



MARYLAND SALES AND USE TAX FACTS

A newsletter for sales and use tax licensees

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EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES RE-ISSUED

Exemption certificates issued to qualifying nonprofit organizations will expire on September 30, 2007. New cards will be issued during the first week in September to qualifying organizations that have completed the renewal process. The new exemption certificate is a white card with purple printing, bearing the exempt entity's eight-digit exemption number and a September 30, 2012 expiration date. Businesses should not honor the old white card with green printing and the 2007 expiration date after September 30, 2007. Sales tax should be charged on all sales made on or after October 1, 2007 to any organization that does not present a new certificate at the time of sale. Exempt organizations are urged to contact vendors with whom they regularly do business before October 1, 2007 so that the vendor can verify that a new certificate has been issued to the organization.

Certificates issued to governmental entities containing no expiration date continue to remain valid and will not be re-issued.

Any questions regarding the new certificates should be referred to Taxpayer Service at 410-767-1300 in Baltimore or 1-800-492-1751 from elsewhere in Maryland, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For general information about exemption certificates, request Business Tax Tip #6 - Retail Sales Involving Exemption Certificates.

NO TAX-FREE WEEK IN 2007

The 2007 Maryland General Assembly did not approve a tax-free week for 2007. Vendors may recall that sales of certain clothing and footwear were exempt from the tax during the week of August 23, 2006 through August 27, 2006. Questions that vendors may have should be directed to Taxpayer Service.

Web site: www.marylandtaxes.com

Taxpayer Service: Call 410-767-1300 from the Baltimore area or 1-800-492-1751 from elsewhere in Maryland.

Central Registration Unit: For help in completing the Combined Registration Application, call 410-767-1313. You can also fax your completed application to 410-974-3456.

FREE PUBLICATIONS

You may request the following business tax tip publications by calling Taxpayer Service:

- # 1 - Preparing your sales and use tax return
- # 2 - What sales records do I need to keep?
- # 3 - Sales and use tax on out-of-state purchases
- # 4 - If you make purchases for resale
- # 5 - How are sales of food taxed in Maryland?
- # 6 - Retail sales involving exemption certificates
- # 7 - Are repairs to personal property taxable?
- # 8 - Computing Maryland's sales and use tax
- # 9 - Sales and use tax exemptions for production activities
- #10 - Delinquent tax collections and you
- #11 - Sales and use tax exemptions for agriculture
- #12 - Fabrication labor is subject to tax
- #13 - Opening a new business in Maryland
- #14 - Flea market sales are subject to tax
- #15 - Direct debit, business taxes and you
- #16 - Maryland's tire recycling fee and you
- #17 - How to prepare your Maryland tire fee return
- #19 - Reporting unclaimed property
- #20 - Computing admissions and amusement taxes
- #21 - Filling out the admissions and amusement tax return
- #23 - What you need to know about the International Fuel Tax Agreement
- #24 - Admissions and amusement tax at recreational facilities
- #58 - Offer in compromise tax liability resolution program

File your sales and use tax return online for free by using *bFile* on our Web site www.marylandtaxes.com



FREE ASSISTANCE

Refund Unit, Compliance Division: For information about sales and use tax, admissions and amusement tax and tire fee refunds, call 410-767-1538.

License Bureau, Investigative Services Unit: To determine if special licenses are required, call 410-260-6240.

Business Telefiling: If you have no tax due for the filing period, you may telefile your business tax return at 410-260-7225.