

MAINE TAX ALERT

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Maine Revenue Services ("MRS") 2019 Tax Filing Season Update

MRS is pleased to announce that the 2019 income tax processing season has begun. Maine income tax returns for tax year 2018 may now be filed on paper and electronically using Modernized e-File ("MeF") and Maine I-file. Despite the many tax law changes affecting tax year 2018, MRS began processing 2018 Maine income tax returns on January 28, 2019. To learn more about Maine electronic filing options, visit <u>https://www.maine.gov/revenue/netfile/gateway2.htm</u>.

MRS expects to begin issuing Maine income tax refunds for tax year 2018 in mid-to-late February 2019. Most refunds will be issued within six weeks beginning when returns are received, except for 2018 Maine income tax returns that require additional review. Please allow six to eight weeks after filing a 2018 Maine income tax return before calling MRS for the status of your return or refund.

Maine income tax forms for tax year 2018 may be downloaded from the MRS website at <u>www.maine.gov/revenue/forms</u>. All forms posted on the MRS website are suitable for printing and filing with MRS. See the chart below for the due dates for filing the following 2018 Maine income tax returns.

Maine Form	Year End Date	Maine Return Due Date	Maine Return Extension Due Date*
1040ME 1041ME	December 31, 2018 All Other Year End Dates	April 17, 2019 15 th day of the 4 th month following the	October 17, 2019 15 th day of the 6 th month following the
		end of the tax year	Maine due date
1120ME 1120B-ME	December 31, 2018 June 30, 2019 All Other Year End Dates	April 17, 2019 September 15, 2019 15 th day of the 4 th month following the end of the tax year	October 17, 2019 April 15, 2020 15 th day of the 6 th month following the Maine due date
941P-ME	Any	March 15, 2019	September 15, 2019
INS-4 INS-5 INS-7	Any	March 15, 2019	None

Due Dates for filing 2018 Maine Income Tax Returns

*Note that an extension of time to file a return does not extend the time to pay any tax due.

Fraud Alert

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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 <u>fraudalert.mrs@maine.gov</u> as soon as possible. Timely notification assists
MRS in preventing fraudulent tax refunds.

<u>Department</u>	Telephone Numbers	FAX Numbers	E-mail Addresses
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 Premiums Taxes	(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		

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