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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY 2017 Withholding Tables and Miscellaneous Income Tax Forms REVISED

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY Maine Revenue Services has published revised 2017 Maine Income Tax Withholding Tables to reflect the recent repeal of the 3% individual income tax surcharge. Please find the updated instructions and tables online at http://www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/with/2017/17_WH_Tab&instructions20170728-nosur.pdf.

The two-year budget for fiscal years ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019 enacted by the Maine State Legislature and Governor Paul R. LePage on July 4, 2017 repealed the 3% income tax surcharge on taxable income over \$200,000 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017. In response, Maine Revenue Services has published the revised 2017 Withholding Tables for immediate use. Changes include updated tables on pages 9-18 and revised withholding tax rate schedules on page 6 for employers and other payers that use the percentage method to calculate Maine income tax withholding. Please discard any copies of the 2017 Withholding Tables with a "12/16" revision date.

If you have any questions about the updated tables, please contact Maine Revenue Services at (207) 626-8475 (select option 1, then option 4) or at withholding.tax@maine.gov.

Other tax forms affected by the repeal of the income tax surcharge have also been revised and reposted to the MRS website at www.maine.gov/revenue/forms including:

- 2017 Individual Income Tax Rate Schedules
- 2017 1040 Estimated Tax Payment instructions
- 2017 REW-5
- 2017 REW Notification to Sellers
- 2016 941P-ME instructions

2017 Maine Tax Practitioner Institute
2017 Maine Tax Forum
(presented by SCORE Maine)

The full agenda and registration materials are available on line at www.scoremaine.org/tax-practitioner-institute/ and at www.scoremaine.org/maine-tax-forum/.

The dates and locations for this year are as follows:

Tax Practitioner Institute

October 19 – Augusta Civic Center

October 24 – Brewer, Jeff’s Catering

October 26 – Portland, Italian Heritage Center, 40 Westland Avenue

Maine Tax Forum

November 1 & 2 – Augusta Civic Center

What’s the difference between these programs?

The **Tax Practitioner Institute** is a one-day program focused on the practical application of Federal and Maine tax rules and updates in tax law. TPI is a primer for newer practitioners and a refresher for the more experienced.

The **Maine Tax Forum** is a two-day program especially beneficial to experienced professionals providing tax advice to clients and assisting with more complex tax situations. Maine professionals engaged in tax, accounting and legal client service practices that are impacted by annual changes in the federal and state tax laws, will benefit from the in-depth presentations at this event.

Fraud Alert

If you believe you are a victim of identity theft or that a breach of personally identifiable information has occurred, contact MRS at (207) 626-8475 or email fraudalert.mrs@maine.gov as soon as possible. Timely notification assists MRS in preventing fraudulent tax refunds.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Telephone Numbers</u>	<u>FAX Numbers</u>	<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?

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