

# **MAINE TAX ALERT**

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## Sales Tax Bulletin Updates

The Sales Tax Division has posted two bulletin updates to the MRS website:

- Bulletin No. 12 Retailers of Food Products. The bulletin was updated to remove "menstrual products" from a chart of examples of taxable non-food products that may be sold by a retailer of food products. Menstrual products will be exempt from sales tax beginning on October 1, 2021.
- Bulletin No. 41 Medicines, Medical Equipment and Prosthetic Devices. The bulletin was updated to reflect that sales of all equipment and supplies used in the diagnosis or treatment of human diabetes are exempt from sales tax when used by the purchaser. Other nonsubstantive changes were also made.

The updated bulletins can be found on MRS's website, at <u>www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/sales-use-service-provider-tax/bulletins</u>.

### **Disaster Relief Payments FAQ**

MRS has issued information for certain frequently asked questions (FAQs) relating to the Maine Disaster Relief Payment Program. The FAQs can be viewed on the MRS website at: www.maine.gov/revenue/faq/disaster-relief-payment.

### 2021 State Tax Symposium

Registration is now open for the 2021 State Tax Symposium presented by MRS. <u>*Click Here to*</u> <u>*Register Now!*</u>

The State Tax Symposium is a webinar providing State of Maine tax updates and agency highlights.

Where: Zoom virtual platform When: Thursday, September 23, 2021; 8:00am to 5:00pm Cost: \$10 per person CPE credit: 9.6 hours CLE credit: 8.0 hours

You must attend the entire day to receive continuing education credits. The Symposium does not

qualify for IRS CE Credits for Enrolled Agents.

Visit <u>www.maine.gov/revenue</u> to view the Symposium brochure. Please forward questions to Michael Fortin at <u>compliance.tax@maine.gov.</u>

#### **Careers at MRS**

The mission of MRS is to fairly and efficiently administer the tax laws of the State of Maine, while maintaining the highest degree of integrity and professionalism.

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

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

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: <u>https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/bhrsalary/jobs.pl</u>.

If you are interested in building your career with MRS, please sign up to receive notifications of new MRS job openings here: <u>https://portal.maine.gov/taxalert/careers</u>.

Current job openings at MRS are listed here: <u>www.maine.gov/revenue/about/career-opportunities</u>.

#### **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) 624-7658 or email <u>fraudalert.mrs@maine.gov</u> as soon as possible. Timely notification assists MRS in preventing fraudulent tax refunds.

<u>Department</u>	<b>Telephone Numbers</b>	FAX Numbers	<u>E-mail Addresses</u>
Taxpayer Contact Center	(207) 624-9784	(207) 287-6975	taxpayerassist@maine.gov
Central Registration	(207) 624-5644	(207) 287-6975	taxregistration@maine.gov
Collections & Compliance	(207) 624-9595	(207) 287-6627	<u>compliance.tax@maine.gov</u>
Corporate Tax	(207) 624-9670	(207) 624-9694	<u>corporate.tax@maine.gov</u>
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	<u>efunds.transfer@maine.gov</u>
Estate & Fiduciary Tax	(207) 626-8480	(207) 624-9694	estatetax@maine.gov
Fuel & Special Taxes	(207) 624-9609	(207) 287-6628	<u>fuel.tax@maine.gov</u>
Forms Request Line	(207) 624-7894		
Individual Income Tax Assistance	(207) 626-8475	(207) 624-9694	<u>income.tax@maine.gov</u>
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	<u>compliance.tax@maine.gov</u>
Payment Plan/Other	(207) 624-9595	(207) 287-6627	<u>compliance.tax@maine.gov</u>
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	<u>sales.tax@maine.gov</u>
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	<u>taxpayer.advocate@maine.gov</u>
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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