

Washington State Tax Amnesty Program Begins February 1, 2011

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Washington has announced a new amnesty program that is set to begin on February 1, 2011 and go through April 30, 2011. The amnesty program will cover a range of taxes including:

- State business and occupation (B&O) tax
- State public utility tax
- State and local sales and use tax including:
 - General retail sales and use taxes
 - Rental car taxes
 - King County food and beverage tax
 - Additional sales and use tax on motor vehicle sales/leases
 - Lodging taxes, but not including tourism promotion area lodging charges
 - Brokered natural gas use tax

Who Is Eligible

Registered and unregistered businesses are eligible for this program, including taxpayers who have never filed returns with the Washington Department of Revenue.

Exclusions

If you have filed and paid all tax returns as of November 25, 2010, you are not eligible for amnesty on payments due after that date. Additionally, taxpayers who have ever been assessed a penalty by the Department for evasion or misuse of a reseller permit or resale certificate; are in bankruptcy and payment of tax debt would violate federal bankruptcy laws; or have ever been prosecuted for failing to pay or collect the proper amount of any tax administered by the Department under RCW 82.32, are not eligible for the amnesty program.

Where to Start

Your amnesty application must be filed with the state by April 18, 2011. Allyn's team of tax professionals is well qualified to help your company handle the paperwork and negotiations that occur while dealing with sales and use tax compliance troubles. Once you are up-to-date with the state, we can ensure your continued timely filing by creating a tax filing solution catered to your company's needs.

For More Information

Need help signing up for the amnesty program? If you are interested in learning more about this topic or our Tax Services, please contact: tax@allynintl.com.

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