MAINE TAX ALERT

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Notice of Fraudulent Text Messages

MRS has recently received reports of criminals creating fake text messages that appear to be from MRS. These messages are part of a phishing scheme, requesting "accurate payment information" with the intent of depositing funds into the recipient's bank account. Clicking on any links within such messages may compromise your device by introducing viruses or malware.

MRS does not send unsolicited text messages regarding tax refunds or personal account information. If you receive a text claiming to be from MRS, do not click the links or provide personal information. Please delete the message from your device and report it to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

Updated 2026 State of Maine Individual Income Tax Rates

As is required by State statute, Maine Individual Income Tax rates have been updated for inflation for 2026. Tax-rate schedules for tax years beginning in 2026 are available at: maine.gov/revenue/sites/maine.gov.revenue/files/inline-files/ind_tax_rate_sched_2026.pdf.

Note that the rate schedules for 2025 are available at: maine.gov/revenue/sites/maine.gov.revenue/files/inline-files/ind_tax_rate_sched_2025.pdf.

For tax years beginning in 2026, an inflation adjustment is made by multiplying the cost-of-living adjustment, 1.303, by the lowest dollar amounts of the tax rate tables specified in 36 M.R.S. § 5111, sub-§§ 1-F, 2-F, and 3-F and by multiplying the cost-of-living adjustment, 1.298, by the highest dollar amounts of the tax rate tables specified in 36 M.R.S. § 5111, sub-§§ 1-F, 2-F, and 3-F. The Maine standard deduction and personal exemption amounts are adjusted by multiplying the cost-of-living adjustment, 1.279, by the dollar amount of the standard deduction specified in 36 M.R.S. § 5124-C, sub-§ 1-B, paragraph A, subparagraph (1), and the personal exemption specified in 36 M.R.S. § 5126-A, sub-§ 1 for the taxpayer, and the taxpayer's spouse, if married. See 36 M.R.S. § 5403.

Updated 2026 Maine Individual Income Tax Withholding Tables

The 2026 Maine Withholding Tables for Individual Income Tax have been published and are available at: maine.gov/tax-return-forms/employment-tax-returns-2026.

MRS Sales Tax Bulletin Update

The Sales, Fuel & Special Tax Division has posted **General Information Bulletin No. 115** to the MRS website. The Bulletin contains important details about legislation enacted during the First Regular and First Special Session of the 132nd Legislature that affect the taxes administered by the Division. Significant updates include the following, which are effective January 1, 2026:

- The repeal of the Service Provider Tax (SPT) and the taxability of services formerly subject to the SPT now taxable under the Sales and Use Tax;
- Digital audiovisual and digital audio services subject to the sales tax as a taxable service;
- An increase to the sales tax rate on the sale of adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products, as well as reductions to the Cannabis Excise Tax rates;
- The addition of the Mi'kmaq Nation to existing statutory provisions providing certain benefits to tribes, tribal members and tribal entities; and
- New sales tax exemptions for sales of breast pumps, durable medical equipment, and mobility-enhancing equipment.

The Bulletin also discusses increases to the Cigarette Tax and Tobacco Products Tax rates, all of which are effective January 5, 2026, and the requirement for retailers of cigarettes to report a floor stock inventory tax on that date. Other topics include commercial mining, sales or transfers of adult use cannabis to a cultivation facility, and changes in the Hospital Tax.

Sales, Fuel & Special Tax Instructional Bulletins are available on the MRS website at maine.gov/revenue/taxes/sales-use-service-provider-tax/bulletins.

Maine Tax Portal (MTP), Free Training Available

To view free pre-recorded MTP instructional videos, visit maine.gov/revenue/webrecordings.

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: maine.gov/revenue/careers.

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