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DOR Offices Closed for Holidays

Pursuant to KRS 18A.190, all DOR offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23 and 24, in observance of Thanksgiving; Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25 and 26, in observance of Christmas; and Friday and Monday, Dec. 29 and



Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Day. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007.

Tax Interest Rate for 2007 is 8 Percent

The tax interest rate for January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 will be 8 percent. KRS 131.183(1) provides, in part, that "the commissioner of revenue shall adjust the tax interest rate not later than November 15th of any year, ... if the adjusted prime rate charged by the banks during October of that year, rounded to the nearest full percent, is at least one (1) percentage point more or less than the tax interest rate which is then in effect." Under KRS 131.010(5), the definition of the adjusted prime rate charged by banks means "the average predominant prime rate quoted by commercial banks to large businesses, as determined by the board of governors of the federal reserve system." In compliance with these provisions, an annual survey is conducted of selected banks in Kentucky that charge a prime rate to their preferred customers.

The Wall Street Journal defines prime rate as "the base rate on corporate loans posted by at least 75 percent of the nation's 30 largest banks."

Kentucky's Standard Deduction; Pension Exclusion for 2007 Tax Year

Kentucky's standard deduction for individual income tax increases to \$2,050 for the 2007 tax year as authorized by KRS 141.081(2). This change represents an increase



from \$1,970 for the 2006 tax year. Taxpayers who do not itemize deductions on their individual income tax return are entitled to claim this standard deduction.

Kentucky's individual income tax pension exclusion will remain unchanged at \$41,110 for the 2007 tax year. The 2005 General Assembly repealed KRS 141.0105 that provided for the pension exclusion to be adjusted annually for inflation.

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Guidelines for Registration Applications

The Department of Revenue's (DOR) Registration Branch processes over 2,000 registration applications each month. Errors and omissions to these applications cause delays in the ability to timely assign account numbers. The following is a listing of guidelines, which, if followed, will assist in the timely assignment of tax account numbers:

- 1. Please use the current registration application and make sure that the information supplied is printed and is legible. Current applications and associated instructions may be downloaded from the DOR's Web site link, revenue.ky.gov/business/register or may be obtained at a DOR taxpayer service center. Printing or typing the information onto the application and using dark ink assists in properly entering the information and in contacting the taxpayer when necessary.
- 2. Make sure that contact information is complete, including the telephone number. Incomplete information makes it difficult to contact the appropriate party when additional information is required.
- Ownership type is an area of concern, which 3. causes the application to be delayed. Under the section titled Ownership Type (Section B, Number 14) you must designate what type of business you are registering (sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, LLC, etc.). Limited liability companies must indicate how they have elected to be taxed with the Internal Revenue Service. Also, a sole proprietorship cannot have more than one responsible party. Many times a business lists itself as a sole proprietorship and then lists a husband and a wife as the responsible parties. In this instance, another election must be made, such as partnership, corporation (if incorporated), or LLC (if qualified).
- 4. Ownership disclosure is very important and is one of the fields most frequently completed

incorrectly. Please list the proper officers, along with their title, residence address and Social Security number. Many times these fields are left blank or incorrect titles and addresses are used. Appropriate titles would include the following:

- Sole Proprietorship-Sole Proprietor
- Partnership-General Partner, Limited Partner, etc.
- Corporation–President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.
- LLCs-Manager, Member, etc.

Titles such as owner, CEO, CIO, shareholder and financial director are not considered appropriate titles.

- 5. A physical business location is necessary for any business requesting a sales and use tax number. Physical locations cannot be P.O. box numbers. If a business is located within a residence, then the physical location address is the residence. If a business is located in a rural area, then the road or route number is the physical location address.
- 6. When completing Section C—*Tell Us About Your Business or Organization*, make sure that **all** appropriate areas are complete. The most frequently omitted areas, which necessitate a follow-up telephone call, include the date wages were first paid, the date that sales began and the number of employees.
- 7. Finally, call anytime you have questions in completing the application. The Registration Branch has an automated system for handling incoming calls. The telephone number is (502) 564-3306.

It is the DOR's aim to serve the people of the commonwealth in the most efficient and friendly way. This may be accomplished if we all work together.

Louis A. Grief Tax Institute Scheduled for December

The Louis A. Grief Tax Planning Institute will be held on Dec. 18-20, 2006 at the University of Louisville in the College of Business. Online registration and brochure will be available on Nov. 1. Call (502) 852-5847 for more information or visit



Estimated Tax Payment Deadlines

Individual income taxpayers are reminded that final 2006 quarterly estimated tax payments are due on

Jan. 16, 2007. Final 2006 estimated corporation income tax payments of 25 percent are due on Dec. 15, 2006.



Taxpayers who have not yet made their April 17, June 15 or Sept. 15, 2006 estimated payments should submit those payments on or before Jan. 15, 2007 to minimize underestimation penalties.



Employers Encouraged to Release Forms W-2/K-2 Early

In an effort to speed the issuance of individual income tax refunds, employers are encouraged to release Employee's Wage and Tax Statements, Forms W-2/K-2, at the earliest possible date. This allows taxpayers to file their income tax returns earlier, thereby avoiding backlogs and delay of refunds. Fewer returns are filed at the beginning of the tax season than near the April 16 deadline. By increasing the number of tax returns filed early, refunds may be processed more efficiently.

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