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It has been a busy summer at the Tax Department! Many of you received our press release regarding an agreement with Intuit and H&R Block that allowed those who were impacted by software errors to not need to take any further action. More information about that can be found on our [website](#).

We have also been updating our website to reflect the variety of tax changes from the 2016 legislative session. Read more about those below!

Lastly, we are in the midst of testing Phase 3 of VTax - including personal income tax. More information about what that means for practitioners and taxpayers will follow.

Important Announcements

2016 Legislative Updates

The legislative session included a variety of changes to Vermont tax law. Both the estate tax and fuel gross receipts tax were completely overhauled. The legislature also made a few changes to the sales and use tax and meals and rooms tax, as well as other tax types.

The most complete list of changes can be found on our [website](#). Click on each topic to learn more about the change and also find all updated forms. If you have any questions, please [contact us](#).

Be Sure to Use Updated Forms

All of the forms and instructions you need to file tax returns for tax year 2015 are available on our [website](#). These forms are available as a fillable PDF to download and complete on your computer and mail in for easier processing. It's very important that everyone [downloads](#)

and files the most recent version of our tax forms. Be sure to check our website for the correct version of each form when you're filing taxes. Anyone who requires a paper copy of a form or booklet may order [online](#).

Watch out for IRS Impersonators and Other Scams

Scammers are targeting taxpayers across the U.S., including Vermont, posing as IRS personnel. They are becoming more aggressive, bullying the most vulnerable, the elderly as well as recent immigrants who might fear deportation. Find more information about identity theft and fraud and what to do if you or a client becomes a victim at these sites:

- Report fraud to the Department by calling 802-828-2865 or 866-828-2865 (toll-free)
- Visit our [website](#)
- Report to the Consumer Assistance Program at the [Vermont Attorney General's Office](#)
- Report scam calls using a form available through TIGTA's [website](#)
- Submit the IRS Identity Theft Affidavit, [Form 14039](#), to the IRS. Be sure to make copies for your records and to submit to the state if we request it.

What's New on our Website

Homepage

Tax Forms and Publications/Tax Law and Guidance

In response to feedback from users like you, we tweaked the left-hand navigation slightly. Under "[Tax Forms and Publications](#)," you'll find all of our tax forms, newsletters, press releases, fraud alerts, and fact sheets.

If you're looking for legal guidance, you'll find formal rulings, regulations, rules, statutes, and technical bulletins under "[Tax Law and Guidance](#)." Additionally, we have started to publish redacted [determinations](#) for general guidance.

Reminders

Did You File an Extension? Filing Due on October 17 This Year

If you filed to request an extension for the following returns and claims, you must file by Oct. 17:

- IN-111 Vermont individual income tax return and any related forms
- HS-122, Section A: Homestead Declaration
- HS-122, Section B: Property Tax Adjustment claim (with HI-144)
- PR-141 Renter Rebate claim (with HI-144 and LC-142)
- If you need additional time to file, submit Form IN-151, Application for Extension of Time to file the IN-111, or a copy of IRS Form 4868.

More information can be found on our [website](#).

A few important reminders:

- To avoid penalty and interest, the Homestead Declaration is required of all Vermont residents who, as of April 1, own and occupy a homestead as their domicile.
- [File](#) the Homestead Declaration by Oct. 17.

Making Estimated Payments with the Correct Voucher

The easiest way to make estimated payments is using an ACH debit transaction via our [VTPay](#) site. If you file using paper, be sure to enclose the estimated payment voucher, [IN-114](#), with the check. This ensures accurate application of the check to the account.



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