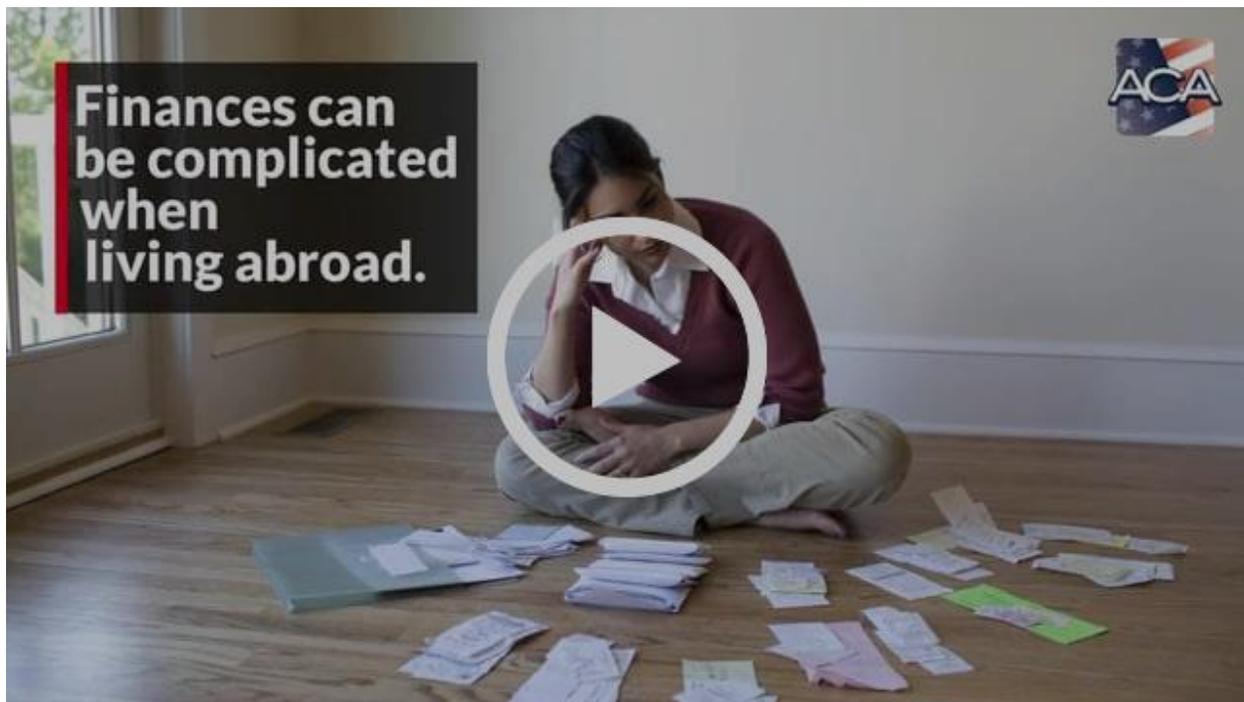


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## New service providers sign on to ACA's Expat Tax Services Directory

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With tax season well underway, more service providers are signing on and listing in the American Citizens Abroad (ACA) [Tax Services Directory](#). American Citizens Abroad announced its relaunch of the online Expat Tax Services Directory in January of this year. Originally released in 2014 as a listing of tax preparers, ACA expanded its Directory in 2019 to include other professional services in response to almost daily emails received from individuals who need assistance for issues aside from pure tax filings, such as, creating US wills and trust structures, accounting needs for US-based businesses, management of US investments, financial management for US-resident older relatives and dependents. ACA is supporting the relaunch with a marketing campaign to highlight the breadth of service providers now listed in the Directory.



“There are an estimated 5.3 million American taxpayers overseas. We have found over time that a surprising number of people want advice relating not just to the preparation of returns but also accounting services, investment advice and various types of legal advice,” said

Jonathan Lachowitz, Chairman, ACA. As noted in ACA's January 14<sup>th</sup> [podcast](#) discussing the updated Directory and updates on Residency-based tax (RBT, adoption of RBT legislation would alleviate the need for US citizens resident overseas to pay tax on income earned outside of the US (foreign income). However, investments in the United States and some other types of US-source income might continue to be taxed by the US.

“As tax season has begun in earnest, ACA is receiving more and more requests for tax preparation services. We are seeing more interest from professional service providers wanting to list in the Directory and also more individuals using the Directory to find service providers now that they are preparing to file their 2019 filings.” said Marylouise Serrato, ACA Executive Director.

The new Directory not only includes a wider range of providers – but more sub- categories, which allows people to hone in on whatever subject they are interested in. The Directory is mobile-friendly and works off smartphones and tablets. For those [interested in listing](#) in the Directory, it's simple and easy, and users can access the information on any electronic device no matter where they are in the world (<http://acareturnpreparerdirectory.com/>).

The Directory is a continuation in ACA's efforts to meet the requests and needs of the community while it continues to advocate on key issues, including the adoption of Residency-based Taxation (RBT) legislation. In 2015, ACA began offering its members access to the State Department Federal Credit Union's (SDFCU) US-based financial services. This step was in response to the widespread lockout of Americans abroad by US banks and other domestic financial institutions. In close cooperation with SDFCU, ACA developed a solution that allows its members to have a wide-range of sophisticated services (<https://www.americansabroad.org/sdfcu-account/>).

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