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Seven questions to ask before hiring a crypto CPA

Bring these to any crypto tax professional you interview, including us. Check the box when you get a good answer.

- [ ] **Q1** **Do you reconcile raw wallet and exchange data, or do you require a clean report?**

  A good answer sounds like: "We pull your data ourselves and reconcile it before anything is filed."

  A red flag sounds like: "Just send me your Koinly report and I will file it."

- [ ] **Q2** **Which tools, chains, and protocols do you actually work with?**

  A good answer sounds like: "Named chains, named protocols, and a plan for anything not on the list."

  A red flag sounds like: "We handle all crypto. Long pause when you name a bridge."

- [ ] **Q3** **Who reviews and who signs the return?**

  A good answer sounds like: "Two named, licensed people, and you know which one is which."

  A red flag sounds like: "Our team of experts."

- [ ] **Q4** **How do you handle missing cost basis and unmatched transfers?**

  A good answer sounds like: "Trace the transfer, reconstruct the basis from chain data and historical pricing, document the method."

  A red flag sounds like: "The software defaults it to zero, that is conservative."

- [ ] **Q5** **How do you reconcile 1099-DA reporting?**

  A good answer sounds like: "Line by line against your disposals, with a documented explanation for every difference."

  A red flag sounds like: "We just report what the broker sent."

- [ ] **Q6** **What deliverables and supporting records do I receive?**

  A good answer sounds like: "A reconciled ledger, an exceptions report, a cost basis summary, and the filed return."

  A red flag sounds like: "A copy of your return."

- [ ] **Q7** **What happens if the IRS questions the filing?**

  A good answer sounds like: "We respond from the same records we filed from, and we can represent you."

  A red flag sounds like: "You would need to find someone for that."

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