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Governor Mills Considering Conformity Legislation in Response to Recent Federal Tax Law Changes

Maine Revenue Services (MRS) has received inquiries regarding Maine's response to the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

These acts contain several federal tax provisions that affect Maine tax laws, including retroactive changes back to tax years beginning in 2018 and 2019. Because, under current state law, Maine conforms to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as amended through December 31, 2019, taxpayers filing their 2019 Maine income tax returns by July 15th should do so without regard to federal tax provisions enacted after December 31, 2019.

Prior to July 15th, MRS will provide guidance and taxpayer instructions on how to file 2019 Maine income tax returns in accordance with current State tax law, in light of these recent federal changes.

Governor Janet T. Mills continues to review the recent federal tax law changes and is considering the extent to which the Administration will propose legislation conforming to certain new federal tax provisions. Additional federal tax legislation is also anticipated next month, and a new State revenue forecast is scheduled to be released by August 1st.

MRS continues to update guidance on frequently asked questions (FAQs) by taxpayers and practitioners relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. The FAQs can be viewed on the MRS website at: www.maine.gov/revenue/faq/covid19_faq.html, and MRS Tax Alerts are also available at: www.maine.gov/revenue/publications/alerts/index.htm.

For questions about Maine income tax, contact MRS at (207) 626-8475 or visit the MRS website at www.maine.gov/revenue.

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) 624-7658 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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