

Rhode Island Department of Revenue Division of Taxation

ADV 2021-17 Tax Administration Advisory for Taxpayers and Tax Professionals May 10, 2021

Deadline for tax filings and payments is one week from today

Due date has been moved to May 17, 2021, to allow taxpayers more time amid pandemic

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – The Rhode Island Division of Taxation reminds taxpayers and tax professionals that the deadline is one week away for filings and payments involving Rhode Island resident and nonresident personal income tax returns for the 2020 tax year.

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and for other reasons, the Internal Revenue Service postponed the usual April 15 deadline for federal filings and payments to May 17. The Rhode Island Division of Taxation followed suit. Thus, personal income tax returns and associated payments for federal and Rhode Island personal income tax purposes are due on the same date - May 17, 2021 - a convenience for taxpayers and tax preparers.

May 17 due date for these Rhode Island filings and related payments*		
Filing	Form	Due date
Personal income tax annual return – resident	Form RI-1040	May 17, 2021
Personal income tax return – nonresident/PY	Form RI-1040NR	May 17, 2021
Personal income tax – extension form	Form RI-4868	May 17, 2021
Property tax relief credit	Form RI-1040H	May 17, 2021
Residential lead abatement credit	Form RI-6238	May 17, 2021
* Postponed deadline of May 17, 2021, is limited in scope; it applies only	/ for 2020 returns and payments list	red in table.

The postponement of the deadline to May 17 is automatic. No late charges will apply to Rhode Island personal income tax return filings and payments for 2020 that are made on or before May 17, 2021.

For those who have yet to file, the Division recommends filing electronically. E-filed returns are processed more quickly than paper returns. There are fewer errors. Also, e-filing gives you the option to have your Rhode Island personal income tax refund deposited directly into your bank account (assuming a complete and accurate return is filed). Direct deposit is not available for returns filed on paper.

List of tax-time resources

Following is a brief list of some resources for last-minute taxpayers ahead of the May 17 deadline.

DESCRIPTION	Link
Pay using Division's taxpayer portal	https://www.taxportal.ri.gov
Pay by credit card, debit card	http://www.tax.ri.gov/misc/creditcard.php
Summary of payment methods	http://www.tax.ri.gov/Advisory/ADV 2021 15.pdf#page=3
Forms and instructions	http://www.tax.ri.gov/taxforms/personal.php
See if you can prepare, e-file at no charge:	http://www.tax.ri.gov/misc/efile.php
Find a volunteer tax preparer	https://go.usa.gov/xHvAb
Find a paid preparer	https://go.usa.gov/xHvA8
Information on penalty relief	http://www.tax.ri.gov/Advisory/ADV_2020_23.pdf
Information about extensions	http://www.tax.ri.gov/forms/2020/Income/RI-4868 1D w.pdf
How to reach us (email, website, phones)	http://www.tax.ri.gov/Advisory/ADV 2021 16.pdf
Check the status of your refund	https://www.ri.gov/taxation/refund/
Federal tax information	https://www.irs.gov/

To reach the Division's Personal Income Tax area: (401) 574-8829, option # 3. The line is typically staffed from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. business days.

The Rhode Island Division of Taxation, part of the Rhode Island Department of Revenue, has normal operating hours from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. business days. For more information, contact the Division of Taxation at (401) 574-8829 or see <u>http://www.tax.ri.gov/contact</u>