

79-2983. Amnesty from assessment or payment of penalties and interest with respect to specified taxes; requirements and procedures.

(a) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, with respect to the following taxes administered by the department of revenue, an amnesty from the assessment or payment of all penalties and interest with respect to unpaid taxes or taxes due and owing shall apply upon compliance with the provisions of this section and if such tax liability is paid in full within the amnesty period, from September 1, 2015, to October 15, 2015: (A) Privilege tax under K.S.A. 79-1106 et seq., and amendments thereto; (B) taxes under the Kansas estate tax act, K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 79-15,100 et seq., prior to their repeal; (C) taxes under the Kansas income tax act, K.S.A. 79-3201 et seq., and amendments thereto; (D) taxes under the Kansas withholding and declaration of estimated tax act, K.S.A. 79-3294 et seq., and amendments thereto; (E) taxes under the Kansas cigarette and tobacco products act, K.S.A. 79-3301 et seq., and amendments thereto; (F) taxes under the Kansas retailers' sales tax act, K.S.A. 79-3601 et seq., and amendments thereto, and the Kansas compensating tax act, K.S.A. 79-3701 et seq., and amendments thereto; (G) local sales and use taxes under K.S.A. 12-187 et seq., and amendments thereto; (H) liquor enforcement tax under K.S.A. 79-4101 et seq., and amendments thereto; (I) liquor drink tax under K.S.A. 79-74a01 et seq., and amendments thereto; and (J) mineral severance tax under K.S.A. 79-4216 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(2) Amnesty under this section shall apply only to tax liabilities due and unpaid for tax periods ending on or before December 31, 2013. For the eligible taxes and tax periods, amnesty shall apply to the under-reporting of such tax liabilities, the nonpayment of such taxes and the nonreporting of such tax liabilities.

(3) Amnesty shall not apply to any matter or matters for which, on or after September 1, 2015, any one of the following circumstances exist: (A) The taxpayer has received notice of the commencement of an audit; (B) an audit is in progress; (C) the taxpayer has received notice of an assessment pursuant to K.S.A. 79-2971 or 79-3643, and amendments thereto; (D) as a result of an audit, the taxpayer has received notice of a proposed or estimated assessment or notice of an assessment; (E) the time to administratively appeal an issued assessment has not yet expired; or (F) an assessment resulting from an audit, or any portion of such assessment, is pending in the administrative appeals process before the secretary or the secretary's designee pursuant to K.S.A. 79-3226 or 79-3610, and amendments thereto, or the state board of tax appeals, or is pending in the judicial review process before any state or federal district or appellate court. Amnesty shall not apply to any matter that is the subject of an assessment, or any portion of an assessment, which has been affirmed by a reviewing state or federal district or appellate court. Amnesty shall not apply to any party to any criminal investigation or to any civil or criminal litigation that is pending in any court of the United States or this state for nonpayment, delinquency or fraud in relation to any tax imposed by the state of Kansas. Amnesty shall not apply to any matter involving individual or corporate income tax liability resulting from an audit or adjustment by the federal internal revenue service and reported to the Kansas department of revenue pursuant to K.S.A. 79-3230(f), and amendments thereto.

(b) Upon written application by the taxpayer, on forms prescribed by the secretary of revenue, and upon compliance with the provisions of this section, the department of revenue may waive the imposition and collection of any penalty or interest which may be applicable with respect to taxes eligible for amnesty. The department of revenue may require all applications for amnesty pursuant to this section be submitted electronically.

(c) Amnesty for penalties and interest shall be granted only to those eligible taxpayers who, within the amnesty period of September 1, 2015, to October 15, 2015, and in accordance with rules and regulations established by the secretary of revenue, have properly filed a tax return for each taxable period for which amnesty is requested, paid the entire balance of tax due and obtained approval of such amnesty by the department of revenue.

(d) If a taxpayer elects to participate in the amnesty program established pursuant to this section as evidenced by full payment of the tax due as established by the secretary of revenue, that election shall constitute an express and absolute relinquishment of all administrative and judicial rights of appeal with respect to such tax liability. No tax payment received pursuant to this section shall be eligible for refund or credit. No payment of penalties or interest made prior to September 1, 2015, shall be eligible for amnesty.

(e) For such tax returns for which amnesty has been requested, nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prohibit the department from adjusting such tax return as a result of a federal, department or other state agency audit.

(f) Fraud or intentional misrepresentation of a material fact in connection with an application for amnesty shall void such application and any waiver of penalties and interest from amnesty.

(g) The department may promulgate such rules and regulations or issue administrative guidelines as are necessary to administer the provisions of this section.

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