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## State of New Jersey Department of the Treasury

### ***Treasurer Eristoff Urges New Jersey Taxpayers to Use E-Filing Options and Extra Preparation Help as April 15 Filing Deadline Approaches***

**TRENTON** – State Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff is encouraging taxpayers to take advantage of electronic filing options and extended availability of Customer Service representatives at the Division of Taxation to meet the April 15 deadline for submitting tax returns and payments for 2013.

Individual income tax returns and payments for 2013 must be electronically submitted or postmarked by midnight on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, for taxpayers to avoid penalties and interest. The April 15 filing deadline for calendar year filers corresponds with the date that Federal Form 1040 is due.

The Treasurer urged taxpayers who have not yet submitted their New Jersey returns to use 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 by using a computer software package.

"Most New Jersey taxpayers now file their individual income tax returns electronically," Treasurer Eristoff said.

Electronic filing offers taxpayers a fast, convenient, and user-friendly alternative to completing and mailing a paper form. The Division of Taxation estimates it takes three weeks to process refunds for returns filed electronically compared with six to eight weeks for those filed by mail. Electronic filers can also choose to receive their refunds by direct deposit, an option that is not available to those who file paper returns.

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 15," Sidamon-Eristoff said.

New Jersey's electronic payment methods include electronic check (e check) and credit card. There is a credit card convenience fee that is paid directly to the payment processor. Taxpayers who have already filed their returns can use the Division of Taxation's online refund status service, available at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/refinfo.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/refinfo.shtml), to monitor the status of their refunds.

Taxpayers with questions about their 2013 returns can get help by calling the Division of Taxation's Customer Service Call Center at 609-292-6400 or visiting its Regional Offices around the state. Taxation's Call Center will be taking calls from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, April 7 – 11; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 12; and 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, April 14 and 15.

In addition to contacting Taxation's Call Center, taxpayers can also visit any of the Division's Regional Offices located throughout the state. Taxation representatives will be available to provide assistance as follows:

### Customer Service Call Centers

	Trenton	Regional Office	Other Regional Offices
April 7–11 (Mon–Fri)	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
April 12 (Sat)	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Closed	Closed
April 14 –15 (Mon–Tues)	8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### Taxation Regional Offices are located at the following addresses:

Camden	2 Riverside Drive, Suite 200
Fair Lawn	22-08 Rt. 208 South
Neptune	1828 West Lake Ave., 3rd Floor
Newark	124 Halsey St., 2nd Floor
Northfield	1915-A New Road (Rt. 9)
Somerville	75 Veterans Memorial Drive East, Suite 103
Trenton	50 Barrack St., 1st Floor Lobby

Employees at each regional office can answer tax questions and assist with return preparation. The offices can supply blank forms and will also accept completed tax forms. Directions are available at:

[www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ot1.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ot1.shtml)

Taxpayers who are facing financial difficulties and struggling to meet their tax obligations can find information about available assistance on the Division of Taxation's website at

[www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/helpwithdebt.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/helpwithdebt.shtml) or by calling 609-292-6400.

Taxpayers who need more time to file their 2013 returns can request an extension: six months for a resident (Form NJ-1040) or nonresident (Form NJ-1040NR) return, and five months for a fiduciary (Form NJ-1041) return.

To obtain an extension, the request must be filed by the original due date of the return (April 15 for most taxpayers). In addition, at least 80 percent of a filer's actual New Jersey income tax must be paid by the April 15 due date in order to receive an extension. Mailed extension applications must be postmarked on or before Tuesday, April 15, 2014; online extension requests can be submitted until midnight on the due date. Anyone making a payment of tax due with an online extension must pay by e-check or credit card.

"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," Treasurer Sidamon-Eristoff explained. "Penalties and interest are imposed whenever tax is paid after the due date."

Extension requests can be submitted online through the Division of Taxation's website

([www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/eservicesother.shtml#git](http://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 website ([www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/prntgit.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/prntgit.shtml)).

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 the return due date). Taxpayers who file for a Federal extension but also need to make a payment of New Jersey tax by April 15 must submit Form NJ-630 with that payment or file and pay online.

The extension period for all resident and nonresident returns will end on Oct. 15, 2014, (Sept. 15, 2014, for fiduciary returns).

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

### **New Jersey Taxpayer Information & Assistance**

Customer Service Call 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. Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

April 7 – 11; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 12; and 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. April 14 and 15.

Division of Taxation Website [www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/)

Electronic Filing

NJ WebFile [www.njwebfile.com](http://www.njwebfile.com)

File State returns for free from a secure Internet site

Electronic Payment

Make payments of 2013 income tax or 2014 estimated tax by e-check or credit card

(Visa, American Express, MasterCard, or Discover)

- Online [www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/eservicesother.shtml#git](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/eservicesother.shtml#git)
- Phone

E-check 609-292-6400

Credit Card 1-888-673-7694

Income Tax Refund Information

- Online [www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/refinfo.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/refinfo.shtml)
- Phone 1-800-323-4400\* or 609-826-4400

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.

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