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| **Know anyone who rents out a property short-term for themselves or someone else?**  New legislation requires all short-term rental operators and intermediaries to register through MassTaxConnect.  All operators must register, regardless of how long a property is rented and even if all rentals are handled by an intermediary. There’s no need to re-register if already using MassTaxConnect. Only need to log in and add Room Occupancy Consolidated as a tax account type.   Registration is open – no time like the present to register. There’s a lot to know about the new legislation. On the [room occupancy information page](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__mass.us11.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D0e9e2209abd5f7062568d9a19-26id-3D8b6f60d65c-26e-3D7e58768395&d=DwMFaQ&c=Xhn9KFvv0VrhnMFbYtQjTGdTU13Xl3cIMh34YNGAA48&r=qsJfHyzAinbdVNM8vfXlCzg66oB4pGCCUQ-wC1smnWY&m=0NKU8KAFJtfKtizaQ5TRhmOrZapF1Y2zAr35K4Ief6E&s=Sfd7L0n_LOA4ekP5C8klM6iS7g1ETtc-HEiTXyFAx9w&e=) we’ve put together a comprehensive set of FAQs and video tutorials covering registration, filing, remitting and more. You will also find legal guidance. **Take the summer to look at security within your tax practice**We are joining with the IRS and other states to strongly urge tax practitioners to take some time over the summer to look at ways to enhance taxpayer data safeguards. It’s so important to defend your practice against the threat of cybercriminals who continuously adjust their tactics. Tax professionals have responded but more can always be done. Take a look at the [security checklist in a DOR blog](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__mass.us11.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D0e9e2209abd5f7062568d9a19-26id-3D4a3fd1f405-26e-3D7e58768395&d=DwMFaQ&c=Xhn9KFvv0VrhnMFbYtQjTGdTU13Xl3cIMh34YNGAA48&r=qsJfHyzAinbdVNM8vfXlCzg66oB4pGCCUQ-wC1smnWY&m=0NKU8KAFJtfKtizaQ5TRhmOrZapF1Y2zAr35K4Ief6E&s=xLVl5WJZl13owdC8zJLI5AdkVO8ZI7dHRZxlMPZl4ZA&e=). It’s a great way to do a quick review of your lines of defense. **New MassTaxConnect update**MassTaxConnect has an enhancement worth noting from the last update on July 1. Frequently Asked Questions, which can be found at the top of all MassTaxConnect pages, now provides a search function and new navigation filters to make it easier to find what you’re looking for. The FAQs cover a broad range of subjects from how to register, file returns and make payments to information on third-party access. **Sales tax holiday now permanent – for 2019 it’s August 17 & 18**As you may know, the sales tax holiday will now be scheduled annually as a result of the “Grand Bargain” legislation. This year it will be held on August 17 and 18. The sales tax exemption applies for those two days to any retail purchase in Massachusetts of $2,500 or less with some exceptions. Meals tax is now included for the first time as a result of the legislation. You can find [more information on the sales tax holiday](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__mass.us11.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D0e9e2209abd5f7062568d9a19-26id-3D13c8208447-26e-3D7e58768395&d=DwMFaQ&c=Xhn9KFvv0VrhnMFbYtQjTGdTU13Xl3cIMh34YNGAA48&r=qsJfHyzAinbdVNM8vfXlCzg66oB4pGCCUQ-wC1smnWY&m=0NKU8KAFJtfKtizaQ5TRhmOrZapF1Y2zAr35K4Ief6E&s=-m9mkK28eAPi8tbPvnxk-zLbfydPbw2VzfiRfyTiBjg&e=), including what’s excluded and what you do if you are charged sales tax in error. You can find previous [DOR News](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__mass.us11.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D0e9e2209abd5f7062568d9a19-26id-3D83a4f9c3a3-26e-3D7e58768395&d=DwMFaQ&c=Xhn9KFvv0VrhnMFbYtQjTGdTU13Xl3cIMh34YNGAA48&r=qsJfHyzAinbdVNM8vfXlCzg66oB4pGCCUQ-wC1smnWY&m=0NKU8KAFJtfKtizaQ5TRhmOrZapF1Y2zAr35K4Ief6E&s=HYQ96-ubKbu88hjFx15ylkLiBGgYQQ9f5cihurchdtc&e=) on the DOR website. |

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