



# Rhode Island Department of Revenue

## Division of Taxation

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TAX AMNESTY

ADVISORY FOR TAX PROFESSIONALS  
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### Tomorrow: Extended office hours for amnesty

*Division will open on Saturday to offer help regarding state's tax amnesty program*

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – The Rhode Island Division of Taxation tomorrow will offer extended office hours for amnesty.

The Division will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday, January 20, 2018, to handle inquiries and provide other amnesty-related assistance to taxpayers and their advisers.

It is the first time since the amnesty program began that the Division will be holding extended office hours on a Saturday for the sole purpose of amnesty.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan. 14 closed	Jan. 15 closed (holiday)	Jan. 16 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. <b><u>EXTENDED HOURS</u></b>	Jan. 17 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Jan. 18 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. <b><u>EXTENDED HOURS</u></b>	Jan. 19 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Jan. 20 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon <b><u>EXTENDED HOURS</u></b>
Jan. 21 closed	Jan. 22 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Jan. 23 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. <b><u>EXTENDED HOURS</u></b>	Jan. 24 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Jan. 25 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. <b><u>EXTENDED HOURS</u></b>	Jan. 26 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Jan. 27 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon <b><u>EXTENDED HOURS</u></b>

Note: Extended office hours are only for purposes of tax amnesty.

“We are normally open on business days and handle many amnesty matters by phone, email, and in-person during that time,” said Rhode Island Tax Administrator Neena Savage. “However, those hours aren’t always convenient for every taxpayer. With the amnesty deadline less than a month away, we want to give taxpayers and their advisers extra opportunity to get their amnesty-related questions and issues addressed at a time that’s convenient for them,” she said.

### CALL, EMAIL, OR STOP BY TOMORROW FOR HELP ON AMNESTY

During extended hours for amnesty tomorrow, taxpayers may call, email, or stop by to obtain information about amnesty and get their questions answered.

- Call the Division's amnesty phone bank at (401) 574-8650 to get general amnesty questions answered. (For taxpayer-specific questions involving amnesty – for example, a taxpayer wants to know about his or her specific account balance, or which returns have not been filed -- call the Collections section at (401) 574-8941.)
- Email: Send an email the Division's amnesty team: [Tax.Amnesty@tax.ri.gov](mailto:Tax.Amnesty@tax.ri.gov).
- Visit: The Division of Taxation office is at One Capitol Hill in Providence, R.I., diagonally across from the Smith Street entrance to the State House,

### ONLINE RESERVATION SYSTEM

The Division of Taxation recently launched an online reservation system for taxpayers who want to make appointments involving amnesty. The address for the new reservation system is: <https://ritaxreservations.stonewallsolutions.com/>.

For taxpayers and tax professionals who plan to take advantage of the Division's extended office hours for amnesty, the Division encourages them to use the reservation system.

"Our new online reservation system is a convenience for taxpayers. It will save time and let you plan your schedule around your appointment with us," Savage said. To learn more about the reservation system, use the following link: <https://go.usa.gov/xnRuB>.

#### Amnesty status

To check on the status of your amnesty application, phone the Division's tax amnesty call center, at (401) 574-8650, or email: [Tax.Amnesty@tax.ri.gov](mailto:Tax.Amnesty@tax.ri.gov).

For taxpayer-specific questions involving amnesty – for example, if a taxpayer wants to know about his or her specific account balance, or which returns have not been filed -- call the Collections section at (401) 574-8941 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. business days, or during newly announced extended office hours for amnesty.

### TERMS OF AMNESTY

"Under the terms of amnesty, if you pay what you owe in back taxes, we'll eliminate all penalties and erase 25 percent of the interest you owe," Savage said.

"Now is the time to step forward and take advantage of the many benefits available under our amnesty program. Now's the time to clean your slate and get a fresh start," she added, noting that all amnesty applications and payments are due on or before February 15, 2018.

Details of amnesty – including forms, frequently asked questions (FAQs), and other information – are on the agency's tax amnesty website, which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at: [www.TaxAmnesty.ri.gov](http://www.TaxAmnesty.ri.gov).

- Tax amnesty is a unique opportunity for you to get a fresh start. Pay what you owe in delinquent Rhode Island state taxes – no matter the type of tax.
- In exchange, the Division will waive penalties and reduce, by 25 percent, the amount of interest normally charged.

- Any person, corporation, or other entity that is subject to Rhode Island state tax is eligible for amnesty – no matter where that person, corporation, or other entity is located.
- All Rhode Island state taxes are eligible – including personal income tax, corporate income tax, sales tax, use tax, estate tax, unemployment insurance tax (and other employer taxes), withholding tax, and other Rhode Island state taxes.
- Amnesty is also open to non-filers.
- The amnesty applies to taxes due for any taxable period ended on or before December 31, 2016.
- The Division began accepting amnesty payments, amnesty tax returns, and related paperwork on December 1, 2017.
- Amnesty runs through February 15, 2018



**Take advantage of the RI State Tax Amnesty Program.**

**This is a rare opportunity to pay any back taxes.**

Interest reduced by 25%  
All civil and criminal penalties waived

Tax amnesty runs from December 1, 2017 to February 15, 2018, and applies to individuals and businesses.  
Call us at (401) 574-8650 to learn more or download the necessary forms at [www.taxamnesty.ri.gov](http://www.taxamnesty.ri.gov)



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The Rhode Island Division of Taxation office is at One Capitol Hill in Providence, R.I., diagonally across from the Smith Street entrance to the State House, and is typically open to the public 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. business days. To learn more, see the agency's website: [www.tax.ri.gov](http://www.tax.ri.gov), or call (401) 574-8829.