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Using Your Own PC or Mac for Training

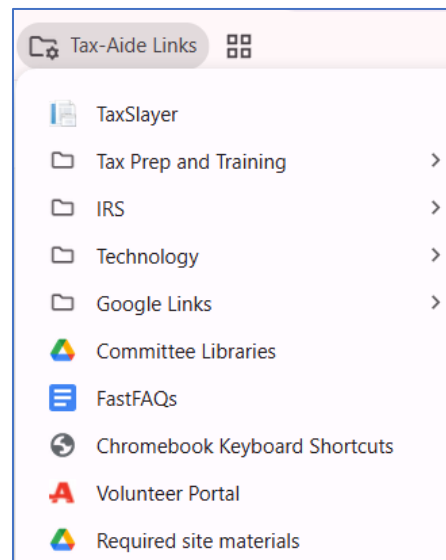
The three links below are already bookmarked on Tax-Aide Chromebooks under *Tax-Aide Links > Tax Prep and Training*. If you're training on your own PC or Mac, you can add these bookmarks manually in your browser — but a better approach is described below.

- NTTC Useful Tax Prep Links: <https://ta-nttc.tiny.us/NTTC-Tax-Prep-Links>
- NTTC Training Resource Links: <https://ta-nttc.tiny.us/NTTC-Training-Resources>
- NTTC New Volunteer Training Links: <https://ta-nttc.tiny.us/NTTC-New-Vol-Training-Links>

A more effective option is to **set up a Chrome browser profile using your AARP Foundation account** (*VolIDtyNN@aarpfoundation.org*, where *VolID* is your nine-digit AARP volunteer ID and *NN* is the current tax year). For detailed setup instructions, see NTSC Tip Sheet [TS17 \(for Windows\)](#) or [TS18 \(for Mac\)](#).

Using a Chrome profile linked to your AARP Foundation account allows you to train in an environment that closely mirrors a Tax-Aide Chromebook. This approach offers several benefits:

1. **Preloaded** bookmarks – Includes the same *Tax-Aide Links* bookmarks found on your Chromebook (as shown in the screenshot).
2. **Convenient access** to:
 - TaxSlayer Practice Lab
 - Gmail, Calendar, Drive, and other Google Workspace apps associated with your AARP Foundation account
3. **Familiarity with Chrome** – Builds comfort using Chrome, the only browser available on Tax-Aide Chromebooks, which are required for accessing TaxSlayer (except for Practice Lab).



Note: Setting up this Chrome profile does *not* convert your PC or Mac into a Tax-Aide Chromebook! Your device will continue to use its own keyboard, operating system, and settings. This setup simply lets you use the same Chrome environment **for training purposes**. Remember, per Tax-Aide's [Policy and Procedures Manual](#):

The use of personal laptops or other computing devices for tax preparation or to access Tax-Aide approved tax vendor software or web-based applications is prohibited within the Tax-Aide Program. The use of personal devices for friends and family returns is prohibited. Personal devices may only be used for training and administrative work that does not touch taxpayer data or Tax-Aide-approved tax software or web-based applications.