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| **MassTaxConnect upgrade coming soon – sneak preview!**On January 19, 2021, you’ll wake up to a new look and new functions for MassTaxConnect. This upgraded version will have a modern design that’s based on user navigation, simple customization options and easier access to accounts. Action items will be easier to find and follow in this new version. Keep an eye out for a new chat feature later this year. Interested in a [sneak preview](https://mass.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9e2209abd5f7062568d9a19&id=590dced4f0&e=9521af11b2)? Check out the [webpage](https://mass.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9e2209abd5f7062568d9a19&id=d08d1b5f7a&e=9521af11b2) for more information, including FAQs. **Payment on Account letters are going out**In the next few weeks Notices of Payments on Account will be sent to taxpayers who have estimated tax payments or credits, extension payments or return payments on their 2018 personal income tax account but have not filed an income tax return.  DOR advises taxpayers to file a return if they meet the filing requirement or are entitled to a refund. Taxpayers are not required to respond. But, by not filing they will probably receive a Notice of Failure to File or lose their refund.**Don’t miss out on important property tax exemptions**Plan ahead for this one, there’s time. The application deadline for filing the Annual Certification of Entity Tax Status is April 1 to qualify for specific property tax exemptions. Each year a list is compiled from the applications of corporations, and businesses treated as corporations, for review by Boards of Assessors throughout the state to determine specific property tax exemptions. The application is open now, so get a jump on this one. You’ll find more details on the [information page](https://mass.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9e2209abd5f7062568d9a19&id=6c9e989288&e=9521af11b2).**I'm late, I'm late, for a very important date!** No, you’re not, there’s still time. There are some exemptions you don’t want to miss out on like the [small business energy exemption](https://mass.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9e2209abd5f7062568d9a19&id=ec3354601b&e=9521af11b2). Certificates for this exemption issued in 2019 must be renewed by December 31, 2020. Renew or claim the 2021 [14-day exemption](https://mass.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9e2209abd5f7062568d9a19&id=5526234c55&e=9521af11b2) for short-term rental properties by January 15, 2021. And, don’t forget to file [HIRD](https://mass.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9e2209abd5f7062568d9a19&id=7212e4e9a5&e=9521af11b2) by December 15.**IRS to shut down e-File for personal income tax returns**Every year the [IRS shuts down](https://mass.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9e2209abd5f7062568d9a19&id=ba0f324f86&e=9521af11b2) the MeF e-File system for maintenance. This year, shutdown for personal income tax returns will kick off on Saturday, November 21, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern time to prepare the system for the upcoming Tax Year 2020 Filing Season. Massachusetts, like most states, receives electronically filed forms through the MeF system. During the shutdown, no personal income tax forms, either state or federal, can be filed electronically.  Forms can be filed on paper during this interim period or electronically when the IRS reopens. Although the IRS does not have a firm date for reopening MeF for personal income, it’s generally to mid to late January.**Happy Thanksgiving! We know this year has been tough, but we are so thankful for all of you and your families.** |

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