



MAINE TAX ALERT

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Rollout 2 of the Maine Tax Portal is Underway

Maine Revenue Services (MRS) is pleased to announce the second rollout of the Maine Tax Portal (MTP) is underway and includes the following tax types and programs:

- Income Tax Withholding
- Pass-Through Entity Withholding
- Sales
- Use
- Pre-Paid Wireless Fee
- Recycling Assistance Fee
- Service Provider
- Telecommunications Excise
- Land Use Planning Commission Fee
- State Homestead Tax Deferral
- Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR)

The MTP replaces our decades-old systems and will provide improved functionality and access for Maine people – and integrate *all* taxes administered by MRS. Additionally, the MTP will allow taxpayers and tax professionals to make online payments, view bills and notices, and perform account maintenance activities, such as adding or removing addresses and closing an account. For Rollout 2, the MTP will also include “Bulk Filing” for Income Tax Withholding and will allow online setup of payment plans for Rollout 1 and Rollout 2 taxes.

Rollout 2 Taxpayer Registration for the MTP

Invitations to register for the MTP will be sent to Rollout 2 taxpayers via the U.S. Postal Service starting in December 2022. Taxpayers should register for the MTP to gain access to the Rollout 2 tax and program accounts and functionality as indicated below:

Sales, Use, and Service Provider Taxes

Filing Frequency	Initial MTP Filing Period	Due Date	Recommended Date to Begin Using the MTP
Monthly	11/01/22 – 11/30/22	12/15/22	>12/01/22
Annual	01/01/22 – 12/31/22	01/17/23	>01/01/23
Semi-Annual	07/01/22 – 12/31/22	01/17/23	>01/01/23
Quarterly	01/01/23 – 03/31/23	04/18/23	>04/01/23
Seasonal	06/01/23 – 06/30/23	07/17/23	>07/01/23

Income Tax Withholding

Withholding filers are encouraged to register for the MTP prior to filing their fourth quarter return (on or before 1/31/2023).

All Other Rollout 2 Taxes and Programs

Taxpayers are encouraged to register for the MTP starting on December 1, 2022.

Discontinuation of IFile, MEETRS, and EZ-Pay

IFile (Sales and Withholding), MEETRS (Withholding), and EZ-Pay (All Rollout 2 Taxes) will remain available through 5/31/2023. Thereafter, the MTP will be the sole online filing and payment option for Rollout 2 taxes.

How Tax Professionals Can Create an Online Account

When taxpayer-clients provide approval, tax professionals will have access to specific tax accounts and authorized functions. Tax professionals will need to do the following to create an MTP account that provides access to taxpayer-client portal accounts:

- Go to the MTP at www.maine.gov/revenue/ and click on “Create a Username;”
- Indicate that you are an Independent Third-Party filing on behalf of a Maine tax filing person or entity;
- Enter your Third-Party information;
- Complete all fields to set up your new username and click the “Submit” button; and
- Log in to request access to your client’s account after your Third-Party account has been set up.

MTP Resources Available

The following resources are available at Maine.gov/Revenue/Portal to further explain Third-Party setup and access:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- MTP Help – This provides “how to” information on MTP functions. This Help is also accessible from within the MTP.
- MTP Instructional Videos for Rollout 1 Taxes – These videos demonstrate how the MTP can be used now for taxes implemented in October 2021 as part of Rollout 1.

Over the coming months, we will answer additional frequently asked questions and update the rollout schedule for all other tax types at Maine.gov/Revenue/Portal.

During the transition and beyond, MRS will continue to support those who elect to file paper returns, make payments by check, or correspond via the U.S. Postal Service. We will also continue to support Modernized E-File (MeF).

Any questions about the MTP can be submitted to taxpayerassist@maine.gov with “MTP” in the subject line.

2022 State Tax Symposium

How will the latest State tax changes impact you?

Taxpayers, Tax Professionals, Accountants, and Attorneys

Registration is now open for the
2022 State Tax Symposium
Presented by Maine Revenue Services

[Click Here to Register Now!](#)

Event Details

- **Webinar for State of Maine tax updates and agency highlights**
 - **Wednesday, September 21, 2022 (8:00am – 5:00pm)**
 - **Conducted through the Zoom virtual platform**
- **9.6 hours of CPEs and 8.0 hours CLEs will be available***
 - **Attendance fee only \$10 (non-refundable)**

[Click here to view 2022 State Tax Symposium Brochure](#)

Please forward questions to Michael Fortin at compliance.tax@maine.gov.

*Registrants must attend the entire day to receive credits.

The Symposium does not qualify for IRS CE Credits for Enrolled Agents.

Careers and Internships at MRS

MRS' 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/bhrsalaryst/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: www.maine.gov/revenue/careers.

Fraud Alert

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Telephone Numbers</u>	<u>FAX Numbers</u>	<u>E-mail Addresses</u>
Taxpayer Contact Center	(207) 624-9784	(207) 287-6975	taxpayerassist@maine.gov
Central Registration	(207) 624-9784	(207) 287-6975	taxpayerassist@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 Premium Tax	(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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Suggestions for the Tax Alert?

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