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Division of Taxation to Offer Extended Hours As April 15 Filing Deadline Approaches

TRENTON – State Treasurer David Rousseau today reminded taxpayers that all individual income tax returns and payments for 2008 must be postmarked or electronically submitted by Wednesday, April 15, 2009, in order to avoid penalties and interest.

The Treasurer encouraged taxpayers who have not yet submitted their New Jersey returns to file electronically using New Jersey's "FastFile" options: NJ WebFile or NJ E-File. These easy-to-use systems enable taxpayers to submit paperless returns via the Internet or through the use of a computer software package.

"If you want your income tax refund quickly, the best thing to do is file electronically," Rousseau said. Electronic filing offers taxpayers a fast, convenient and user-friendly alternative to completing and mailing a paper form. Electronic filers can also opt to have their refunds directly deposited, a choice that is not available to those filing paper returns.

Last year the number of returns filed electronically exceeded 2.6 million, and the upward trend is expected to continue this year. Of the more than 2.6 million returns filed so far this season, more than 1.8 million, or 70 percent, have been filed electronically.

Taxpayers who need help completing their returns may contact the Division of Taxation's Customer Service Center by calling 609-292-6400. They may also visit one of the Division's Regional Offices located throughout the State. Taxation representatives will be available to provide assistance during the period leading up to the filing deadline as follows:

	Customer Service (Phone) Center	Trenton Regional Office	Other Regional Offices
April 8 – 9 (W – Th)	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
April 10 (Good Friday)	Closed	Closed	Closed
April 11 (Saturday)	Closed	Closed	Closed

April 13 (Monday)	8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
April 14 (Tuesday)	8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
April 15 (Wednesday)	8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Taxation Regional Offices are located at the following addresses:

Asbury Park 630 Bangs Avenue
Camden 2 Riverside Drive, One Port Center, Suite 200
Fair Lawn..... 2208 Rt. 208 South
Newark..... 124 Halsey Street, 2nd Floor
Northfield..... 1915-A New Road (Rt. 9)
Somerville..... 75 Veterans Memorial Drive East, Suite 103
Trenton..... 50 Barrack Street, 1st Floor Lobby

Division of Taxation employees will be available at each regional office to answer questions, assist with return preparation, accept completed tax forms, or supply blank forms. Directions to the offices are available on the Division’s Web site at:

www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ot1.shtml

The Treasurer also reminded taxpayers who owe tax not to overlook the advantages of making their payments electronically. “You can file now and pay at any time until midnight on April 15th,” Rousseau said. New Jersey’s electronic payment methods include electronic check (e-check) and credit card. There is a credit card convenience fee of 2.49 percent paid directly to Official Payments Corporation based on the amount of the tax payment.

Financially distressed taxpayers who are struggling to meet their tax obligations can find information about available assistance on the Division of Taxation’s Web site (www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/helpwithdebt.shtml) or by calling 609-292-6400.

Taxpayers who need more time to file their returns can request a six-month extension of time to file. Extension requests can be submitted online through the Division of Taxation’s Web site (www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/eservicesother.shtml#git) or by mail using the traditional paper form, Form NJ-630, Application for Extension of Time to File New Jersey Gross Income Tax Return, which can be printed from the Division of Taxation’s Web site (www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/prntgit.shtml). However, at least 80 percent of a filer’s actual New Jersey income tax must be paid by April 15 in order to receive an extension. Mailed extension applications must be postmarked on or before Wednesday, April 15, 2009; online extension requests can be submitted until midnight on April 15. Anyone making a payment of tax due with an online extension must pay by e-check or credit card.

Taxpayers who apply for an automatic extension of time to file their Federal returns may receive an extension for their New Jersey returns by including a copy of the Federal application when they submit their New Jersey income tax returns, provided they meet all other requirements (including the requirement that at least 80 percent of the actual New Jersey income tax liability be paid on or before April 15.) Taxpayers who file for a Federal extension but also need to make a payment of New Jersey tax by the April 15 due date must submit Form NJ-630 with that payment or file and pay online.

“Taxpayers must remember that an extension of time to file an income tax return is *not* an extension of time to pay the tax due under the Gross Income Tax Act,” Rousseau explained. “Penalties and interest are imposed whenever tax is paid after the due date.”

Attached is a list of important contacts for New Jersey taxpayer information and assistance.

New Jersey Taxpayer Information & Assistance

Customer Service Center **609-292-6400**

Speak directly to a representative for income tax information and assistance,
Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., except holidays

Division of Taxation Web Site www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/

Electronic Filing

NJ WebFile www.njfastfile.com

File State returns for free from a secure Internet site

Electronic Payment

Make payments of 2008 income tax or 2009 estimated tax by e-check or credit card
(Visa, American Express, MasterCard, or Discover)

• Online..... www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/eservicesother.shtml#git

• Phone

E-check..... 609-292-6400

Credit Card 1-800-2PAYTAX

Earned Income Tax Credit Information..... 609-292-6400

Text Telephone Service (TTY/TDD)

for Hard-of-Hearing Users..... **1-800-286-6613*** or **609-984-7300**

These numbers are accessible only from TTY devices. Submit a text message on any tax matter. Receive a reply through NJ Relay Services (711).

Automated Tax Information System **1-800-323-4400*** or **609-826-4400**

Touch-tone phone information and assistance including: refund inquiries, recorded tax information, and a forms/publications request system

NJ TaxFax **609-826-4500**

Request facsimile State tax returns and publications

Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) Hotline **1-800-882-6597***

Speak directly to a representative for property tax reimbursement information and assistance, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., except holidays

*Toll-free within NJ, NY, PA, DE, and MD