

Flight Crew



Pilot Taxes

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The Watson CPA Group has been preparing tax returns since 1997 for airline pilots and flight attendants across the country for a variety of airlines and aviation companies. We pride ourselves in tackling the most challenging tax situations including flight crew taxes, flight attendant taxes and airline pilot taxes – all for a reasonable fee range of **\$500 to \$700**. Having said that, we try to **maintain historical fees** for returning clients.

Shifting Gears

Over the past two years our level of service to our flight crew clients has not been up to our standards due to the demands of business owners. We had to pick a horse in the race. While it kills Jason Watson, a former airline pilot for 17 years, we are shifting our focus to business owners primarily with some individual tax returns.

We partnered with two people, Mandy Anderson and Jessica Aligaen. They have both worked for us for two tax seasons and only worked on flight crew tax issues and tax preparation.

Mandy and Jessica are smart as a whip, and can offer much better customer service since they only focus on flight crew. And... Jessica, Mandy and the Watson CPA Group are all connected. Jessica has an office in our office, and both are connected into our phone system. They both use the same tax software as us as well. We review their tax returns if necessary and offer unlimited tax support to both of them. It is truly a great partnership.

[Blue Sky Tax Prep \(Mandy\)](#)

[Aligaen Accounting \(Jessica\)](#)

If you still want the Watson CPA Group to prepare your flight crew taxes, we certainly can. Our tax prep fee for individual tax returns is \$500 to \$700 which includes August and November financial tune-ups. However, the typical fee for flight crew tax returns through our partners is **\$300 to \$450**. Not only would you save a few bucks, we believe you would find Mandy and Jessica to be excellent at customer service and experts in tax return preparation. They know all the rules about per diem calculations, commuting expenses, B737 type ratings, etc. plus the usual gaggle of tax deductions.

Having said all this, we will always talk to our fellow flight crew regardless of our engagement. Tax issues, union problems, schedule woes... it doesn't matter. Jason doesn't forget where he came from and would love to shoot the bull with you.

August and November Financial Tune-Ups

For those clients who have a tax-only engagement with us, we offer a lot more than just a tax return. Tax returns are boring. Tax planning including projections and end of year tax moves is way more valuable to you than 100 pages of gobbly-goo in some dust-catching PDF aimed at IRS compliance. Wow, that is a long sentence... anyways, in August we offer a tax planning tune-up and later on in November we offer an end of year tax consultation. These are complimentary consultations. Sure, you're paying for it in some fashion with your tax preparation fees above but then again, this is a valuable service that most tax professionals don't offer. Click the buttons below for more information. Riveting!

[Tax Planning Agenda](#)

[End of Year Tax Moves](#)

Value Proposition

The Watson CPA Group are tax and business consultants, not just number crunchers. Anyone can balance a checkbook. Anyone can slam together a per diem calculation. Anyone can put the right number in the right blanks. But we take a consultative approach to flight crew tax preparation. You can always find someone to do it for less- of course. However consider the solid back-end support which you will get with the Watson CPA Group that other flight crew tax preparation companies might not provide. Read more about our [Value Proposition](#) here.

We are a resource that is **always available** throughout the year. Have a question? Need advice? Received a notice from the IRS just before Happy Hour on a Friday? You can contact us anytime, day or night. We prefer day of course.

Our fee is not just for tax preparation- it offers the continuous peace and mind of knowing that you are not alone in your tax world. We are airline minded people who are also small business owners and have rentals properties- we can speak your language, not just in a theoretical sense but in a practical down to earth manner.

Moreover, our goal is to always prepare a comprehensive and accurate tax return but equally important is your understanding of how a tax return 'works'- to the extent necessary, we want you to be comfortable with your tax consequences so together we can successfully plan for your future.