



MAINE TAX ALERT

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Maine Revenue Services Rulemaking Activity

Rule 807, “Residency.” MRS is proposing to update the definition of “statutory resident” to reference the statutory residency standard in 36 M.R.S. § 5102(5)(B). MRS is also proposing to update the definition of “permanent place of abode” to provide that the residence must be maintained by the individual as a household for the entire tax year. In addition, the proposed rule limits the current section on “Resident and nonresident aliens” to tax years beginning before January 1, 2020. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, a new subsection on “Resident and nonresident aliens” provides that an individual’s Maine residency and Maine income tax are determined under Maine law, without regard to federal resident or nonresident alien status. Lastly, the proposed rule updates the section on “Military personnel” to more accurately and completely reflect current federal law concerning the residency of a military spouse, including the federal election under 50 U.S.C. § 4001(a)(2) available for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

These proposed changes can be found on the MRS website, at www.maine.gov/revenue/rules/homepage.html, under “Current MRS Rulemaking Activity.” Comments on the proposed changes are due by December 7, 2020, and must be directed to Alex Weber, General Counsel of Maine Revenue Services either by email at alexander.j.weber@maine.gov or by mail at P.O. Box 1060, Augusta, ME 04332-1060.

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.

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Suggestions for the Tax Alert?

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