

# **MAINE TAX ALERT**

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## MRS Frequently Asked Questions – Student Loan Repayment Tax Credit (SLRTC)

MRS has issued information for certain frequently asked questions (FAQs) relating to the new SLRTC. The FAQs can be viewed on the MRS website at: <u>http://www.maine.gov/revenue/faq/student-loan-repayment-tax-credit</u>.

#### **MRS Announces Staff Change**

MRS is pleased to announce that, effective January 3, 2023, Sean J. Norton will serve as the new Acting Director of the Income/Estate Tax Division. Sean returns to MRS, where he previously served as the Staff Attorney (Appellate Division) for a year back in 2015. Sean has spent the last seven years in California working in various roles for Oracle Corporation, including as a director in the Global Income Tax Planning and U.S. Sales & Use Tax Planning divisions. Sean earned his bachelor's degree from Cornell University, majoring in Economics & Government, and later earned his J.D./LL.M. in Taxation from Villanova University School of Law.

### **Estate Tax Practitioners – Online Filing Now Available!**

MRS is excited to announce the next rollout of the Maine Tax Portal, which now makes it easier to submit the Maine Estate Tax return (Form 706ME) and Maine Estate Tax Statement of Value (700-SOV).

Authorized representatives can simply:

- Visit the Maine Tax Portal at <a href="http://revenue.maine.gov">http://revenue.maine.gov</a>;
- Locate the "estates" panel;
- Click on appropriate form; and
- Follow on-screen prompts

#### The Maine Tax Portal also expedites the Certificate of Discharge of Estate Tax Lien.

Instructional videos are available at <u>www.maine.gov/revenue/instructionalvideos</u>. If you still have questions, email <u>taxpayerassist@maine.gov</u> with "Portal" in the subject line.

#### **Careers and Internships at MRS**

MRS's mission is to fairly and efficiently administer the State's tax laws with integrity and professionalism.

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

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

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

Click the following link for more information about careers and paid internships and to sign up to receive notifications of new MRS job openings: <u>www.maine.gov/revenue/careers</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>
<b>Taxpayer Contact Center</b>	(207) 624-9784	(207) 287-6975	<u>taxpayerassist@maine.gov</u>
Central Registration	(207) 624-9784	(207) 287-6975	<u>taxpayerassist@maine.gov</u>
<b>Collections &amp; Compliance</b>	(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
<b>Electronic Funds Transfer</b>	(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	<u>compliance.tax@maine.gov</u>
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	× /	<del></del>

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Suggestions for the Tax Alert?

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