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## **Maine Sales and Use Tax Symposiums**

Sales and Use Tax Symposiums are scheduled as follows. Visit our Web site at [www.state.me.us/revenue/](http://www.state.me.us/revenue/) (click on Fall 2004 Sales/Use Tax Symposiums) for more information.

October 19	Jeff's Catering 5 Coffin Ave Bangor, ME	<a href="http://www.jeffscatering.com/">www.jeffscatering.com/</a>
October 27	Augusta Civic Center Civic Center Drive Augusta, ME	<a href="http://www.augustaciviccenter.org">www.augustaciviccenter.org</a>
November 9	Keeley the Katerer 178 Warren Avenue Portland, ME	<a href="http://www.keeleythekaterer.com">www.keeleythekaterer.com</a>

## **2004 Tax Forms**

Form 2333ME is now available on Maine Revenue Services' web site at [www.state.me.us/revenue/forms/2004/2333\\_04.pdf](http://www.state.me.us/revenue/forms/2004/2333_04.pdf) to be used to order 2004 tax forms. A print version of Form 2333ME is also available.

## **Tax Practitioner Institute**

This year's Tax Practitioner Institute, hosted by the Service Corps of Retired Executives Association (SCORE), will be held at three locations in Maine on November 9 (Bangor), November 16 (Augusta) and November 18 (Portland).

Federal and state tax specialists will present workshops designed for those interested in keeping abreast of federal and state tax laws and regulations. The Institute provides 8 hours (including one hour of ethics) of CPE credits.

Seating will be limited and registrations will be accepted by mail only. For more information on Institute programs and locations and for registration forms, contact SCORE at (207) 622-8509 or visit Maine Revenue Services' Web site at [www.sba.gov/me/taxpractitioner.pdf](http://www.sba.gov/me/taxpractitioner.pdf)

## 2005 Individual Income Tax Rates

Listed below are the individual income tax rates for tax years beginning in 2005. Rates for tax years beginning in 2004 can be found by visiting our Web site at [www.state.me.us/revenue/forms/2004/RateSched04.pdf](http://www.state.me.us/revenue/forms/2004/RateSched04.pdf).

### State of Maine - Individual Income Tax - 2005 Rates

2005 Cost-of-living adjustment is 1.0628

Note: The 2005 tax rate schedule dollar bracket amounts are adjusted by multiplying the cost-of-living adjustment, 1.0628, by the dollar amounts of the tax rate tables specified in 36 M.R.S.A. § 5111 subsections 1-B, 2-B and 3-B (see 36 M.R.S.A. § 5403). The personal exemption amount is not subject to the inflation adjustment for tax year 2005.

**Do not use these tax rate schedules to determine income tax withholding from wages.**

#### Tax Rate Schedule #1

For Single Individuals and Married Persons Filing Separate Returns

If the taxable income is:	The tax is:
Less than \$4,450	2.0% of the taxable income
\$ 4,450 but less than \$ 8,850	\$ 89 plus 4.5% of excess over \$ 4,450
\$ 8,850 but less than \$17,700	\$ 287 plus 7.0% of excess over \$ 8,850
\$ 17,700 or more	\$ 907 plus 8.5% of excess over \$17,700

#### Tax Rate Schedule #2

For Unmarried or Legally Separated Individuals who Qualify as Heads-of-Households

If the taxable income is:	The tax is:
Less than \$6,650	2.0% of the taxable income
\$ 6,650 but less than \$13,250	\$ 133 plus 4.5% of excess over \$ 6,650
\$13,250 but less than \$26,600	\$ 430 plus 7.0% of excess over \$13,250
\$26,600 or more	\$1,365 plus 8.5% of excess over \$26,600

#### Tax Rate Schedule #3

For Married Individuals and Surviving Spouses Filing Joint Returns

If the taxable income is:	The tax is:
Less than \$8,900	2.0% of the taxable income
\$ 8,900 but less than \$17,700	\$ 178 plus 4.5% of excess over \$ 8,900
\$17,700 but less than \$35,450	\$ 574 plus 7.0% of excess over \$17,700
\$35,450 or more	\$1,817 plus 8.5% of excess over \$35,450

**Personal Exemption:** \$2,850

**Standard Deduction:** Single - \$5,000                      Married Filing Jointly - \$8,300  
Head-of-Household - \$7,300                      Married Filing Separate - \$4,150

**Additional Amount for Age or Blindness:**

\$1,000 if married (whether filing jointly or separately) or a qualified surviving spouse. The additional amount is \$2,000 if one spouse is 65 or over and blind, \$2,000\* if both spouses are 65 or over, \$4,000\* if both spouses are 65 or over and blind, etc.

\*If married filing separately, these amounts apply only if you can claim an exemption for your spouse.

\$1,250 if unmarried (single or head-of-household). The additional amount is \$2,500 if the individual is both 65 or over and blind.

Note: If taxpayer can be claimed as a dependent on another person's return, the standard deduction is the greater of \$800 or earned income plus \$250 (up to the standard deduction amount).

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Central Registration	(207) 287-2338	(207) 287-3733	division.uctax@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	(207) 624-9730	(207) 624-9740	efile.helpdesk@maine.gov
Economic Research	(207) 287-6965	(207) 287-3618	
Electronic Funds Transfer	(207) 287-8276	(207) 287-6627	efunds.transfer@maine.gov
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Forms Request Line	(207) 624-7894	(207) 622-3517	
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Property Tax	(207) 287-2011	(207) 287-6396	prop.tax@maine.gov
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Sales Tax	(207) 624-9693	(207) 287-6628	sales.tax@maine.gov
Tax Clearance Letters	(207) 624-9628	(207) 287-6627	
Taxpayer Advocate	(207) 624-9649	(207) 287-3618	taxpayer.advocate@maine.gov
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Tax Violations Hot Line	(207) 624-9600		

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