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DELAWARE PERSONAL INCOME TAX SEASON BEGINS

As the 2004 Tax Season begins, the Delaware Division of Revenue would like to remind taxpayers the following:

- 79,000 Delaware Resident Personal Income Tax Returns were mailed beginning December 26th.
16,000 Non-Resident Returns were mailed on January 8th
320,000 postcard reminders were mailed on December 31st to individuals who filed electronic returns or who used tax-preparers last year.
- Delaware does not currently maintain **reciprocity** agreements with any other state. Therefore, **if you live in Delaware but work in another state, or if you work in Delaware and live in another state, you must file Delaware taxes.**
- Employees are required to receive all employee **W-2 (wage) forms** by January 31st. Anyone who does not receive a W-2 before this date for any job worked during calendar year 2003 should contact their employer.
- The Division of Revenue will mail 2004 **Estimated Tax** coupons the first week of February to everyone who filed estimated payments in 2003. Estimated Tax payments are required when the Delaware tax owed, less withholding tax and credits, exceeds \$400. Estimated Tax payments may be debited directly from a checking or savings account. If paying by check, Form 200-ES must also be remitted. Estimated Taxes can be filed online for convenience and accuracy.
- Trained staff at the Division of Revenue are currently available at each Division office or over the telephone to answer **questions** or to assist with

Delaware returns. The Division will additionally extend their hours to assist Delaware filers.

- The **deadline** for filing state taxes is April 30th. The deadline for filing federal taxes is April 15th. For Delaware tax questions call (302) 577-8200 or (800) 292-7826 (In DE Only).
- **Internet filing** for Delaware began Wednesday, January 14th. Taxpayers will be allowed to file personal tax returns for 2001, 2002 and 2003 on the Internet this year at www.delaware.gov. The IRS e-filing system started January 16th. Refunds from Internet-filed returns can be direct deposited to a checking or savings account.
- **To check the status of a Refund** taxpayers can access the Division of Revenue's website at www.delaware.gov or call our new Touch-tone Refund Status Service at 1-866-276-2353. Both options require a social security number and the exact amount of the refund to access information.
- **Extensions** allow taxpayers to defer their time to file; however, payments for any tax due must be made on or before April 30th. To extend filing in Delaware, remit Delaware Extension Form 1027 on or before April 30th. This form will allow taxpayers to extend their filing deadline to August 16, 2004. To extend the Delaware filing deadline beyond August 16, 2004, a copy of federal Extension Form 2688 must be filed with the Delaware Division of Revenue on or before August 16th. The Delaware extension will match an approved federal extension, which must be attached to your Delaware return. If filing online for an extension, payments must be made by direct debit.
- The Delaware Division of Revenue assesses significant **penalties** for failing to file a tax return. Should Delaware taxpayers owe taxes that they are currently unable to pay, it is in their best interest to file on time and we'll work out a payment plan. Those taxpayers unable to remit payment for their taxes by April 30th can call the Delaware Division of Revenue, and a trained representative will discuss a payment plan to fit individual financial situations.

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