

MAINE TAX ALERT

A Publication of Maine Revenue Services for Tax Professionals

Volume 30, Issue 11

April 2020 - #5

Maine State Government Extends Deadline for Certain Maine Estimated and Final Fiscal-Year Tax Payments to July 15th

As recently announced by Governor Janet Mills and Department of Administrative and Financial Services Commissioner Kirsten Figueroa, the deadline for second quarter estimated payments is extended to July 15th. The extension is designed to provide Maine taxpayers financial relief during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I hope this extension will help Maine people during this difficult time," said Governor Janet Mills.

"This action is consistent with the first quarter extension to July 15th and will minimize confusion to Maine people during this already turbulent time," said Kirsten Figueroa, Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

In consultation with Governor Mills and Commissioner Figueroa, MRS is allowing this payment extension as authorized under Title 36 of the Maine Revised Statutes.

The extended payment due date includes second quarter estimated payments, originally due June 15, 2020, for the following Maine tax types: individual income tax, corporate income tax, franchise tax, and fiduciary income tax for estates and trusts. The extended payment due date also includes any estimated or final payments, originally due April 16, 2020, through June 15, 2020, for fiscal-year filers, for the taxes listed above. For qualifying taxpayers, any related penalties and interest will be abated for the period of April 16, 2020, through July 15, 2020.

This new change is in addition to the State <u>extending the payment deadline of state income tax</u> <u>payments</u> from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. That change included any final and estimated Maine income and franchise tax payments due by April 15, 2020. As previously announced, for qualifying taxpayers, any related penalties and interest will be abated for the period of April 16, 2020, through July 15, 2020.

As a reminder, Maine income tax filers (calendar-year and fiscal-year filers) who are granted a federal extension to file automatically receive an equivalent extension to file their Maine income tax return. This includes the following Maine tax returns: Form 1040ME (Individual Income Tax Return); Form 1120ME (Corporate Income Tax Return); Form 1120B-ME (Franchise Tax

Return); and Form 1041ME (Income Tax Return for Estates and Trusts).

Businesses and individuals are reminded that MRS continues its normal operations. This announcement does not affect the payment and filing due dates of sales tax and state withholding tax, which are "trust fund" taxes.

Fraud Alert

I

If you believe you are a victim of identity theft or that a breach of personally identifiable information has occurred, contact MRS at (207) 624-7658 or email <u>fraudalert.mrs@maine.gov</u> as soon as possible. Timely notification assists
MRS in preventing fraudulent tax refunds.

<u>Department</u>	Telephone Numbers	FAX Numbers	<u>E-mail Addresses</u>
Taxpayer Service Center	(207) 626-8475	(207) 287-5855	
Central Registration	(207) 624-5644	(207) 287-6975	taxregistration@maine.gov
Collections & Compliance	(207) 624-9595	(207) 287-6627	compliance.tax@maine.gov
Corporate Tax	(207) 624-9670	(207) 624-9694	corporate.tax@maine.gov
E-file Help Desk (1040 ONLY)	(207) 624-9730	(207) 287-6628	efile.helpdesk@maine.gov
Electronic Funds Transfer	(207) 624-5625	(207) 287-3618	efunds.transfer@maine.gov
Estate & Fiduciary Tax	(207) 626-8480	(207) 624-9694	estatetax@maine.gov
Fuel & Special Taxes	(207) 624-9609	(207) 287-6628	fuel.tax@maine.gov
Forms Request Line	(207) 624-7894		
Individual Income Tax Assistance	(207) 626-8475	(207) 624-9694	income.tax@maine.gov
Insurance Premium Tax	(207) 624-9753	(207) 624-9694	
NexTalk (TTY Service)	(888) 577-6690		
Payment Plan/Income Tax	(207) 621-4300	(207) 621-4328	compliance.tax@maine.gov
Payment Plan/Other	(207) 624-9595	(207) 287-6627	compliance.tax@maine.gov
Practitioners' Hotline	(207) 626-8458	(207) 624-9694	
Property Tax	(207) 624-5600	(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) 624-9595	(207) 287-6627	
Office of Tax Policy	(207) 624-9677	(207) 287-3618	
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		

This publication is designed to keep taxpayers, tax practitioners and the general public informed of developments, problems, questions and matters of general interest concerning Maine tax law, policy and procedure. The articles in this newsletter are not designed to address complex issues in detail, and they are not a substitute for Maine tax laws and/or regulations.

Suggestions for the Tax Alert?

Please contact:

Maine Revenue Services PO Box 1060 Augusta, Maine 04332-1060