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MRS Rulemaking Activity Proposed Rules

MRS Rule 806, “Nonresident Individual Income Tax.” MRS is proposing to amend MRS Rule 806 to clarify that contributions to the Maine Paid Family and Medical Leave Act program are compensation for purposes of determining income of a nonresident individual subject to Maine income tax. Also, consistent with the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and Maine tax law, the Rule extends certain military pay earned or derived by a nonresident individual that is not subject to Maine income tax to include, in addition to compensation paid to active members of other branches of the military, the compensation paid by the United States to active duty members of the Space Force, the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service who are assigned to a military air base, naval station, or any facility in Maine, public or private, to which they must report under service orders. Other technical changes are made to the Rule to enhance clarity and to remove gender-specific language.

MRS Rule 807, “Residency.” MRS is proposing to amend MRS Rule 807 to clarify the determination of when an individual is treated as a “safe harbor” resident (i.e., a resident treated as a nonresident due to spending a significant amount of time outside Maine) and to clarify that certain military compensation derived by a Maine resident from service in the Space Force outside Maine is not taxable to Maine. Other technical changes are made to enhance clarity.

MRS Rule 825, “Tribal Member Income from Sources on Tribal Land.” MRS is proposing to amend MRS Rule 825 to include tribal members and tribal land of the Mi’kmaq Nation for purposes of determining when an individual qualifies as a tribal member residing on tribal land and when income is derived from or connected with sources on tribal land, both of which impact the calculation of the income modifications under 36 M.R.S. §§ 5122(1)(PP) and 5122(2)(ZZ) and the application of the Maine withholding requirements on payments made to tribal members. Other technical changes are made to enhance clarity.

The proposed Rules are available on MRS’s website, at maine.gov/revenue/publications/rules, under “Current MRS Rulemaking Activity.” All comments on the proposed changes for MRS Rules 806, 807, and 825 are due by **August 14, 2026**, and must be directed to Alex Weber, General Counsel, either by email at alexander.j.weber@maine.gov or by mail at Maine Revenue Services, P.O. Box 1060, Augusta, ME 04332-1060.

MRS Reminder – Electronic Filing and Payment Requirements

MRS Rule 104, “Filing of Maine Tax Returns,” requires tax returns filed by individuals, estates and trusts, and businesses to be filed electronically. This includes any Maine return for which MRS provides a program for electronic filing or electronic data submission. For more information about Maine electronic filing requirements, see MRS Rule 104 at maine.gov/revenue/publications/rules.

MRS Rule 102, “Electronic Funds Transfer,” requires taxpayers with a combined annual tax liability for all taxes that is \$10,000 or more to pay electronically. For more information about electronic payment requirements, see MRS Rule 102 at maine.gov/revenue/publications/rules.

The Maine Tax Portal (MTP) provides the functionality for all Maine taxes administered by MRS to be filed online and allows Maine taxpayers and tax practitioners to make online payments, view bills and notices, and maintain Maine tax accounts. Taxes and programs supported by the MTP include, but are not limited to:

- Individual income tax, composite income tax, fiduciary income tax, corporate income tax, employment tax increment financing reimbursement program, estate tax, franchise tax, income tax withholding, insurance taxes (premiums, fire, non-admitted), partnership audit, pass-through entity withholding, private venture seed capital credit program, real estate withholding, and visual media production reimbursement program.
- Sales tax, use tax, service provider tax, blueberry tax, cannabis excise tax, cigarette tax, fuel taxes, healthcare provider tax, hospital tax, initiator of deposit tax, mahogany quahog tax, milk handling tax, potato tax, railroad excise tax, and tobacco taxes.
- Business equipment tax reimbursement (BETR) program, commercial forestry excise tax, real estate transfer tax, telecommunications excise tax, and property tax in the unorganized territory.

Free Webinar for Form 700-SOV and Form 706ME (Estate Tax)

Join us on August 18, 2026, from 10:00am to 11:00am for this free estate tax webinar, which provides important training for practitioners who prepare either paper or electronic Maine Forms 700-SOV and 706ME.

Visit maine.gov/revenue/mtpwebinarschedule to register today!

2026 State Tax Symposium

Registration is open! The annual State Tax Symposium will take place virtually, on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, from 8:00am to 4:00pm. This one-day event will cover recent Maine tax updates and current agency highlights.

To register, visit [State Tax Symposium 2026 Tickets](#). For more information or to view prior symposium presentations, visit maine.gov/revenue/symposium.

Careers and Internships at MRS

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- 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: maine.gov/cgi-bin/bhrssalary/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: maine.gov/revenue/careers.

MRS Contact Information:

A complete list of MRS contact information is available at maine.gov/revenue.

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