



Rhode Island Division of Taxation

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More than 700 file for tax amnesty; program generates \$2.7 million so far

Rhode Island's tax amnesty program has attracted 725 applications and generated more than \$2.7 million in revenue in its first three weeks of operation.

"Our tax amnesty program is proving to be very popular," said Rhode Island Tax Administrator David M. Sullivan. "We're extremely pleased with the results thus far."

The state's 75-day tax amnesty program began September 2 and runs through November 15, 2012. In general, if your amnesty application is approved and you pay your delinquent state tax, the Tax Division will:

- waive penalties;
- reduce interest by 25 percent;
- agree not to pursue civil or criminal penalties; and
- not block your attempt to renew your driver's license, professional license, registration, or sales tax permit.

"We urge everyone who owes back taxes to file an application for our tax amnesty program, and file as soon as possible – before the volume really picks up," Sullivan said. "Now's a great opportunity to clean your slate and get a fresh start."

The Tax Division has created a special website – www.TaxAmnesty.ri.gov – which includes the tax amnesty application form, other forms, FAQs, and other information. "The website is a one-stop shop for taxpayers and tax advisers who want to know more about our amnesty program," said Peter McVay, associate director of revenue services.

More information about the amnesty program is available from the program's call center, at (401) 574-8650, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. business days, or by e-mailing the program:

TaxAmnesty@tax.ri.gov.

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