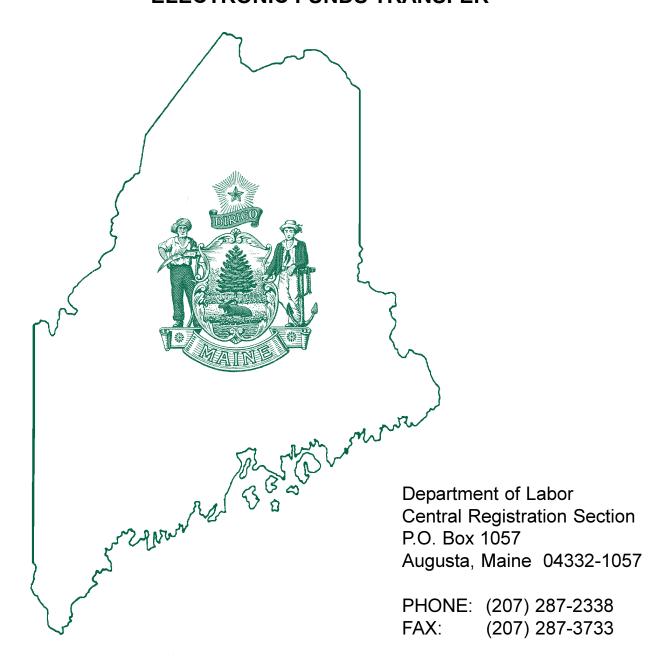
STATE OF MAINE

MAINE REVENUE SERVICES AND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

APPLICATION FOR TAX REGISTRATION

UNEMPLOYMENT CONTRIBUTIONS
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EXCISE TAXES
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MAINE BUSINESS - TAXPAYER BENEFIT PROGRAMS

- Business Property Tax Reimbursement Program (BETR). Individuals/Businesses may apply for reimbursement of personal property taxes paid on qualified business property placed in service or qualifying as construction in progress after April 1, 1995. Beginning with property tax payments made for taxes assessed on or after April 1, 2001, only one application for reimbursement may be filed annually. The annual application must be filed with Maine Revenue Services any time after the last tax payment is made during the calendar year, but no later than April 1 of the following year. However, applications for a refund of property tax payments made for taxes assessed prior to April 1, 2000 must be filed within 60 days after the property tax is paid. Generally, "qualified business property" means property used or held exclusively for a business purpose and is subject to an allowance for depreciation. It does not include land or buildings and certain other property, such as office furniture. Property taxes on eligible property is reimbursable by the state for a maximum of 12 years. Other limitations apply.
- Jobs and Investment Tax Credit. This is a tax credit for taxpayers other than public utilities for investments in most types of personal property that generate at least 100 new jobs within two years of the date the investment is placed in service. The investment must be at least \$5 million for the taxable year. The amount of the credit is equal to the qualified federal credit and is limited to \$500,000 per year with carryforward provisions (maximum credit \$3.5 million). Businesses cannot receive both the Jobs and Investment Tax Credit and the Employment Tax Increment Financing in the same tax year, nor can businesses receive both the Jobs and Investment Tax Credit and reimbursement under the BETR program in the same year.
- Research and Development Expense Tax Credit. This credit is available to businesses who spend increasing amounts for research expenses. The credit applies only to amounts spent on research conducted in Maine. The credit is equal to the sum of 5% of qualified research expenses in excess of the average research expense over the previous three years plus 7.5% of payments for research to qualified universities or scientific research organizations in excess of the federal base amount as determined by IRC § 41(e). The credit is limited to 100% of the first \$25,000 in income tax as determined before any credits, plus 75% of any tax due in excess of \$25,000, however, cannot reduce the tax liability below zero. Unused credit amounts may be carried over for a total of 15 years.
- Research and Development Expense Super Tax Credit. Businesses whose Maine research expenses increase by more than 50% over the average research expenses incurred for taxable years 1994 through 1996 qualify for this credit. The credit applies only to the amount spent on research conducted in Maine. The credit is equal to the excess over 150% of the 3-year average limited to 50% of the net income tax due after other credits. Furthermore, the credit may not be used to reduce the taxpayer's liability below the net tax liability of the previous year.
- High Technology Credit. This credit is available to taxpayers involved in high-tech activities. Businesses that lease, purchase and use, or purchase and lease computer equipment, electronic components and accessories, communications equipment or computer software placed in service in Maine and used primarily in "high technology activities" qualify for this credit. The credit is limited to the lesser of the amount of the taxpayer's tax due in the preceding taxable year after the allowance of any credits taken or the current year's tax liability, up to \$100,000. Carryover provisions apply. "High technology activities" are defined as the design, creation and production of computer software, computer equipment, supporting communications components and other accessories that are directly associated with computer software and computer equipment. High technology activity includes advanced telecommunications services. Other restrictions apply.
- Credit for Dependent Health Benefits Paid. This credit is available to employers that offer a qualified health benefit plan and that employ fewer than 5 employees. The credit is equal to the lesser of 20% of the dependent health benefits paid by the employer with respect to low-income employees or \$125 per low-income employee with dependent health coverage. The credit is limited to 50% of the tax due. A taxpayer that employs 5 or more employees after qualifying for the credit may continue to qualify for the credit for another 2 years. Otherwise a taxpayer may claim a credit only for those periods during which the employer: 1) offers a qualified health benefit plan that is made available to all of its low-income employees; 2) pays at least 80% of the health insurance costs for each low-income employee under the plan; and 3) pays at least 60% of the cost of dependent health insurance benefits for children under 19 who are dependents of a low-income employee under the plan.
- Clean Fuel Credit. This credit is based on the expenditures paid or incurred for construction, installation of or improvements to any filling station or charging station for the purpose of providing clean fuels to the general public for use in motor vehicles. Clean fuel is defined as any product or energy source other than conventional gasoline, diesel or reformulated gasoline, that lower emissions of certain pollutants. Clean fuel includes, but is not limited to, compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, hydrogen, hythane, dynamic flywheels, solar energy, alcohol fuels and electricity. The credit applies to expenses incurred on or after January 1, 1999 and automatically expires January 1, 2006.
- Employment Tax Increment Financing (ETIF). Businesses that add at least 5 qualified employees within a two year period qualify for reimbursement of up to 50% of those employees' Maine income tax withholdings, for a period of up to 10 years. Qualified employees are employees paid a wage equal to or greater than the average per capita wage in the labor market area, provided group health insurance and given access to an ERISA qualified retirement program. The business must also demonstrate that ETIF funding is an essential component of the expansion project's financing. Reimbursement of the employees' withholding is made directly to the employer by the state. Businesses may not claim an ETIF reimbursement until the full amount of allowable Jobs and Investment Tax Credit benefits have been claimed.
- Machinery and Equipment Sales Tax Exemption. Machinery and equipment directly and primarily used in production or used exclusively in research and development will be exempt from the sales and use tax. To determine qualification for this exemption, businesses must provide Maine Revenue Services with specific information about each item of equipment: It's function, how it operates and how it is related to other parts of the production process.
- Fuel and Electricity Sales Tax Exemption. This provision exempts from sales tax 95% of the sale price of all fuel and electricity purchased for use at the manufacturing facility.
- Exemption for Consumable and Repair/Replacement Parts. Items consumed or destroyed directly and primarily in production, and repair and replacement parts for qualified production equipment will be considered exempt from sales tax.
- Electric Rate Programs through Utility Companies. Central Maine Power Company (CMP), the electric utility for most of southern and western Maine, Bangor Hydro Electric Company, the electric utility for most of central and eastern Maine, and Maine Public Service Company, the electric utility for most of northern Maine, all have economic development rate programs. While each of these programs are slightly different, all of them offer incentives to new and expanding businesses with Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes less than 4000.

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS - The Application for Tax Registration is a combined application. <u>All</u> applicants must complete Section 1. Only complete each of sections 2 through 7 that apply to you.

Complete Section 2 as needed to:

· Register to file Withholding Tax returns

Complete Section 3 as needed to:

• Register to file Unemployment Compensation Tax returns

Complete Section 4 as needed to:

Register to file Sales and Use Tax returns

Complete Section 5A as needed to:

• Register to file Gasoline Distributor, Importer, or Exporter Tax returns

Complete Section 5B as needed to:

Register to file Licensed Special Fuel Supplier Tax returns, Special Fuel Retailer Tax returns,
 Special Fuel User Tax returns or to become a Registered Special Fuel Supplier

Complete Section 6A (Special Taxes) as needed to:

- Register as a Cigarette Distributor, Dealer, or Importer
- Register to file Tobacco Products Distributor, Retailer or Importer Tax returns
- Register to file Blueberry Tax returns
- Register to file Potato Industry Tax returns
- Register to file Mahogany Quahog Tax returns

Complete Section 6B (Business Taxes) as needed to:

- Register to file Insurance Premium Tax returns
- Register to file Fire Investigation and Prevention Tax returns
- Register to file Surplus Line Insurance Premiums Tax returns
- Register to file Railroad Excise Tax returns
- Register to file Mining Excise Tax returns
- Register to file **Risk Retention Tax** returns

Complete Section 6C as needed to:

• Register to file Motor Fuel Refund Applications

Complete Section 7 as needed to:

• Register for Electronic Funds Transfer

Walk-in help is available for applications and other tax matters. The location is the Maine Taxpayer Service Center on the 3rd floor (Room 301) of the Muskie Federal Building, 68 Sewall Street, Augusta, Maine. Normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Help with this application is available by phone. Call Central Registration at (207) 287-2338.

Phone numbers and e-mail addresses for other Maine Revenue Service Divisions, the Commercial Vehicle Division, and the Unemployment Compensation Tax Division are provided on page 4. The phone numbers for Business Answers are provided on page 16 of this booklet.

Please write to Central Registration if your account information changes. Some examples are:

- Your address or phone number changes
- · Your business or organization no longer requires registration for one or more taxes
- You have obtained a federal Employer's Identification Number
- Your business activity, product, or service has changed
- An officer, partner, trustee, or personal representative changes
- The ownership of your business changes (a sole proprietor that forms a corporation, for example, may need new tax registrations)

Include the applicant's legal name, Social Security number or federal Employer's Identification number, the type of account(s) and account number(s) on correspondence (including e-mail) to Central Registration. Write to: Department of Labor, Central Registration Section, P. O. Box 1057, Augusta ME 04332-1057.

CONTACT INFORMATION

MAINE REVENUE SERVICES	Telephone	E-mail Address
Audit Division	` '	
Collections & Compliance Division Motor Fuel Tax Sales and Use Tax Special Business Taxes Withholding Tax	(207) 624-9595	compliance.tax@state.me.us
Electronic Funds Transfer Unit	(207) 287-8276	efunds.transfer@state.me.us
Income/Estate Tax Division	(207) 626-8475	income.tax@state.me.us
Individual Income Tax Fiduciary and Estate Taxes Withholding Tax Business Taxes (Insurance/Fire Investigation Taxes, Risk Retention) Corporate and Franchise Taxes	(207) 624-9753 (207) 624-9670	withholding.tax@state.me.us income.tax@state.me.us corporate.tax@state.me.us
TTY (Hearing Impaired Only)	` ,	
Property Tax Division Commercial Forestry Excise Tax Property Tax in Unorganized Territory of Maine Real Estate Transfer Tax Telecommunications Property Tax	(207) 287-2011	prop.tax@state.me.us
Sales, Fuel and Special Tax Division	(207) 287-2336	sales.tax@state.me.us
Recycling Assistance Fees Registration of Persons that Rent Temporary Retail Space Sales and Use Tax Sales Tax Exemption Certificate Applications		
Sales, Fuel and Special Tax Division	(207) 624-9745	sales.tax@state.me.us
Business Taxes (Cigarette/Tobacco Products, Blueberry, Potato, Mahogany Quahog Tax) Railroad & Mining Excise Taxes Motor Fuels and Special Taxes Motor Fuel Refund Applications		
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR		
Unemployment Compensation Tax Division	(207) 287-3176	division.uctax@state.me.us
Maine Department of Labor Unemployment Compensation Tax Division P. O. Box 259 Augusta, ME 04332-0259 TTY (Hearing Impaired Only)	(800) 794-1110	
Delinquency Unit of the Department of Labor		division.uctax@state.me.us
OTHER	` ,	G
Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commercial Vehicle Division Station 29 Augusta, ME 04333 Fuel Use Unit Contact the Commercial Vehicle Division for information or ass Fuel Use Identification decals or the International Fuel Tax Agr	ext. 52136 sistance regarding	garry.hinkley@state.me.us

MAINE REVENUE SERVICES on the Web www.state.me.us/revenue

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR on the Web www.state.me.us/labor

MAINE REVENUE SERVICES AND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR APPLICATION FOR TAX REGISTRATION



Return Application to: Department of Labor, Central F					*011091000*
ALL APPLICANTS MUST C		SECTION 1. COMPLETE O ype for which you are applyin		NEEDED.	
Section 2 - Withholding Tax		A - Gasoline Distributor, Impo	· · —	6A - Special Tax	
Section 3 - Unemployment Compensation Tax	Exporter Ta			6B - Business Tax	- T
Section 4 - Sales & Use Tax	_	3 - Motor Fuel Taxes		7 - Electronic Fund	s Transfer
	CTION 1 –	— TAXPAYER INFORM			
I. BUSINESS INFORMATION		E-mail address			
egal Name		Doing Business As			
Social Security Number		Business Phone Number_			
Fed. Employer's ID # (FEIN)		Street Address of Business	Location (Physical Lo	cation)	
Primary Mailing Address					
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2. TYPE OF OWNERSHIP (check appropriate box)		= Federal Employer ID # red	quired above		
Sole Proprietor Partnership*	- I. S. +	Estate*			sociation*
C Corporation (Regular)* Limited Partners C Corporation (Sub "S")* Limited Liability	•	Trust*	Dragnization (E01(a)(3))		ner*
Corporation (Sub "S")* Limited Liability Corporation (Non Profit)* (attach copy of	. ,		Organization (501(c)(3))		
Solperation (Item From)		` '	,		
f you marked "Other", please explain type of ownership _					
Corporations — Date Incorporated			ation		
Limited Partnerships — Date Registered			ition		
imited Liability Co.'s — Date Registered			ation		
B. BUSINESS DESCRIPTION/PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY (fo					
I. OWNER INFORMATION (Names of Partners, Officer	rs or Memb		ersonal Representative	e)	
Name & Title		Name & Title			
Social Security Number (required)		Social Security Number (re			
% of Business Owned		% of Business Owned			
Address		Address			
EMPLOYERS REGISTERING WITH THE DEPARTMEN		OD DI EASE SEE SDECIEIO	INSTRUCTIONS ON I	DACE 11 FOR OUE	STIONS 5 and 6
5. DO YOU OWN OTHER BUSINESSES? Yes	No No	TR, PLEASE SEE SPECIFIC	INSTRUCTIONS ON I	AGE II FOR QUE	STIONS 5 and 6.
Other Business Name		Other Business Name			
Fed. Employer's ID No. (FEIN)		Fed. Employer's ID No. (Fi			
JC Employer Account No		UC Employer Account No.			
Address		Address			
6. BUSINESS OWNERSHIP INFORMATION Busine	ess Ownersh	hip Date:	How	did you get the bus	siness?
Did you get all of the previous owner's business or assets		No No Previous Ow			eclosure Sale
Did the previous owner retain a portion of the old business		No 🗌	Mer		kruptcy Sale
Previous Owner's Name	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				er (describe)
Previous Owner's Address					` ,
Previous Owner's: Identification No. (FEIN/SSN)					
UC Employer Account No.			es Tax Registration No.		
Did the previous owner do business in Maine? Yes	No	Did the previous ow	vner have employees ir	Maine? Yes	No
7. FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT TAX				_	
s your organization subject to the Federal Unemployment	t Tax? Ye	es No	Unknown		
certify that the information contained in each s					
and belief. This application must be signed by a	an owner,	partner, member, officer	r, trustee or person	al representative	•
SIGNATURE TITLE		DATE	PHONE NUMBER		

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR NAME

SECTION 2 WITHHOLDING TAX

(Complete Section 3 if any of your employees physically work in Maine.)



B. REGISTRA	ATION DATE FOR	R REQUIRED on front. WITHHOLDING TAX: holding Maine income tax	or were required to withhold N	 Maine income tax.			
D. ESTIMATE Complet the Department	ED ANNUAL WITH te Section 3 to reg artment of Labor a	HHOLDING TAX LIABILIT gister as an employer with and to file <u>unemployment</u> ad employer wage reports	Y Paym Semi-	ent Frequency Weekly	Withholding of \$18,000 or more less than \$18,00		
	LDING TAX ACCO						
DDRESS							
			SECTION				
		!	UNEMPLOYMENT CON				
1. BUSINES	SS TRADE NAME	(Section 3):			FEIN:		
2. PERSON	I IN CHARGE OF	PAYROLL RECORDS:	E-MAIL A	DDRESS			
NAME							
DDRESS_							
3. List All N	laine Work Locat	ions: Nature of B	susiness				
City a	nd/or Town	No. Employees	Principal Activity		Type of Goods	or Services	
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5. If it is definsurance6. Have you	etermined that you of the coverage, are you use the coverage, are you	do not meet the requirem ou requesting voluntary contractors to perform any so	ervice for you which was part	ment		NO	
your usuand addr	al course of busine ress on a separate	ess in the current or precess sheet and attach to this	eding year? If "YES," give nar application.	ne			
			nployment organization?			NO	
	•	•	ployment organization				
,	,		you? If "YES," and you have		YES	NO	
. 0 . Do any o	of your workers pro	ovide agricultural service for	or you?		YES	NO	
1. DATE EN	MPLOYEES FIRST	T EMPLOYED IN MAINE:	: -	_			
			table wages paid each quarter		preceding calendar y	ears. ENTER ON	ILY WAGE
	ges Paid year below)	Calendar Quarte Ending March 3			endar Quarter g September 30	Calendar Ending De	
Preceding	Year	\$	\$	\$		\$	
Current Yea	ar	\$	\$	\$		\$	
3. Enter the	date which the w	orkers you employed, in I	Maine, met one of the followin	g conditions (include	e full and partial weel	ks).	
			r/\$1,500 in a quarter				
c. Agric ı	u ltural - 10 employ	yees in 20 weeks or \$20,0	000 in a calendar quarter				
OFFICE USE	Liability (established under §1043(9) as of	, contributions	s due from		OFFIC USE
USE	Field Adv	visor and Examiner		Date			USE



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SECTION 24. BUSINESS TRADE NAME (Section 4):	N 4 — SALES & US	SE TAX		
	E TAX REGISTRATION	ONLY <	□ Select only one	
27. REGISTRATION DATE FOR SALES/USE TAX:	This is the d	ate you began selling goo	ds or making rentals, providing ser	rvices
or making purchases subject to Sales Tax, Use Tax or Recycling Ass	istance Fees.			
28. DESCRIBE THE TYPES OF GOODS SOLD, RENTALS MADE,	SERVICES PROVIDED	AND/OR TAXABLE PUR	CHASES MADE:	
28A. ARE YOU (OR WILL YOU BE) ENGAGED IN ANY OF THE FOR RENTALS OF AUTOMOBILES, EITHER SHORT- OR LONG-TERM; MANUFACTURERS? YES NO NO HOUSE OR TOURIST OR TRAILER CAMP; A MANUFACTURER?	SALES OF TIRES OR	LEAD ACID BATTERIES;	SALES OF FUEL OR ELECTRICI	ITY TO
29. ESTIMATED SALES/USE TAX YOU EXPECT TO COLLECT				
Filing Frequency Sales/Use Tax Liability of		hich months the business		
Monthly \$600.00 or more per month Quarterly \$100.00-\$599.99 per month	January February	May June	Sept. Oct.	
Semi-Annual \$0.00-\$99.99 per month	March	July	Nov.	
Geni-Aindai wo.so-455.55 per month	April	Aug.	Dec.	
30. CONSOLIDATED REPORTING INFORMATION. You must have	3 or more business loc	ations with the same owne	r and FEIN or SSN.	
REQUEST TO FILE CONSOLIDATED SALES/USE TAX RETURNS	YES	NO		
CONSOLIDATED REPORTING NUMBER BEING USED:				
31. SALES/USE TAX ACCOUNT ADDRESS				
ADDRESS	ATTENTION:			
	PHONE NUMBER			

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32. BUSINESS TRADE NAME (Sections 5A & 5B):
SECTION 5A — MOTOR FUEL TAXES — GASOLINE TAX
33. APPLICATION FOR GASOLINE DISTRIBUTOR CERTIFICATE
34. APPLICATION FOR GASOLINE IMPORTER CERTIFICATE 35. IMPORTER TYPE OF GASOLINE USE: OWN USE RESALE BOTH
36. APPLICATION FOR GASOLINE EXPORTER CERTIFICATE
37. REGISTRATION DATE FOR GASOLINE TAX REPORTING:
38. LICENSE/CERTIFICATE INFORMATION FOR OTHER STATES/PROVINCES STATE/PROVINCE NAME TYPE OF LICENSE LIC./CERT. NUMBER
39. GASOLINE TAX ACCOUNT ADDRESS ADDRESS ATTENTION PHONE NUMBER
SECTION 5B — MOTOR FUEL TAXES — SPECIAL FUEL 40. Select one type of certificate: APPLICATION FOR LICENSED SPECIAL FUEL SUPPLIER CERTIFICATE
41. SPECIAL FUEL REGISTRATION DATE:
42. TYPE OF SPECIAL FUEL SOLD or USED: DISTILLATES (diesel, kero, #2 oil) LOW ENERGY FUELS (propane)
43. SPECIAL FUEL ACCOUNT ADDRESS ADDRESS ATTENTION PHONE NUMBER

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
CERT. NO.:
CERT. NO.:
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44. BUSINESS TRADE NAME (Sections 6A, 6B & 6C):				
45. REGISTRATION DATE:				
46. ACCOUNT ADDRESS				
ADDRESSATTENTION				
PHONE NUMBER				
SECTION 6A — SPECIAL TAXES (You must complete lines 44 through 46 above)				
(Tou must complete lines 44 tillough 40 above)				
47. CIGARETTE TAX: Original Appl. Renewal Previous License	#			
48. TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX: Original Appl. Renewal Previous License	#			
RESIDENT DISTRIBUTOR UNCLASSIFIED IMPORTER RETAILER				
49. BLUEBERRY TAX: Original Appl. Renewal Previous License	#			
50. POTATO INDUSTRY TAX 51. MAHOGANY QUAHOG TAX				
SECTION 6B — BUSINESS TAXES				
(You must complete lines 44 through 46 above)				
52. INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX (Check one) Quarterly Filer	Annual Filer			
53. SURPLUS LINE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX Quarterly Filer	Annual Filer			
Annual filers certify that their annual liability for Insurance Premium Tax and/or Surplus Line Insurance Premi	um Tax will not exceed \$500.			
54. FIRE INVESTIGATION & PREVENTION TAX (Check one) Monthly Filer	Annual Filer			
Annual filers certify that their annual liability for Fire Prevention and Investigation Tax will not exceed \$500.				
55. RISK RETENTION TAX 56. MINING EXCISE TAX				
57. RAILROAD EXCISE TAX				
CECTION CC MOTOR FUEL REFUND ARRUGAT	TIONS			
SECTION 6C — MOTOR FUEL REFUND APPLICAT (You must complete lines 44 through 46 above)	IIONS			
58. RETAIL DEALER'S GASOLINE SHRINKAGE REFUND APPLICATION				
58. RETAIL DEALER'S GASOLINE SHRINKAGE REFUND APPLICATION 59. SPECIAL FUEL & GASOLINE OFF-HIGHWAY REFUND APPLICATION				
60. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION REFUND APPLICATION				
61. AERONAUTICAL FUEL REFUND APPLICATION				
62. REFUND APPLICATION FOR EXCISE TAX PAID BY RETAIL DEALERS ON WORTHLESS ACCOUNTS				
63. SPECIAL FUEL & GASOLINE REFUND APPLICATION — POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS				
FOR CIGARETTE & TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX USE ONLY	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
	LIC./ACCT.#:			
NM CK MO CA AMT	LIC./ACCT.#:			
	LIC./ACCT.#:			
	SIC CODE:			

MAINE REVENUE SERVICES SECTION 7 — ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER APPLICATION

EFT Unit, Maine Revenue Services, 24 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0024

Tel.: (207) 287-8276 Fax: (207) 287-6975 E-mail: efunds.transfer@state.me.us

Visit Maine Revenue Services at http://www.state.me.us/revenue 64. Indicate Application Type: **ACH CREDIT ACH DEBIT** (Telephone Payment Method) 65. APPLICANT INFORMATION: Legal Name(s) Business Trade Name Employer's Identification Number Contact Person's Name Social Security Number * Contact Phone Number Mailing Address Business Fax Number E-Mail Address * Only sole proprietors should provide a social security number **66. FINANCIAL INSTITUTION:** Financial Institution Name Address Telephone Number 67a. ACH DEBIT APPLICANTS ONLY: Bank Routing Number (RTN) _____ Account Number Savings Type of Account: Checking You must provide a voided check or a letter from your bank certifying its RTN & your account number. CREDIT UNION CUSTOMERS PLEASE HAVE YOUR CREDIT UNION VALIDATE THE CORRECT BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER TO USE FOR ACH (AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE) PURPOSES. Are you a service bureau, tax preparer, or business that remits taxes on behalf of other companies? Yes* *If you checked "Yes" and funds will be withdrawn from your bank account rather than your client's bank account, you are not eligible for this payment system. You must use the ACH Credit Method (see below). ACH Debit instructions will be provided by the Electronic Funds Transfer Unit. 67b. ACH CREDIT APPLICANTS ONLY: Are you a service bureau, a tax preparer, a third party withholder, or do you remit taxes for other companies? *If you checked "Yes" because you remit taxes for others to Maine Revenue Services, you only need to fill out one EFT application. Persons applying for ACH credit must be capable of initiating ACH credits in the required CCD+ and TXP formats. ACH credit instructions will be provided by the Electronic Funds Transfer Unit. 68. TAX PAYMENT TYPE: Electronic Funds Transfers are requested for the following: Tax Payment Type Tax Account ID Number Office Use Only Attach a separate sheet if additional space is needed. 69. SIGNATURE: I certify that the information contained on this application is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. If I have completed the ACH debit block (67a above), I authorize Maine Revenue Services to present debit entries to the bank account stated above upon the express authorization of this taxpayer for payments made to Maine Revenue Services. This application must be signed by an owner, partner or officer. Signature Title Phone Date Please print or type your name

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

(The number of each explanation corresponds to the line number on the application form.)

SECTION 1, TAXPAYER INFORMATION

1. Enter the legal name of the business or organization. Examples are the sole proprietor's name, the partnership name, or the exact name from the Articles of Incorporation.

Individuals and certain estates should provide their Social Security number. All other applicants must provide a federal employer's identification number (FEIN).

An FEIN must be provided to register for Maine Income Tax Withholding. To obtain an FEIN, file federal Form SS-4 with the Internal Revenue Service. For information on FEIN's, call the Andover Service Center in Massachusetts at (978) 474-9520, Maine Department of Labor, Central Registration Unit at (207) 287-2338 or visit the Maine Taxpayer Service Center in Augusta. Federal Form SS-4 can also be downloaded from the Internal Revenue Services Internet site, http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/.

Enter the business mailing address, phone number, and street address. Attach a separate application if you have more than one business location and are registering for Sales Tax (Section 4).

- 2. Mark the ownership type that best applies. If you marked "Other" please provide an explanation. Spouses should not check "Partnership" unless the business files federal income tax returns (IRS Form 1065) as a partnership. Corporations, Limited Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies must provide incorporation or registration information.
- **3.** Provide the type of business (wholesale, retail, service group, manufacturing, contractor, governmental, nonprofit, other [explain]), and a specific description of your business or organization.
- **4.** Corporations, partnerships, associations, nonprofit organizations and others should provide the names of <u>two</u> officers, partners or members. One of these people should be the person who is responsible for the finances of the company or organization. **Social Security Numbers are required**. A list of all partners or officers is not required.
- **5.** Provide the names, EIN, and addresses of other businesses you own. Attach additional sheets if more space is needed. Employers registering with the Department of Labor to file unemployment insurance contributions must list the UC Employer account number of the other business owned.
- **6.** Information on how your business was acquired is required. If you acquire a business, trade or organization or substantially all the assets of another, who at the time was an employer, you are considered a successor. If you are the originator of the business, check "Other" and indicate "started myself". Employers registering with the Department of Labor to file unemployment insurance contributions must list the UC Employer account number of the previous owner's business, if known. Read the Notice Regarding Trust Fund Taxes on page 14.

SECTION 2, WITHHOLDING TAX

Generally, any person who maintains an office or transacts business within the State of Maine, and who must withhold federal income tax from any payment subject to taxation in Maine, must also withhold State income tax. The withholding requirement applies to resident and nonresident individuals.

Income from Maine sources for a nonresident individual is income from: an occupation, trade or business carried on in Maine; the ownership or disposition of an interest in real property, or tangible personal property in Maine.

Income from Maine sources includes unemployment compensation connected with Maine employment.

Income paid to a nonresident from pensions, annuities and

other intangible sources is not subject to withholding of Maine income tax.

Persons registering to file Maine Income Tax Withholding returns must provide a federal Employer's Identification Number. See Instructions for Section 1, line 1, on how to obtain an EIN.

- **8.** This is the date you began withholding or were required to withhold Maine income tax.
- 9. Select the payment frequency which best applies to your business.
- **10.** Enter your business address. Withholding tax returns will be mailed to this address. Complete only if different from the owner's address in Section 1.

SECTION 3, UNEMPLOYMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

(COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOU HAVE EMPLOYEES WORKING IN MAINE)

Those employers registering with the Department of Labor must enter the UC Employer Account number requested. The Maine Department of Labor will immediately attach liability to pay unemployment taxes to these four types of employers: Successors, partial acquisitions, employers subject to FUTA and employers owned or controlled by the owners of an already-liable employing unit. If you are not one of these four types of employers, please see the instructions for Section 3, items 22 and 23.

You are liable for Maine unemployment Tax if you meet any of the following criteria:

EMPLOYERS IN GENERAL who have paid gross wages of \$1,500 or more in a calendar quarter, or employed one or more persons for some portion of a day in twenty different weeks in a calendar year; **501(C)(3)** non-profit organizations that employ four or more persons in one day in twenty different weeks in a calendar year. A copy of the IRS determination letter must be provided to be recognized as a non-profit organization;

DOMESTIC EMPLOYERS who have paid \$1,000 in gross wages for domestic employment in any calendar quarter;

AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYERS that have paid gross wages of \$20,000 in a calendar quarter or employed ten or more persons in one day in twenty different weeks in a calendar year;

OUT OF STATE EMPLOYERS become subject to Maine unemployment tax the first day they have employees working in Maine. You must include the location(s) of employment.

- **11.** Enter your business d/b/a (doing business as) or "trading as" name. Also, enter your federal employer identification number (FEIN).
- **12.** Enter name, address and telephone number of person(s) responsible for preparation of payroll records.
- **13 and 14.** Information is requested on the location and nature of business conducted at all Maine business sites.
- **15-20.** Answer each question by indicating "YES" or "NO" in the appropriate box. Domestic employers (households which employ baby-sitters, personal care attendants, gardeners, cleaners, chauffeurs, etc.) may skip item 23.
- **21.** Enter the date that employees were first employed in Maine.
- **22-23.** If a corporation, include all your officers who are performing services as well as all other workers. EXCLUSIONS: All employers do not include services performed by a student who is participating in a cooperative program of education and occupational training. If a proprietorship, do not include the service performed by an individual in the employ of his son, daughter or spouse, or the service performed by a child under 18 in the employ of their father or mother. DO NOT INCLUDE PARTNERS IN A PARTNERSHIP.

SECTION 4, SALES & USE TAX

- **24.** Enter your business name (trade name, d/b/a) if it is different from the owner's name in Section 1.
- **25.** Generally, persons who sell goods, make taxable rentals, are subject to recycling assistance fees or provide taxable services must register to file Sales and Use Tax returns.
- **26.** Persons who do not make sales, but make purchases for use in Maine that are subject to Maine Sales Tax (taxable purchases) should register to file Use Tax returns. Select one type of registration.
- **27.** Enter the date you began selling goods or making rentals, providing services or making purchases subject to Sales Tax, Use Tax or Recycling Assistance Fees.
- **28.** A business description for Sales/Use Tax registration purposes is needed.
- 29. Select the filing frequency that best applies.
- **30.** To file consolidated sales/use tax returns, you must have 3 or more business locations with the same owner and use the same Employer's Identification Number or Social Security Number.
- **31.** Enter your business address. Sales/use tax returns will be mailed to this address. Complete only if different from the owner's address in Section 1.

BUSINESS TRADE NAME (for Sections 5A & 5B)

32. Enter your business name (trade name, d/b/a) if it is different from the owner's name in Section 1.

SECTION 5A, GASOLINE TAX

- **33.** Generally, gasoline distributors must make over 50% of their sales of gasoline within Maine, in bulk to others. Sales to others do not include gasoline sold on consignment or through your own service stations.
- **34.** Mark this box if applying for an Importer certificate.
- 35. Importers must indicate how gasoline will be used.
- **36.** Mark this box if applying for an Exporter certificate.
- **37.** Enter the date you began doing business in Maine as a gasoline distributor, importer, or exporter.
- **38.** Gasoline license information for other States is required. Attach additional sheets if needed.
- **39.** Enter your business address. Gasoline tax returns will be mailed to this address. Complete only if different from the owner's address in Section 1.

SECTION 5B, SPECIAL FUEL

40. Check one type of Certificate. Generally, Special Fuel Suppliers must make over 50% of their sales of special fuel within Maine, in bulk to others. Sales to others do not include special fuel sold on consignment or through your own service stations. Special Fuel means distillates and low-energy fuels.

Registered Suppliers must certify that all bulk sales of special fuel are not subject to the special fuel excise tax or that they have already paid the special fuel excise tax on the special fuel.

- **41.** This is the date you began doing business in Maine regarding Special Fuel.
- **42.** Distillates are products like diesel fuel, kerosene, and #2 fuel oil. Propane is a type of low-energy fuel.
- 43. Enter your business address. Special fuel tax returns will be

mailed to this address (except Registered Suppliers). Complete if different from the owner's address in Section 1.

BUSINESS TRADE NAME (for Sections 6A, 6B & 6C)

- **44.** Enter your business name (trade name, d/b/a) if it is different from the owner's name in Section 1.
- **45.** This is the date you began filing tax returns or refund applications (for Section 5A, 5B or 5C taxes).
- **46.** The Account Address is your business address. Tax returns, when required, will be mailed to this address. Complete only if different from the owner's address in Section 1. Note Refund applications must be requested from the Sales/Excise Tax Division.

SECTION 6A, SPECIAL TAXES

47. Indicate whether this is an original Cigarette Tax license application or a renewal. If a renewal, provide your previous license number. The initial distributor's license expires on July 31 following issuance. Subsequent renewals are for a two-year period.

The fee for a Cigarette Distributor's license is \$250.00 per application or renewal. Make your check payable to Treasurer, State of Maine.

48. Indicate whether this is an original Tobacco Products Tax application or a renewal. If a renewal, provide your previous Tobacco Products license number. Select one type of Tobacco Products license. Tobacco Products licenses expire on July 31 of each year.

The fee for a Tobacco Products Distributor's or Retailer license is \$25.00 per application. If you have a Maine Cigarette Tax license, there is no fee for a Tobacco Products license. Make your check payable to Treasurer, State of Maine. There is no fee for a Tobacco Products Unclassified Importer or Retailer license.

- **49.** Indicate whether this is an original Blueberry Tax license application or a renewal. If a renewal, provide your previous license number. Blueberry Tax certificates expire on July 1 of each year.
- **50-51.** Check the appropriate box for tax registration.

SECTION 6B, BUSINESS TAXES

- **52-53.** Select one filing frequency. Annual filers certify that their annual liability for Insurance Premium Tax and/or Surplus Line Insurance Premium Tax will not exceed \$500.
- **54.** Select one filing frequency. Annual filers certify that their annual liability for Fire Prevention and Investigation Tax will not exceed \$500.
- **55-57.** Check the appropriate box for tax registration.

SECTION 6C, MOTOR FUEL REFUND APPLICATIONS

58-63. Registration is required to process motor fuel refund application(s). Check the box(es) for the refund application(s) you are currently filing or plan to file. Each refund application has information on allowable filing periods and return due dates. Applications must be requested from the Sales Fuel and Special Tax Division.

The Sales, Fuel and Special Tax Division or Income Tax Division can provide help with Sections 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, and 6C taxes and refunds.

SECTION 7, ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

General information: Taxpayers with an annual liability of \$200,000 or more for individual income tax withholding or \$400,000 or more for other taxes are required to remit tax payments electronically. Payroll processing companies must remit electronically for all clients regardless of whether those individual clients are mandated. Maine Revenue Services encourages voluntary participation by taxpayers who do not meet the minimum threshold for mandatory participation.

64. Please indicate for which EFT method you are applying.

ACH debit. A taxpayer may make payments using the ACH debit method by authorizing Maine Revenue Services to electronically transfer tax payments from the taxpayer's deposit account to the Maine Revenue Services' deposit account. The authorization is initiated through a telephone call to MRS's electronic withdrawal payment system. This telephone payment system allows taxpayers to arrange for debit payments with effective dates up to 15 days in the future.

ACH Credit. A taxpayer may use this method by authorizing their bank to withdraw the tax payment from the taxpayer's deposit account and transfer it to the State's account.

- **65.** Please provide the applicant's legal name, business trade name, mailing address, and employer's identification number or social security number if ownership is sole proprietor. Also provide the name, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address for a contact person who can address questions pertaining to EFT transactions. Please notify the EFT Unit is there is a change to any of this information.
- **66.** Provide the name, address and telephone number of the financial institution holding the account that you will use for these EFT payments.
- **67a.** Debit method applications must include your bank's routing transit number, the type of bank account, and your bank account number. Service bureaus or other third parties that remit tax payments from their accounts on behalf of other companies may not use the ACH debit method (see below).
- **67b.** Service bureaus, tax preparers or other third parties who remit tax payments for other companies must use the ACH credit method. If you remit taxes for multiple other companies, only one application needs to be submitted.
- 68. Tax payment type means the tax you want to pay electronically.

<u>Tax Payment Type</u> <u>Account Number</u>

Sales 7 character seller's (sales tax) number

Use 7 character use tax number Gasoline 7 character gasoline number

Special Fuel Supplier (SFS)

Withholding (WH)

Combined WH & Unemployment

11 character SFS number (or company EIN)

12 character WH number (or company EIN)

13 character WH number (or company EIN)

Unemployment 11 character WH number (or Unemployment number)

Fiduciary
Insurance Premium
In

If you are a service provider, please check with the EFT Unit before providing a list of clients. The list may not be necessary.

69. The application must be signed by an authorized person. It may be submitted by mail or by fax.

If you would like EFT program and banking information faxed back to you, please note your request on the application. Otherwise, the information will be mailed. Please allow at least two weeks to receive program instructions in the mail. In certain cases, the EFT Unit may request additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES

Persons applying for Sales Tax Exemption Certificates must complete a separate application available from the Sales, Fuel and Special Tax Division.

Exemptions from paying Sales Tax are available to certain non-profit organizations and to certain farmers and fishermen. Information on exemptions is available from the Sales, Fuel and Special Tax Division.

PERSONS THAT RENT TEMPORARY SPACE

Registration (on a separate application from the Sales, Fuel and Special Tax Division) to file returns is required when you rent or lease space to more than 4 persons at one location, for less than 12 months, and retail sales are made from the location.

FUEL USE IDENTIFICATION DECAL APPLICANTS

New applicants for Fuel Use Identification Decals must contact the Bureau of Motor Vehicles at (207) 624-9000 ext 52136.

NOTICE REGARDING UNPAID TRUST FUND TAXES

Under Maine law, the owner(s) and persons who control the finances of a business may be liable for any unpaid trust fund taxes and/or unemployment compensation insurance. The purchaser of a business, or the stock of goods of a business, is required to withhold from the purchase price the amount of trust fund taxes, interest and penalties owed by the previous owner. A purchaser who fails to withhold these debts can be held liable for the payment of these taxes, interest and penalties.

Trust fund taxes include Sales & Use Taxes, Gasoline Tax, Special Fuels Tax, Recycling Assistance Fees, and Income Tax Withholding [36 M.R.S.A. §177(1)].

If you are not sure that the previous owner has paid all trust fund taxes or unemployment compensation insurance incurred by the business, you should ask the previous owner to request in writing "Tax Clearance Letters" from the Compliance Division of Maine Revenue Services and the Delinquency Unit of the Department of Labor.

If you owe Maine taxes, or if the previous owner of your business has not paid all trust fund taxes, processing of your tax registration application may be delayed or denied.

GENERAL INFORMATION PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM MAINE REVENUE SERVICES

(forms, instructions and publications are also available at www.state.me.us/revenue)

- Your Rights As A Taxpayer
- General Information Bulletin for Sales and Use Tax [Contains a list of Sales Tax Rules and Bulletins]
- Withholding Tables Maine Individual Income Tax [Contains Withholding Rate Tables & Instructions]
- Motor Fuel Taxes & Rules
- · Cigarette Tax Law and Rules and Tobacco Products Tax Law
- Special Industry Taxes [Blueberry Tax, Potato Industry Tax, and Mahogany Quahog Tax]
- · Maine Taxes of General Interest to Consumers
- Taxes Collected by Maine Revenue Services

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

FORMS, INSTRUCTIONS AND PUBLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.STATE.ME.US/LABOR

WHEN DO I HAVE TO FILE TAX RETURNS?

All returns must be filed by the due date (whether you owe any tax liability or not). Refund applications must be filed within the time period or by the due date stated on the refund application.

You may be able to file your Withholding/Unemployment and Sales tax returns over the internet. Visit www.state.me.us/revenue/ for more information.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I DO NOT RECEIVE OR CANNOT FIND MY TAX RETURN?

Contact Maine Revenue Services and ask for a replacement tax return. You must provide the business name, the type of account, your account number and the period the return covers.

If the return due date is near, use a sheet of paper as a substitute for the return and include the following:

Taxpayer's name (legal owner's name)

Business name

Business address

Type of tax

Account Number

Period for which the return is due

Return contents by line description

A phone number where you can be reached

A check payable to Treasurer, State of Maine (if any tax is due)

A substitute return is still due on the normal due date of your tax return.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I CANNOT PAY THE TAX I OWE?

Tax returns should be filed on or before the due date to avoid penalty charges for late filing.

If you cannot pay your entire tax liability, pay as much as you can and contact the Compliance Division for withholding, sales, motor fuel and special business taxes, or the Delinquency Unit for unemployment contributions. See page 4 for telephone numbers.

INTEREST

Interest is charged monthly on taxes owed to Maine Revenue Services and the Department of Labor until the entire amount of tax due has been paid.

PENALTIES

Maine Revenue Services and the Department of Labor impose several different penalties. Two common penalties are:

- Failure to file penalties are computed on any return that is filed after its due date.
- Failure to pay penalties are imposed on tax that remains unpaid after the due date.

Where both failure to file and failure to pay exist, both penalties will be imposed.

An explanation of Interest and Penalty Charges is available from Maine Revenue Services and the Department of Labor.

COMMUNICATING WITH MAINE REVENUE SERVICES

You can contact Maine Revenue Services by calling, writing, or e-mail. A list of phone numbers and e-mail addresses for Divisions of Maine Revenue Services is on page 4 of this booklet.

Correspondence and phone calls should be addressed to a specific division, to the Division Director or to a specific individual whenever possible.

If you do not have a specific address, use the following general mailing address:

Maine Revenue Services 24 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0024

When you contact Maine Revenue Services for assistance with a tax matter, it is important to do the following:

- Keep a copy of correspondence you send to Maine Revenue Services.
- If the Bureau sends you publications or a letter in response to your request, keep them with the copy of your correspondence.
- If you call Maine Revenue Services, make a note of whom you spoke with, the date, and what was said.

Complying with tax laws can be confusing and at times difficult. If you need help with any of the Taxes administered by Maine Revenue Services, it is important that you contact us. Ask for assistance. The goal of Maine Revenue Services is for taxpayers to report and pay the correct amount of tax, and not one dollar more.

You may contact a local **Department of Labor Field Office** by calling the phone numbers listed below:

Augusta ---- (207) 287-1240 Bangor ----- (207) 561-4690 Calais ------ (207) 454-8107 Lewiston --- (207) 753-2895 Portland ---- (207) 822-0210 Presque Isle ---- (207) 768-6813

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER. IF YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER HAS CHANGED, PLEASE CALL, WRITE, OR E-MAIL THE CENTRAL REGISTRATION SECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
CENTRAL REGISTRATION SECTION
PO BOX 1057
AUGUSTA, ME 04332-1057

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT DOING BUSINESS IN MAINE:

We can provide assistance for most areas of starting and operating a business in Maine.

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Our **ONE-STOP BUSINESS LICENSING CENTER** can provide you with applications and registration forms for most state-required business licenses. Other forms, such as the IRS Form SS-4 for obtaining a federal Employer's Identification Number and self-employment tax information, are also available.

OTHER BUSINESS ANSWERS SERVICES INCLUDE:

Information about federal and state business assistance programs.

Assistance in resolving issues in the state regulatory process through our Small Business Advocate.

Information on hiring employees including federal and state applications, publications, and labor posters.

TO CONTACT BUSINESS ANSWERS:

BUSINESS ANSWERS

Department of Economic & Community Development
59 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0059
Augusta Area:
207-624-9818
800-872-3838
800-541-5872

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

After hours, leave a message & your call will be returned.

THE BUSINESS START-UP KIT WHICH INCLUDES "A GUIDE TO DOING BUSINESS IN MAINE"

This book and kit are available for a small fee. The order form can be found at the bottom of this page. "A Guide To Doing Business In Maine" answers many commonly asked questions and provides step-by-step information on doing business in Maine. The Kit includes this book along with many federal and state forms and publications needed when starting a business.

ORDER FORM

YES, I would like more information. Please send me the Business Start-Up Kit.

My check for \$4.00 made payable to: Treasurer, State of Maine, is enclosed.

Per state law, all checks returned for insufficient funds will be charged a \$20.00 transaction fee.

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59 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0059

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