



FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT HAPPY TAX FRANCHISING, LLC 1000 5TH Street, Suite 200 Miami Beach, Florida 33139 Telephone: 305-250-1040 Email: <u>info@happytax.com</u> Website: <u>www.happytax.com</u>

The franchise offered is for the operation of an income tax preparation business under the name Happy Tax[®].

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Happy Tax[®] franchise ranges from \$9,900 to \$19,898.70. This includes between \$5,000 and \$10,098.70 which must be paid to the Franchisor.

This disclosure document summarizes certain provisions of your Franchise Agreement and other information in plain English. Read this disclosure document and all accompanying agreements carefully. You must receive this disclosure document at least 14 calendar days before you sign a binding agreement with or make any payment to the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. **Note however, that no government agency has verified the information contained in this document.**

You may have obtained this disclosure document by e-mail or other electronic format. You may wish to receive your disclosure document in another format that is more convenient for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact Joseph Sparacio at 1000 5th Street, Suite 200, Miami Beach, Florida 33139 and 305-250-1040.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on the disclosure document alone to understand your contract. Read all of your contract carefully. Show your contract and this disclosure document to an advisor, like a lawyer or an accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this disclosure document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as "A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise," which can help you understand how to use this disclosure document, is available from the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at <u>www.ftc.gov</u> for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

There may also be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.

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STATE COVER PAGE

Your state may have a franchise law that requires a franchisor to register or file with a state franchise administrator before offering or selling in your state. REGISTRATION OF A FRANCHISE BY A STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE STATE RECOMMENDS THE FRANCHISE OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in Exhibit A for information about the franchisor or franchising in your state.

MANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS DO NOT ALLOW YOU TO RENEW UNCONDITIONALLY AFTER THE INITIAL TERM EXPIRES. YOU MAY HAVE TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE YOUR BUSINESS. BEFORE YOU BUY, CONSIDER WHAT RIGHTS YOU HAVE TO RENEW YOUR FRANCHISE, IF ANY, AND WHAT TERMS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT IN ORDER TO RENEW.

RISK FACTORS:

1. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY MEDIATION OR ARBITRATION ONLY IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA. OUT OF STATE MEDIATION OR ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO MEDIATE OR ARBITRATE WITH US IN FLORIDA THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.

2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT FLORIDA LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE YOU WITH THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS YOUR LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.

3. THE FRANCHISOR HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, SINCE DECEMBER 13, 2014. THEREFORE, THERE IS ONLY A BRIEF OPERATING HISTORY TO ASSIST YOU IN JUDGING WHETHER OR NOT TO MAKE THIS INVESTMENT.

4. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT DOES NOT GRANT YOU AN EXCLUSIVE TERRITORY. YOU MAY FACE COMPETITION FROM OTHER FRANCHISEES, FROM OUTLETS THAT WE OWN, OR FROM OTHER CHANNELS OF DISTRIBUTION OR COMPETITIVE BRANDS THAT WE OWN.

5. WE DO NOT HAVE A REGISTERED TRADEMARK FOR THE PRINCIPAL TRADEMARK "HAPPY TAX SERVICE" WORD MARK PLUS DESIGN. THEREFORE, THE PRINCIPAL TRADEMARK "HAPPY TAX SERVICE" DOES NOT HAVE MANY LEGAL BENEFITS AND RIGHTS AS FEDERALLY REGISTERED



TRADEMARKS. IF OUR RIGHT TO USE THE PRINCIPAL TRADEMARK "HAPPY TAX SERVICE" IS CHALLENGED, YOU MAY HAVE TO CHANGE TO AN ALTERNATIVE TRADEMARK, WHICH MAY INCREASE YOUR EXPENSES.

6. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

INFORMATION ABOUT COMPARISONS OF FRANCHISORS IS AVAILABLE. CALL THE STATE ADMINISTRATORS LISTED IN EXHIBIT A OR YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR SOURCES OF INFORMATION. This is a document preview downloaded from FranchisePanda.com. The full document is available for free by visiting: https://franchisepanda.com/franchises/happy-tax