

**2020****REAL ESTATE WITHHOLDING RETURN  
FOR TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY**

By sellers that are corporations



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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BUYER OR OTHER TRANSFEREE REQUIRED TO WITHHOLD**For **MULTIPLE SELLERS**, complete a separate **Form REW-1** for each seller receiving proceeds.

1. Check box below to indicate whether the seller is

C Corp ☐S Corp ☐Check here if  
installment sale ☐2. Name of **seller** subject to withholding

3. Seller's Federal ID Number.

Selling Entity's Name

4. Address of seller

Number and Street

City

State

ZIP Code

5. Date of transfer

6. Total consideration

\$

.00

7. Percentage of total gross  
proceeds received by this  
seller ..... %

8. Physical location and use of property

9. Date property acquired by seller

Map

Block

Lot

Sub-lot

Street address

Municipality/Township

Use of property

10. Rate of withholding

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a. 2.5% of sales price

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b. Less than 2.5% - attach withholding certificate

(Enter certificate number: )

11. Amount withheld for this seller

\$

.00

**DO NOT SEND CASH - Make check payable to:** Treasurer, State of Maine.  
Write seller's federal ID number on the check.12. Name of buyer (**withholding agent or other transferee**)

13. Address of buyer/withholding agent

14. Social security number/federal ID number of withholding agent

Number and street

City

State

ZIP Code

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct and complete.

Signature of buyer

Date

Signature of buyer's spouse if property held jointly

Date

Signature of real estate escrow person

Date

Real estate escrow person's EIN or social security number

Real estate escrow person's daytime phone number

Real estate escrow person's address

Seller's daytime phone number

**NOTE:** Payments received by Maine Revenue Services will not be refunded prior to filing of the taxpayer's Maine income tax return.

(Any claim for refund of an overpayment of this withholding must be filed within three years from the time the return was filed or three years from the time the tax was paid, whichever expires later.)

**Mail this form and check to:** Maine Revenue Services, Income/Estate Tax Division - REW, P.O. Box 9101, Augusta, ME 04332-9101**Overnight delivery address:** Maine Revenue Services, Income/Estate Tax Division - REW, 51 Commerce Drive, Augusta, ME 04330

Telephone: 207-626-8473

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## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

**PURPOSE OF FORM:** 36 M.R.S. § 5250-A requires a buyer to withhold state income tax when real property located in Maine is acquired from a nonresident of Maine. The buyer must withhold and remit to the state tax assessor 2.5% of the consideration received by the transferor (seller) on the transfer. A completed Form REW-1-1120 (for sellers that are corporations), Form REW-1-1040 (for sellers who are individuals or sole proprietors), and/or Form REW-1-1041 (for sellers that are trusts or estates) must accompany the remittance.

**WHO MUST FILE:** A buyer (individual, firm, partnership, association, society, club, corporation, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, assignee or any other group or combination acting as a unit) of a Maine real property interest who is required to withhold tax must file the appropriate REW-1 forms. If two or more persons are joint transferees, each must withhold the required amount. However, the obligation of each will be met if one of the joint transferees withholds and remits to Maine Revenue Services the total amount required.

If there are multiple sellers, complete a separate REW-1 form for each seller receiving proceeds from the sale. Be sure to complete the appropriate REW-1 form for each seller: REW-1-1040 (individuals, sole proprietors), REW-1-1041 (trusts, estates), REW-1-1120 (corporations).

**EXCEPTIONS:** The buyer is not required to withhold or file this return if any of the following applies:

- The seller furnishes to the buyer written certification stating, under penalty of perjury, that as of the date of transfer the seller is a resident of Maine;
- The seller or the buyer has received from the state tax assessor

a certificate of waiver stating that no tax is due on the gain from the transfer or that the seller has provided adequate security to cover the liability;

- The consideration for the property is less than \$50,000; or,
- Written notification of the withholding requirements has not been provided to the buyer. The real estate escrow person is liable for the withholding tax unless it is shown that the failure to notify is due to reasonable cause.

**WITHHOLDING CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE STATE TAX ASSESSOR:** A withholding certificate may be issued by the state tax assessor to reduce or eliminate withholding on transfers of Maine real property interests by nonresidents. The certificate may be issued if:

- No tax is due on the gain from the transfer; or,
- Reduced withholding is appropriate because the 2.5% amount exceeds the seller's maximum tax liability.

If one of the above is applicable, apply for the certificate no later than five business days prior to closing.

**WHEN TO FILE:** A buyer must report and remit the tax withheld to Maine Revenue Services with this form within 30 days of the date of transfer of the property.

**WHERE TO FILE:** Send Form REW-1-1120 with payment directly to: Maine Revenue Services, Income/Estate Tax Division - REW, P.O. Box 9101, Augusta, ME 04332-9101 (do not send payment or Form REW-1-1120 with the real estate transfer tax declaration). Provide one copy of Form REW-1-1120 to the real estate escrow person, one copy to the buyer, and two copies to the seller.

## SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

**Block 1.** Check the appropriate box to indicate the type of seller.

commercial, or vacant land.

**Block 2.** Enter the selling entity's name.

**Block 9.** Enter the date the property was acquired by the seller.

**Block 3.** Enter the federal ID number of the selling entity.

**Block 10.** Check the appropriate space to indicate the amount withheld. If the parties obtained a withholding certificate from the state tax assessor authorizing a reduced rate of withholding, enter the certificate number and attach a copy of the certificate to this return.

**Block 4.** Enter the address of the selling entity.

**Block 5.** Enter the date of this transfer.

**Block 11.** Enter the dollar amount withheld for the seller in block 2.

**Block 6.** Enter the total consideration (see 36 M.R.S. § 5250-A(1) (A) for definition).

**Block 12.** Enter the name of the withholding agent (buyer).

**Block 7.** Enter the percentage of total proceeds received by this seller.

**Block 13.** Enter the address of the withholding agent (buyer).

**Block 8.** Enter the location of the property, including map, block, lot, and sub-lot numbers, as well as town and street address. Specify use before the transfer, such as principal residence, vacation home, rental property,

**Block 14.** Enter the social security number or federal ID number of the withholding agent (buyer).

**Seller's Filing Requirement.** Generally, a seller that is a taxable corporation under Maine law and a nonresident individual owner of an S corporation selling Maine property are required to file a Maine income tax return for the taxable year during which the sale of the Maine property occurred. In the case of a nonresident individual owner of an S corporation, a Maine income tax return is not required to be filed if the individual's ownership share of the capital gain from the sale, combined with other Maine-source taxable income, does not result in a Maine income tax liability. However, a Maine tax return must be filed to get a refund of any real estate withholding amount in excess of the Maine income tax liability. The seller must attach a copy of the REW-1 form to the Maine income tax return to ensure proper credit for real estate withholding paid. For more information on the Maine filing requirements for nonresident individuals, see Maine Rule 806 and the instructions for Form 1040ME and Schedule NR or NRH at [www.maine.gov/revenue](http://www.maine.gov/revenue).