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## Treasurer Scudder Identifies Resources for New Jersey Taxpayers Facing April 18 Filing Deadline

**TRENTON** – Help is available for New Jersey taxpayers racing to meet the **April 18 deadline** for filing 2016 tax returns.

"Comprehensive information is online at the Division of Taxation website, our call center has extended its hours, and walk-in tax assistance centers located in six Garden State cities will be open longer to help taxpayers with tough filing issues," State Treasurer Ford M. Scudder said.

John J. Ficara, Acting Director of the New Jersey Division of Taxation, reminded taxpayers that returns for 2016 or a request for an extension must be filed by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18. The Division of Taxation wants taxpayers to avoid penalties and interest and strives to provide the resources needed to help everyone file on time.

"New Jersey followed the federal government decision to extend the filing deadline by three days this year," Ficara said. "The Division of Taxation has adjusted its hours of assistance accordingly."

Ficara also advised low-income taxpayers to file federal and State returns if they wish to receive Governor Chris Christie's enhanced Earned Income Tax Credit.

"Taxpayers who think they may qualify for an Earned Income Tax Credit should file both federally and with the State of New Jersey, regardless of their income levels," Ficara said.

For more information about the filing requirements the Earned Income Tax Credit, taxpayers can go to: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/eitcinfo.shtml

Among the services available to help all last-minute filers are:

## 24-7 Information Online or Via Telephone:

Menu of help for 2016 tax filings: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/2016taxinfo.shtml

Electronic filing: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/filing01.shtml

**Direct access to forms:** <a href="www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/prntgit.shtml">www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/prntgit.shtml</a> **Filing an extension:** <a href="www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/njit17.shtml">www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/njit17.shtml</a>

**General tax service via our automated system:** 609-826-4400 or 1-800-323-4400 (within NJ, NY, PA, DE, and MD)

Online update on refund status: <a href="https://www16.state.nj.us/TYTR">https://www16.state.nj.us/TYTR</a> TGI INQ/jsp/prompt.jsp (You will need to enter the Social Security Number that was listed first on your New Jersey return and the amount of the refund requested on your New Jersey return.)

**Update on refund status via phone: 1-800-323-4400** (toll-free within NJ, NY, PA, DE, and MD) or 609-826-4400 (anywhere). Touch-tone phones only. (To access your information, you will need the Social Security Number that was listed first on your New Jersey return and the amount of the refund requested on your New Jersey return.)

## **Extended Hours for Live Telephone Service:**

Customer Service Center with tax questions answered by a Division representative: 609-292-6400 Extended hours began on Monday, April 10. Phone agents will be available from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. through Thursday, April 13. The Service Center will be closed on Friday, April 14, for the Good Friday holiday. Extended hours will resume on Monday, April 17, and continue until Friday, April 21.

Users with hearing loss can ask questions about any tax matter by using the TTY system at 609-984-7300 or 1-800-286-6613 (within NJ, NY, PA, DE, an MD)

<u>Walk-In Service Centers with Extended Hours:</u> Walk-in centers in Trenton, Camden, Newark, Fairlawn, Somerville and Northfield will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. beginning Monday, April 10. (The centers will be closed on April 14 for the Good Friday observance.) The addresses for the centers are below:

Camden......2 Riverside Drive, Suite 200 08103

Fair Lawn......2208 Rt. 208 South 07410

Newark ......124 Halsey Street, 2nd Floor 07102 Northfield ......1915-A New Road (Route 9) 08225

Somerville......75 Veterans Memorial Drive East, Suite 103 08876

**Trenton**......50 Barrack Street, 1st Floor Lobby 08695

The **Neptune office** at 1826 West Lake Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 07753 will be open normal hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information about Service Centers, including driving directions, see <a href="https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ot1.shtml">www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ot1.shtml</a>

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