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Pennsylvania Tax Amnesty Program Underway Until June 19 *Limited-time program waives all penalties, half the interest on back taxes*

Harrisburg, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue today announced the launch of a [Tax Amnesty program](#). Eligible individuals and businesses can apply now through June 19, 2017 to pay past-due state taxes and have all penalties and half of the interest waived.

“The overwhelming majority of individuals and businesses pay their state taxes on time, but for those living with the burden of unpaid taxes, this program is an opportunity to get relief,” said Deputy Secretary for Tax Policy C. Daniel Hassell. “The application process is easy, but time is critical as this limited-time opportunity only lasts 60 days.”

Act 84 of 2016 authorized a tax amnesty to net an estimated \$100 million for the current year fiscal budget. Pioneer Credit Recovery is assisting the Department of Revenue with the administration of the program under requirements established by state law and the department.

Most individuals and businesses are eligible if they have unfiled tax returns, or unpaid or underpaid taxes due by the end of 2015. More than 30 state taxes administered by the department are eligible with some restrictions.

Those who owe back tax are encouraged to visit www.backtax.pa.gov or call 1-844-PA-STATE-TAX (1-844-727-8283) to apply for tax amnesty and make the required payment by June 19.

The Department of Revenue is mailing letters to approximately 800,000 known delinquent taxpayers with information about how to participate. As an incentive to those who have been flying under the radar, individuals and businesses with tax liabilities unknown to the department only have to file and pay taxes dating back to Jan. 1, 2011.

All tax amnesty payments must be made in full by June 19. Payments will be accepted by check, money order, credit/debit card or electronic funds transfer.

Adding to the urgency of the program, eligible individuals and businesses that fail to take advantage of the Tax Amnesty program will receive a 5 percent penalty on their unpaid amnesty eligible delinquencies after the program.

Delinquent taxpayers from all Pennsylvania counties and every U.S. state owe \$3.47 billion in Pennsylvania taxes that may be eligible for the Tax Amnesty program. Of that total, \$1.1 billion is delinquent from 2005 and earlier, \$889 million is under appeal, and \$2.2 billion represents delinquent tax and with rest interest, and penalties, and fees.

Approximately 21 percent of delinquent taxpayers are from out of state, including 68,700 taxpayers in Delaware, New York, New Jersey, Maryland and West Virginia.

Businesses owe 65 percent of the back taxes in corporation taxes, employer withholding taxes and sales tax. Delinquent sales tax accounts for 26 percent of the total.

Individuals and businesses that participated in the 2010 Tax Amnesty are ineligible for this program.

With the successful launch of the program today, Revenue Secretary Eileen McNulty is retiring. Governor Tom Wolf has named Hassell as acting secretary of revenue effective at the close of business.

Taxpayers can get more information, including eligibility requirements, at backtax.pa.gov or by calling the toll-free hotline 844-PA-STATE-TAX (1-844-727-8283) from 8:00 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Fridays, and 8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

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Editor's Note: Following is a list of Pennsylvania tax delinquents by county and a table identifying tax delinquencies by tax type.

Total Taxpayers Eligible for the 2017 PA Tax Amnesty Program: 862,598					
County	Delinquents	County	Delinquents	County	Delinquents
Adams	3,903	Delaware	41,752	Montgomery	54,769
Allegheny	59,676	Elk	1,023	Montour	555
Armstrong	2,098	Erie	11,280	Northampton	16,057
Beaver	6,780	Fayette	5,603	Northumberland	3,119
Bedford	1,581	Forest	244	Perry	1,798
Berks	17,028	Franklin	4,750	Philadelphia	132,336
Blair	4,281	Fulton	598	Pike	4,618
Bradford	2,928	Greene	1,463	Potter	873
Bucks	41,581	Huntingdon	1,213	Schuylkill	5,235
Butler	6,988	Indiana	3,019	Snyder	1,063
Cambria	4,049	Jefferson	1,552	Somerset	2,491
Cameron	203	Juniata	661	Sullivan	334
Carbon	3,227	Lackawanna	12,071	Susquehanna	2,523
Centre	4,213	Lancaster	20,175	Tioga	1,909
Chester	29,695	Lawrence	4,098	Union	1,228
Clarion	1,158	Lebanon	4,424	Venango	1,786
Clearfield	2,600	Lehigh	18,048	Warren	1,605
Clinton	1,168	Luzerne	15,914	Washington	9,084
Columbia	2,418	Lycoming	4,627	Wayne	3,085
Crawford	3,382	McKean	1,820	Westmoreland	15,026
Cumberland	10,637	Mercer	4,285	Wyoming	1,644
Dauphin	15,134	Mifflin	1,421	York	18,813
		Monroe	13,547	Out of state	182,508

State Tax Type	Amount Owed	% of Total
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Corporation Taxes	\$1.129 billion	32%
Personal Income Tax	\$929 million	27%
Sales and Use Tax	\$888 million	26%
Employer Withholding	\$247 million	7%
Inheritance Tax	\$90 million	2%
Cigarette, Realty Transfer, Motor Fuels and other taxes	\$193 million	6%
Total Amount Eligible for PA Tax Amnesty	\$3.47 Billion	