



MAINE TAX ALERT

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Below are two tax-related announcements made recently that Maine Revenue Services (MRS) wants to ensure you have seen. Formal guidance and updated forms will be issued in the coming days.

Extension of State Income Tax Deadline to May 17, 2021

On March 18, 2021, Governor Janet Mills announced that the [State of Maine has moved the filing and payment deadline for 2020 Maine individual income tax return payments from April 15, 2021 to May 17, 2021](#) to align with the Federal government's recent extension.

Maine individual taxpayers, including individuals who pay self-employment tax, do not need to file any forms or call to qualify for this deadline extension to May 17, 2021. For individuals who file Form 1040ME (Maine Individual Income Tax Return) for the 2020 tax return, any related penalties and interest will not be applied for the period from April 16, 2021 through May 17, 2021.

Filing and payment deadlines for all other Maine taxes, such as corporate income tax, sales tax, and income tax withholding, remain unchanged. Therefore, Maine estimated individual and corporate income tax payments remain due on April 15, 2021.

MRS will provide formal guidance in the coming days.

Enactment of a Bipartisan Supplemental Budget Supporting Maine Businesses & Workers

Also, March 18, 2021, [Governor Janet Mills signed the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 supplemental budget into law](#). This new law generally aligns Maine tax code to federal provisions enacted on or before December 31, 2020, providing relief to Maine workers who lost their jobs due to the pandemic, exempting Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness, and mirroring many recent federal provisions intended to provide stability and relief to taxpayers amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The law does decouple Maine from certain federal changes and/or effective dates related to noncorporate excess business losses, business interest deductions, corporate charitable contribution deductions, and the foreign-derived intangible income (FDII) deduction. There may be retroactive changes to tax years beginning in 2018 and 2019 for certain individual, fiduciary, and corporate taxpayers.

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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:

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

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

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

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) 624-5644	(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 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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