



State Tax Benefits For Same-Sex Couples

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Buffalo, NY - Three weeks from now same-sex couples living in New York State can legally marry, but a week after the celebrations some are realizing that there are also some [financial](#) complications gay and lesbian couples still face on this issue.

Financial experts say same-sex couples will see some tax [benefits](#) such as being able to file their New York State tax returns jointly. Only problem is they will not have the same opportunity to file a joint Federal Tax return, even though they would be legally married.

As thousands of gay and lesbian couples plan out their marriages many of them will also have to [deal](#) with all the changes that will now affect their family's financial future.

Tony Ogorek, a Williamsville-based certified financial planner tells us, same-sex couples will see hundreds of dollars worth of [savings](#) when filing jointly on their tax returns, and also larger deduction benefits.

"One of the benefits of this law at the state level is that it provides some level of financial protections for couples you know as this goes on and it's going to in the event of that they have an illness situation, there are going to be rights that, and protections that are not in place right now," said Ogorek.

As far as filings for federal taxes, financial experts say federal laws still defines marriage as being between a [man](#) and a woman, because of the Defense of Marriage Act that was enacted 15-years ago.

Ogorek tells us this is where filling out forms at tax time would be made [easier](#) if the federal law changes in the future.