



Rhode Island Division of Taxation

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Department of Revenue

October 15, 2012

ADV 2012-25

Advisory:

One month left for tax amnesty; program generates \$4.1 million so far

Rhode Island's tax amnesty program has one month to go. Therefore, delinquent taxpayers should act soon to take advantage of the program's benefits – before the program expires.

The amnesty so far has generated \$4.139 million and has drawn 1,933 applications. Tax Administrator David M. Sullivan expects that many more applications -- and payments -- will be made during the program's final month. "Many people have already taken advantage of amnesty by paying their back taxes, clearing their slates, and getting off to a clean start," Sullivan said.

"In past amnesties, most applicants wait until the final weeks to apply and to take advantage of the program's many benefits. We fully expect that the same will happen this time, and we are already gearing up for the final push," he said.

If you file the amnesty application, file your past-due returns, and pay your back taxes, the Tax Division will take a number of steps to reduce your overall burden. If your application is approved, the Tax Division will:

- waive penalties;
- reduce interest by 25 percent;
- agree not to pursue civil or criminal penalties; and
- agree not to block your license renewal.

The Tax Division has a special website – www.TaxAmnesty.ri.gov – which includes the tax amnesty application form, FAQs, and other information. For more information about the amnesty, call (401) 574-8650, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. business days. Or e-mail the program: TaxAmnesty@tax.ri.gov. The amnesty period began September 2 and runs through November 15, 2012.

Contact:

Neil Downing
Chief Revenue Agent
Rhode Island Division of Taxation
Neil.Downing@tax.ri.gov
(401) 574-8115