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Filing deadline is October 15 for personal income tax returns

Tuesday is the deadline for filing Rhode Island personal income tax returns for the 2012 tax year.

The usual deadline was mid-April, but some taxpayers elected to use a six-month extension, moving the deadline to mid-October. Such returns must be e-filed or postmarked on or before 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2013.

"The holiday weekend, which starts tomorrow, is the last weekend before the deadline. We urge taxpayers to take this opportunity to prepare and file their returns – or to have someone file the return for them," said Rhode Island Tax Administrator David M. Sullivan.

Taxpayers should also arrange to have their returns filed electronically. E-filing results in fewer errors, faster processing, and swifter issuing of refunds, said Peter McVay, associate director of revenue services. In total, 79 percent of returns have been e-filed so far this year, up from 77 percent at about the same point last year.

	Filing season 2012	Filing season 2013	Difference
E-filed returns	457,352	472,972	+3.42%
Total returns filed	593,824	597,033	+0.54%
% of returns e-filed	77.02%	79.22%	+2.86%

Cumulative figures for tax year 2011 returns filed through October 3, 2012, and tax year 2012 returns filed through October 2, 2013.
"Total returns filed" includes e-filed returns and returns filed on paper, including those with 2-D barcodes.

Free File still available

The Division of Taxation's website includes links to [five online tax-preparation programs](#) that allow eligible taxpayers to prepare and file their federal and Rhode Island personal income tax returns at no charge. Free File is still available for those filing on extension.

Corporate tax deadline

Tuesday is the filing deadline for calendar-year C corporations that are subject to *pro forma* combined reporting and that obtained an additional one-month extension, to October 15, in order to file Schedule CRS along with their Form RI-1120C.

For calendar-year filers, Tuesday is also the extended due date for composite returns on Form RI-1040C, pass-through withholding returns on Form RI-1096PT, fiduciary returns on Form RI-1041, and partnership information returns on Form RI-1065.

Tax preparers' seminar

The Division of Taxation is holding a "Seminar for Tax Preparers" – focusing on what's new for filing season, an update on e-filing, plans to revise forms, the annual sales tax reconciliation, the basics of the property-tax relief credit (Form RI-1040H), and other topics.

More than 160 tax preparers have signed up since registration opened a week ago. There's still room for more. The first session will be November 14, 2013, at the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) campus in Newport. If you can't make that one, the Division of Taxation will offer the same agenda in a session at CCRI's Warwick campus December 4, 2013. (Both sessions run from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)

The seminar is open to registered tax return preparers or others employed by national or regional tax preparation firms, as well as those who prepare returns seasonally and may be self-employed and not part of a professional association. The seminar is also open to certified public accountants, enrolled agents, public accountants, and other tax preparers. CPE credits won't be available, but Certificates of Completion will be issued.

The seminar is free, but pre-registration is required. Use the following Division of Taxation web page and see "Seminar for Preparers" at the top of the page:

<http://www.tax.ri.gov/onlineservices/>

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