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2013 Maine Tax Forms

Availability of Forms

Income tax forms for tax year 2013 have been posted to the Maine Revenue Services (MRS) website at <u>www.maine.gov/revenue/forms</u>. All downloadable forms posted on the MRS website are suitable for printing and filing with the bureau.

Form 2333ME for ordering 2013 tax forms is now available at <u>www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/orderhome.html</u>. A printed version of Form 2333ME is also available by calling (207) 624-7894.

Guidance Materials

The Income/Estate Tax Division is working to update instructional material for taxpayers and tax professionals including guidance documents and frequently asked questions relative to the various tax types on the MRS website.

Individual Income Tax Booklets

Significant changes to the 2013 individual income tax forms include:

- The addition of Schedule PTFC for claiming the property tax fairness credit which has replaced the Maine circuitbreaker program.
 - Form 1040ME includes a new checkbox (below the taxpayer's address) to indicate that the taxpayer is filing Form 1040ME **only** to claim the property tax fairness credit and is not filing a federal individual income tax return.
 - Form 1040ME, line 25d has been added to claim the refundable property tax fairness credit calculated on Schedule PTFC.
- Form 1040ME, line 20a has been added to recover tax credits previously used to reduce Maine income tax that during 2013 became subject to recapture.
- Form 1040ME, line 25c has been changed to include the sum of all refundable tax credits, except the property tax fairness credit, from Maine Schedule A, line 4.
- Form 1040ME, Schedule 2, Maine Itemized Deductions are now limited to \$27,500.
- Tax additions on Maine Schedule A have been eliminated.
- Tax credits on Maine Schedule A are now separated by refundable and nonrefundable credits.

For more information on these and other changes, see specific line instructions and the 2013 summary of legislative changes at <u>www.maine.gov/revenue/</u>.

2014 Maine Individual Income Tax Rates

Below are the individual income tax rate schedules for tax years beginning in 2014. The rate schedules for 2013 are found at

www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/1040/2013/1040RateSched_13RevJan13.pdf.

Note: Indexing of the individual income tax rate schedules has been suspended for tax years 2014 and 2015. The 2014 tax rate schedules dollar bracket amounts are the same as those contained in the 2013 individual income tax rate schedules (see 36 MRS § 5403).

Do not use these tax rate schedules to determine income tax withholding from wages.

	Tax Rate Schedule #1				
For Single Individual	s and Married Persons Filing Separate Returns				
If the taxable income is:	taxable income is: The tax is:				
Less than \$5,200	\$0				
\$ 5,200 but less than \$20,900	6.5% of excess over \$ 5,200				
\$20,900 or more	\$1,021 plus 7.95% of excess over \$20,900				
Tax Rate Schedule #2					
For Unmarried or Legally Separated Individuals who Qualify as Heads-of-Households					
If the taxable income is:	The tax is:				
Less than \$7,850	\$0				
\$ 7,850 but less than \$31,350	6.5% of excess over \$ 7,850				
\$31,350 or more	\$1,528 plus 7.95% of excess over \$31,350				
Tax Rate Schedule #3					
For Married Individuals and Surviving Spouses Filing Joint Returns					
If the taxable income is:	The tax is:				
Less than \$10,450	\$0				
\$10,450 but less than \$41,850	6.5% of excess over \$10,450				
\$41,850 or more	\$2,041 plus 7.95% of excess over \$41,850				
Personal Exemption: \$3,950					
Standard Deduction: Single - \$6 200	Married Filing Jointly - \$12,400				

Standard Deduction:Single - \$6,200Married Filing Jointly - \$12,400Head-of-Household - \$9,100Married Filing Separate - \$6,200

Additional Amount for Age or Blindness:

1,200 if married (whether filing jointly or separately) or a qualified surviving spouse. The additional amount is 2,400 if one spouse is 65 or over and blind, 2,400* if both spouses are 65 or over, 4,800* if both spouses are 65 or over and blind, etc.

*If married filing separately, these amounts apply only if you can claim an exemption for your spouse.

\$1, 550 if unmarried (single or head-of-household). The additional amount is \$3,100 if the individual is both 65 or over and blind.

Note: If taxpayer can be claimed as a dependent on another person's return, the standard deduction is the greater of \$1,000 or earned income plus \$350 (up to the standard deduction amount).

Sales, Fuel and Special Tax News

Sales and use tax bulletin No. 29 "Credit for Certain Bad Debts" was revised on January 22, 2014.

Department	Telephone Numbers	FAX Numbers	<u>E-mail Addresses</u>
Taxpayer Service Center	(207) 626-8475	(207) 287-5855	
Audit	(207) 822-0450	(207) 822-0453	
Central Registration	(207) 624-5644	(207) 287-6975	taxregistration@maine.gov
Collections & Compliance	(207) 624-9595	(207) 287-6627	<u>compliance.tax@maine.gov</u>
Corporate Tax	(207) 624-9670	(207) 624-9694	<u>corporate.tax@maine.gov</u>
E-file Help Desk (1040 ONLY)	(207) 624-9730	(207) 287-6628	efile.helpdesk@maine.gov
Electronic Funds Transfer	(207) 624-5625	(207) 287-6975	<u>efunds.transfer@maine.gov</u>
Estate & Fiduciary Tax	(207) 626-8480	(207) 624-9694	<u>estatetax@maine.gov</u>
Fuel Tax	(207) 624-9609	(207) 287-6628	<u>fuel.tax@maine.gov</u>
Forms Request Line	(207) 624-7894		
Individual Income Tax Assistance	(207) 626-8475	(207) 624-9694	<u>income.tax@maine.gov</u>
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	<u>compliance.tax@maine.gov</u>
Payment Plan/Other	(207) 624-9595	(207) 287-6627	<u>compliance.tax@maine.gov</u>
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	<u>sales.tax@maine.gov</u>
Tax Clearance Letters	(207) 624-9628	(207) 287-6627	
Office of Tax Policy	(207) 624-9789	(207) 287-3618	
Taxpayer Advocate	(207) 624-9649	(207) 287-3618	<u>taxpayer.advocate@maine.gov</u>
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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