



# Rhode Island Department of Revenue

## Division of Taxation

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### **Annual e-file production shutdown and switchover is November 18**

*That will be the last day to e-file Rhode Island returns for tax year 2016*

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – The Rhode Island Division of Taxation’s annual electronic filing shutdown and switchover will occur on November 18.

Thus, individuals and businesses seeking to e-file their Rhode Island returns for tax year 2016 must do so on or before Saturday, November 18, 2017. After that date, returns for tax year 2016 must be filed on paper.

Each year, the Division temporarily closes its system to e-filing in order to prepare the system for the upcoming filing season. The Internal Revenue Service, and many other states, follow the same practice. This year, the Rhode Island modernized e-file (MeF) shutdown and cutover will occur on Saturday, November 18, 2017, the same date as the IRS’s.

#### **Schedule for annual e-file production shutdown and switchover November 18, 2017**

<i>Transmission of:</i>	<i>Deadline:</i>
E-filed personal and business returns*	Transmitters must submit before 10:00 p.m.**
Acknowledgements	Transmitting ends at 11:30 p.m.**

\* Rhode Island resident and nonresident Form RI-1040, Form RI-1120C, Form RI-1120S, and Form RI-1065 for tax year 2016 (including fiscal-year returns). \*\* Eastern Time. The Division of Taxation anticipates that, after the shutdown, the cleaning out of any backlog and the issuing of any outstanding acknowledgements could extend through Tuesday, November 21, 2017. The Division of Taxation expects e-filing to resume in January 2018, but only for tax year 2017 Rhode Island returns.

#### **Transmission schedule**

To ensure that all e-filed Rhode Island returns for tax year 2016 on Form RI-1040 (resident and nonresident), Form RI-1120C, Form RI-1120S, and Form RI-1065 are processed in a timely manner, transmitters must abide by the schedule.

All e-filed Rhode Island returns for tax year 2016 will have a transmission deadline of 10:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Saturday, November 18, 2017. To avoid any last-minute logjams, preparers and taxpayers should get their electronic submissions to their transmitters well in advance of the deadline.

For e-file purposes, Rhode Island accepts only current-year returns.

Thus, November 18, 2017, is the deadline for e-filing Rhode Island personal and business tax returns for the 2016 tax year.

When the switchover is complete and the Division of Taxation reopens to e-filing, scheduled for January 2018, it will be only for returns for the 2017 tax year.

### **Fiscal-year filers**

How the annual e-file production shutdown will affect fiscal-year filers depends on the filer's deadline. For example, a fiscal-year filer with a due date of November 30, 2017, can still e-file, but only if willing to file early, by the November 18, 2017, e-file shutdown. Otherwise, the entity will have to file on paper.

## **AMNESTY REMINDER**

Rhode Island's tax amnesty program begins on December 1, 2017. That's less than a month away. For more information, see the Division's tax amnesty website:

[www.TaxAmnesty.ri.gov](http://www.TaxAmnesty.ri.gov)

Or dial the Division's tax amnesty call center, (401) 574-8650, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. business days. Or email: [Tax.Amnesty@tax.ri.gov](mailto:Tax.Amnesty@tax.ri.gov).

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*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](http://www.tax.ri.gov), or call the agency at (401) 574-8829.*

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