

ONE STOP SHOP TO TRAVEL TAXES

Recently, while browsing the internet for something else, I stumbled upon an ad for a Travel Nurse Tax Guide Book. Being that my current quest is to find as many travel tax specialists for travelers as I can find, I gave the author, Paul Muret, a call to find out his story.

Paul is a CPA with a Masters Degree in Business Administration. He used to do taxes for outside Salesmen who also travel a great deal. His sister is a traveling nurse. While traveling, she would often hear rumors about different tax benefits and deductions travelers can claim on their taxes. With each new rumor, she would call her brother to confirm their truth. Each time, Paul would research the questions for his sister. Next thing you know, he was doing research for travel agencies as well. They too were unclear of the real answers to the tax laws regarding travelers and the travel industry. Obviously, there was real need for this valuable information. Paul kept researching until he became an expert in taxes for traveling nurses.

With all this information in hand, he decided to put it in writing to help others with the same dilemmas and unknowns as his sister. In his guide (which can be found at www.muretcpa.com), Paul talks about the true deductions nurses can claim. He also includes several tools such as spread sheets and expense reports to help the traveler keep track of their expenses during the year.

He plans on opening a second office this year for filing traveler's tax returns. Paul says with each new client he often looks at their previous years returns. Many times, he finds mistakes or additional deductions the traveler could have made. One time he ended up saving his client an additional \$5000 dollars by correctly submitting her tax returns filed by H & R Block the previous year.

Paul also assists clients with financial planning and investments. He is a one stop shop and a wealth of information. "Not only do CPA's have to know a great deal about tax laws to pass the CPA exams, but they also have to maintain continuing education units during the year to keep their license", he says.

Just a few years ago you couldn't really find anyone who knew about taxes for travelers. Now there are good qualified specialists available to help us. Perhaps, I should look at my own tax returns for last year. According to Paul, you can refile a return for up to 3 years later.