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Division of Taxation

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Annual MeF shutdown and switchover begins November 18

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Each year, the Rhode Island Division of Taxation temporarily closes its Modernized e-File (MeF) system to prepare the system for the upcoming tax-filing season. Both Rhode Island and Federal Personal Income Tax Returns filed through electronic filing (e-file) software are impacted by the shutdown.

The Division's annual MeF electronic filing shutdown and switchover for Personal Income Tax 1040 returns will occur on November 18, 2023. All transmissions must be submitted before 11:59 p.m. (EST) on November 18.

Individuals seeking to file their Rhode Island Personal Income Tax returns for tax year 2022 will not be able to do so electronically after the shutdown. The Division plans to reopen its system to e-filing in January 2024, on the same schedule that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will follow for accepting e-filed 1040 returns for the new tax-filing season.

Details

Each year, in accordance with the Internal Revenue Service, and many other states, the Division temporarily halts e-filing acceptance in the fall to prepare the system for the coming filing season. This year, the Rhode Island modernized e-file (MeF) shutdown and cutover will follow the IRS's 1040 MeF production shutdown schedule and occur on Saturday, November 18, 2023. Rhode Island's annual MeF shutdown and switchover this year only impacts Form RI-1040 resident and nonresident Personal Income Tax returns.

Business returns, such as the Form RI-1120C, Form RI-1120S, Form RI-1065, and Form RI-1041 are not impacted by this individual production shutdown. The date for the annual business shutdown will be December 15, 2023. Please refer to IRS guidance and be on the lookout for IRS updates for federal filings.

This shutdown does not impact the Division's Taxpayer Portal.

The Rhode Island Division of Taxation, part of the Rhode Island Department of Revenue, is open to the public 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 <https://tax.ri.gov/about-us/contact-us>.
