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New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration Offering Tax Season Resources

DRA offers new in-person educational sessions with local chambers of commerce and issues tax filing tips

Concord, NH – As New Hampshire taxpayers prepare for Tax Day on April 15, the Department of Revenue Administration (NHDRA) is launching a series of educational sessions in collaboration with select chambers of commerce offering tax education and support for businesses. Held throughout the state, these educational sessions supplement NHDRA's online taxpayer guides and phone assistance program.

"The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration is committed to assisting taxpayers with their needs, and we approach tax season in an 'all hands on deck' manner," said NHDRA Commissioner Lindsey Stepp. "We are known for our prompt taxpayer call center service and have detailed online resources for all taxes we administer. We are excited to be partnering with select chambers of commerce this year for our first-ever, in-person tax education sessions."

As a resource for one of New Hampshire's largest taxpayer groups, NHDRA will travel to chambers across the state to provide educational sessions for business owners. In each session, NHDRA will provide an overview of various taxes business owners pay, such as Business Profits Tax, Business Enterprise Tax and Meals & Rooms Tax. They will address when and how to file and pay, highlight tax year form changes, share recent relevant legislative changes, discuss common filing errors and provide direction on additional support resources. Each session will also include a question and answer portion for attendees.

The following chambers of commerce will be providing NHDRA's tax education session to its members:

- Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce (603) 792-4100
 - o Wednesday, March 20, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm at the Manchester Chamber
- Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce (603) 352-1303
 - o Tuesday, April 2, from 9:00 to 10:00 am at the Hannah Grimes Center
- Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce (603) 643-3115 & Lebanon Area Chamber of Commerce (603) 448-1203
 - Wednesday, April 3, from 8:00 to 9:00 am at River Valley College's Lebanon Academic Center
- Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce (603) 224-2508
 - o Friday, April 5, from 8:00 to 9:00 am at the Concord Chamber

Chamber sessions are open to their respective members and will be of particular interest to those business owners who have limited support during the filing process. Members of the chambers of commerce listed above should contact their chamber representative with specific questions.

Filing Tips

NHDRA identified top filing tips for taxpayers based on common filing errors during tax season in years prior:

- Ensure you are using the correct tax year form and that all pages are present.
- Ensure you are consistent in the order you and your spouse are listed on your Interest & Dividends return from year to year.
- Ensure all required schedules or federal pages are attached.
- Do not file a paper return if you have already filed though NHDRA's Modernized e-File (MeF) system.
- Beware of the increased occurrence of phishing and other fraudulent criminal activity, which tends to increase during tax filing season. If you receive a communication that purports to be from the NHDRA and you question its legitimacy, please contact us directly.

To access forms and instructions by tax type, visit <u>revenue.nh.gov/forms</u>.

Ways to File and Pay

• E-File – Electronically file and pay taxes on the NHDRA website by clicking the e-file icon. Payments can be made by credit card or directly from your bank. The NHDRA is able to

- accept cards with a Visa, Mastercard, American Express, or Discovery designation, including debit cards, credit cards, and cryptocards.
- MeF File returns electronically utilizing numerous well-known commercial software vendors. A full list of authorized vendors can be found on the Forms Page of the NHDRA website.
- Mail or hand deliver your return form and payment to the NHDRA in accordance with the form's instructions.

For taxpayer resources online, visit <u>revenue.nh.gov/assistance</u>. To reach the Taxpayer Services Division by phone, call (603) 230-5000 (select option 6).

About the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (NHDRA) is responsible for fairly and efficiently administering the tax laws of the State of New Hampshire. NHDRA collects approximately 80% of New Hampshire's general taxes. During Fiscal Year 2018, DRA collected \$2.3 billion in taxes, most of which went to the New Hampshire General Fund and Education Trust Fund. DRA also provides assistance to municipalities in budgeting, finance and real estate appraisal.

NHDRA administers and collects the following taxes at the state level: Business Enterprise Tax, Business Profits Tax, Communications Services Tax, Electricity Consumption Tax, Interest and Dividends Tax, Meals and Rooms Tax, Medicaid Enhancement Tax, Nursing Facility Quality Assessment, Tobacco Tax, Taxation of Railroads, Utility Property Tax, Real Estate Transfer Tax; and the following taxes at the local level: Property Tax, Excavation Tax, Timber Tax. To learn more about NHDRA, please visit www.revenue.nh.gov.

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