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Additional Information on the New Maine Pass-Through Entity Tax Program

As previously announced in the first issue of the August 2026 Tax Alert, the Maine Legislature enacted a pass-through entity tax (PTET) for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

Annual PTET Return Filings

Annual returns, along with payment of any remaining tax liability, are due on or before the 15th day of the 3rd month following the end of the electing pass-through entity's taxable year. The filing of the annual return will constitute the entity's election to participate in the PTET program.

Estimated PTET Payments

The Maine Tax Portal is expected to be ready to accept PTET payments on September 4, 2026. Authorized representatives will be able to register clients and make payments through a non-logged-in function.

For tax years beginning in 2026, quarterly payments of estimated PTET are required only for payments due on or after July 29, 2026, the effective date of the enactment of the PTET program. Penalties for underpayment of estimated PTET will not be applied during first year of the program.

Revised 2026 Withholding Tables and Estimated Tax Payment Worksheet

As previously announced in the first issue of the August 2026 Maine Tax Alert, MRS has published revised 2026 Maine Income Tax Withholding Tables and the 2026 Estimated Tax Payment Worksheet (Form 1040ES-ME) to reflect the recent adoption of the 2% individual income tax surcharge and changes to the standard deduction amount, both of which apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026. Affected Maine taxpayers are advised to review their Maine income tax withholding and estimated income tax liability for 2026 and make adjustments as needed.

The updated tables and worksheet can be found online at maine.gov/revenue/tax-return-forms.

MRS Reminder – Electronic Filing and Payment Requirements

MRS Rule 104 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 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.

2026 State Tax Symposium

Save the date! The annual State Tax Symposium will take place virtually, on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. 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

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: maine.gov/cgi-bin/bhrsalary/jobs.pl.

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