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Division of Taxation launches website for tax amnesty

Mailing begins, phone bank opens, in advance of amnesty, which starts December 1, 2017

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – The Rhode Island Division of Taxation today officially launched a special website for the state’s upcoming tax amnesty: www.TaxAmnesty.ri.gov.

In addition, the Division has begun the process of mailing amnesty-related paperwork, and officially opened a phone bank to field questions about amnesty from taxpayers, tax professionals, and others.

“Tax amnesty will run from December 1, 2017, through February 15, 2018. But we want to give taxpayers and their advisors plenty of time, well in advance, to learn more about amnesty, how it will work, and how it will apply to them,” said Rhode Island Tax Administrator Neena S. Savage.

WEBSITE

On the Division’s amnesty website, www.TaxAmnesty.ri.gov, taxpayers and tax professionals will be able to find the “Tax Amnesty Return” (the amnesty application form), along with answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs), amnesty posters, and other information.

MAILING

The Division of Taxation has begun the process of mailing more than 60,000 information packets to taxpayers who, according to Division records, have an outstanding balance. Each packet will include a “Statement of Accounts” (an account statement, a bill), an “Amnesty Bill Coupon” (a payment coupon, attached to the Statement of Accounts), a blank “Tax Amnesty Return” (the amnesty application form), and a one-page summary of the amnesty in question-and-answer format.

CALL CENTER

Those with questions may call the Division’s amnesty phone bank (a call center), at (401) 574-8650, which is staffed from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. business days. Or email: Tax.Amnesty@tax.ri.gov.

About amnesty: 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 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, withholding tax, and other Rhode Island state taxes.

The amnesty applies to taxes due for any taxable period ended on or before December 31, 2016. The Division begins accepting amnesty payments, amnesty tax returns, and related paperwork on December 1, 2017. Amnesty runs through February 15, 2018.

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 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, or call the agency at (401) 574-8829.
