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Federal and Maine Tax Relief in Maine Disaster Areas

Federal Tax Relief – On April 4, 2024, the Internal Revenue Services (“IRS”) announced federal tax relief for individuals and businesses in certain parts of Maine affected by severe storms and flooding that began on January 9, 2024 (www.irs.gov/newsroom/around-the-nation-maine).

This federal tax relief applies to disaster areas in Maine designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”). Currently, FEMA’s list of designated disaster areas includes the following counties in Maine:

- Cumberland
- Hancock
- Knox
- Lincoln
- Sagadahoc
- Waldo
- Washington
- York

The current list of designated areas may be expanded and is also available on the disaster relief page on www.fema.gov/disaster. Taxpayers in these designated disaster areas now have until July 15, 2024, to file various federal individual and business tax returns and make federal tax payments.

Maine Tax Relief – For affected Maine taxpayers in these federally designated disaster areas, the deadline for certain Maine tax returns and certain Maine final or estimated tax payments originally due on or after January 9, 2024, and on or before July 15, 2024, is also now postponed to July 15, 2024. This Maine tax relief applies only to tax returns and final or estimated payments for the following Maine tax types:

- Individual Income Tax
- Corporate Income Tax
- Fiduciary Income Tax (trusts and estates)
- Franchise Tax

Any related penalties and interest will be abated for the period of January 9, 2024, and through July 15, 2024 (“Relief Period”). Affected taxpayers are still encouraged to file electronically, but affected taxpayers filing paper returns should write “MAINE FLOODING” across the top of

their return. **Affected taxpayers are still encouraged to make payments and file if they are able and prepared to do so before July 15, 2024.**

Regardless of filing method, if any affected taxpayer receives a notice of assessment of penalties and/or interest for the Relief Period due to late returns or payments, please contact MRS immediately at income.tax@maine.gov (Income Tax programs) to request abatement.

Payment and filing deadlines for all other Maine tax types, including Maine sales tax and income tax withholding, remain unchanged.

Taxpayers with questions about special federal tax relief associated with federally declared disaster areas should contact the IRS at (866) 562-5227 or go to the IRS website at www.irs.gov.

Taxpayers with questions about their Maine taxes are encouraged to visit the MRS website at www.maine.gov/revenue.

2024 State Tax Symposium

Save the date! The annual State Tax Symposium will take place virtually, on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, from 8:00am to 5:00pm. This one-day event will cover recent Maine tax updates and current agency highlights, including the latest information about the Maine Tax Portal (“MTP”).

The MTP makes paying, filing, and managing your state taxes faster, more efficient, more convenient, and more accessible. Visit maine.gov/revenue/portal to learn more. Registration for this event will open in late spring/early summer. To view prior symposium presentations, visit maine.gov/revenue/symposium.

Careers and Internships at MRS

MRS’s mission is to fairly and efficiently administer the State’s tax laws with integrity and professionalism.

MRS is looking for smart, motivated, and team-oriented people to join our team. Benefits include:

- Qualifying employer for federal student loan forgiveness
- Tuition reimbursement for continuing education (including CPA exam)
- Public service
- Competitive salary
- MainePERS retirement plan and deferred compensation
- Generous insurance and paid leave (including all state holidays)
- Flexible spending accounts and longevity pay
- Gym membership reimbursement

Regularly posted, full-time positions at MRS include the Tax Examiner and Revenue Agent positions. Click the following link for more information about these positions:
<https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/bhrsalary/jobs.pl>.

Click the following link for more information about careers and paid internships and to sign up to receive notifications of new MRS job openings: www.maine.gov/revenue/careers.

MRS Contact Information:

A complete list of MRS contact information is available at www.maine.gov/revenue.

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