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MAINE USE TAX COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

The Maine Use Tax Compliance Program begins July 1, 2006. The program provides Maine taxpayers an opportunity to resolve **all** prior use tax obligations by reporting and paying the 3 highest annual use tax liability amounts resulting from taxable purchases occurring from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2005. Only unreported and unassessed use tax liabilities qualify for the program.

To participate in the program, taxpayers must file an application reporting all previously unreported taxable purchases made each tax year during the period January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2005. The 3 highest annual use tax amounts during that period must be paid, or an acceptable payment plan must be established, during the application period in order to qualify for program benefits. Interest and penalty charges relating to the 3 highest annual use tax liability amounts paid during the application period are waived. All other unreported and unpaid use tax liabilities for transactions prior to January 1, 2006 are forgiven. Eligible taxpayers are also absolved from criminal prosecution and civil penalties and interest related to any taxes forgiven or paid under the Maine Use Tax Compliance Program. Material misrepresentations or omissions will result in disqualification from the program.

The application period for the program is July 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

All applications and payment plan requests must be submitted to Maine Revenue Services ("MRS") no later than December 31, 2006. Payment plan requests must be approved by the State Tax Assessor and payments under a payment plan are subject to interest charges.

For more information or to download application forms, visit the MRS web site at <u>www.maine.gov/revenue/Compliance/MaineUseTaxComplianceProgram.htm</u> or call (207) 624-9595.

Department	Telephone Numbers	FAX Numbers	E-mail Addresses
Taxpayer Service Center	(207) 287-2076	(207) 287-5855	
Appellate	(207) 624-9854	(207) 287-3294	
Central Registration	(207) 287-2338	(207) 287-3733	division.uctax@maine.gov
Collections & Compliance	(207) 624-9595	(207) 287-6627	<u>compliance.tax@maine.gov</u>
Corporate Tax	(207) 624-9670	(207) 624-9694	<u>corporate.tax@maine.gov</u>
Economic Research	(207) 624-9789	(207) 287-3618	
E-file Help Desk (1040 ONLY)	(207) 624-9730	(207) 624-9740	efile.helpdesk@maine.gov
Electronic Funds Transfer	(207) 287-8276	(207) 287-6627	<u>efunds.transfer@maine.gov</u>
Estate Tax	(207) 626-8480	(207) 624-9694	<u>estatetax@maine.gov</u>
Fuel Tax	(207) 624-9745	(207) 287-6628	fuel.tax@maine.gov
Forms Request Line	(207) 624-7894	(207) 622-3517	
Income Tax Assistance	(207) 626-8475	(207) 624-9694	income.tax@maine.gov
Insurance Premium Tax	(207) 624-9753	(207) 624-7729	
NexTalk (TTY Service)	(888) 577-6690		
Payment Plan/Income Tax	(207) 621-4300	(207) 621-4328	<u>compliance.tax@maine.gov</u>
Payment Plan/Other	(207) 624-9595	(207) 287-6627	<u>compliance.tax@maine.gov</u>
Practitioners' Hotline	(207) 626-8458	(207) 624-9694	
Property Tax	(207) 287-2011	(207) 287-6396	prop.tax@maine.gov
Public Communications	(207) 626-8478	(207) 624-9694	
Sales Tax	(207) 624-9693	(207) 287-6628	sales.tax@maine.gov
Tax Clearance Letters	(207) 624-9628	(207) 287-6627	
Taxpayer Advocate	(207) 624-9649	(207) 287-3618	taxpayer.advocate@maine.gov
Withholding Tax	(207) 626-8475	(207) 624-9694	withholding.tax@maine.gov
Tax Violations Hot Line	(207) 624-9600		

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