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Bulletin

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New Computer System Expands

To all tax professionals and taxpayers who file Illinois bingo, charitable games, and pull tabs and jar games returns or entities filing for exemption from sales tax

This bulletin is written to inform you of recent changes; it does not replace statutes, rules and regulations, or court decisions.

This bulletin is the next in a series about the Department's conversion to a new, consolidated computer system. For more information, refer to Informational Bulletins FY-2008-10, FY-2010-13, FY 2010-06, FY-2011-10, and FY 2015-16.

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Illinois is continuing the process of consolidating more than 200 tax and fee programs into one integrated computer system. On June 29, 2015, the next phase will add bingo, charitable games, pull tabs and jar games, and exemption from sales tax to this system. This bulletin will help prepare bingo, charitable games, pull tabs and jar games, and exemption from sales tax filers for the new system.

Bingo, charitable games, and pull tabs and jar games -

What are the main changes?

- Your license number will not change and it will be your primary identification number.
- All correspondence, including notices and bills, will have a new look.
- Your business authorization will also have a new look. It will include your license number, tax type, authorization date and time to play. **Note:** This does not replace any requirements to obtain registration for other taxes and fees or from other organizations.
- How credit is used by the system will change. The new system may automatically apply credit to any outstanding debt within the same account.
- Bingo, charitable games, and pull tabs and jar games will be incorporated into **MyTax Illinois**, our online account management system for taxpayers. MyTax Illinois provides a centralized location for taxpayers to register a new business, file returns, make payments (including returns, assessments and registration fees), and manage their accounts.

What has changed with the applications and returns?

With MyTax Illinois, you now have the capability to file your license application online along with your returns. All bingo, charitable games, and pull tabs and jar games applications have been completely revised to simplify the process. The bingo, charitable games, and pull tabs and jar games returns have had minor revisions.

Copies of all applications and returns are available on our website at tax.illinois.gov.

Will there be any disruptions in obtaining licenses?

Yes. Bingo, charitable games, pull tabs and jar games applications will be delayed for processing if they are received between June 12, 2015, and July 1, 2015. This also includes any applications that are pending during this time frame. Be sure to submit your applications as early as possible and include all required documentation.

Will there be any disruptions in receiving my preprinted returns?

No. You should continue to receive your preprinted returns timely.

Can I make payments electronically?

Yes. Effective July 1, 2015, you can begin making any payments electronically to the Department through MyTax Illinois. This includes your license fee, and return or assessment payments.

Exemption from sales tax (“E” number) -

To qualify for a state and local exemption from sales tax, your organization must hold a valid exemption identification number (“E” number) issued by the Department. In order to obtain a valid “E” number, your organization must submit an application to the Department and must be:

- a governmental body; or
- organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, or educational purposes; or
- not-for-profit and organized for arts and cultural purposes or primarily for the recreation of persons 55 years of age or older.

What are the main changes?

- **Effective July 1, 2015**, organizations that wish to apply for an exemption identification number (“E” number), must complete Form STAX-1, Application for Sales Tax Exemption. This is a new form developed as part of our continuing process of updating and consolidating our programs.

- You can file Form STAX-1 electronically through **MyTax Illinois**, our online account management system. MyTax Illinois is a centralized location for taxpayers to apply for an exemption from sales tax. When filing your application through MyTax Illinois, you will need to attach any required documentation. Follow the help links within the application for instructions. A copy of the application is also available on our website at tax.illinois.gov.
- All correspondence, including your business authorization, will have a new look.
- You can verify whether an “E” number is active and valid through MyTax Illinois.

General information -

Where can I look for more information about MyTax Illinois?

Go to tax.illinois.gov to:

- access the MyTax Illinois Authentication Guide, Security Information, and Help Links on the MyTax Illinois home screen; and
- view Informational Bulletins FY 2013-02, FY 2013-10, FY 2013-14, and FY 2014-02 for MyTax Illinois information for individual income, business income, withholding income, excise, and sales tax.

What if I have more questions?

We intend to make this transition as seamless as possible. However, if you receive something from us that you believe to be in error or you do not understand

- for bingo, charitable games, and pull tab and jar games
 - returns, call **217 782-5906**
 - licenses, call **217 785-5864** or email us at rev.bptcg@illinois.gov
- for exemption from sales tax, call **217 782-8881** or email us at rev.e99@illinois.gov