

### **Oregon questions and answers from the May 29 DOR Tax Professional Liaison Meeting**

**Q1. More of my clients this year have been chosen for manual review. Some filed before COVID shutdown and still don't have refunds. When will staff be available to review returns?**

**A1.** During the COVID shutdown, Oregon Department of Revenue has been processing returns as usual. The department has the usual backlog in fraud and suspended returns. There was a paper backlog in the Processing Center at the beginning as paper return processing began a few weeks later, but that has been resolved.

**Q2. There was a lot of confusion about when estimated taxes were due. I heard that Oregon did not follow the IRS, so first quarter would have been due 4/15. If this is true, will there be an abatement of penalties for late payment, especially since 2019 returns aren't due until 7/15.**

**A2.** Correct, the Oregon Department of Revenue did not extend the due date for estimated tax payments for tax year 2020. There will be no automatic abatement of interest on underpayment of estimated tax (UND), but taxpayers may qualify for the safe harbor provisions or request a waiver using our normal process.

**Q3. If a taxpayer's federal income tax liability for 2020 is greater than the Oregon subtraction, will the federal subtraction be prorated?**

**A3.** No, the federal subtraction will not be prorated due to the federal stimulus check. If the federal tax liability is more than the subtraction, it'll be subject to the phaseout. There will be no adjustment to the federal tax subtraction phaseout, other than the usual indexing.

**Q4. Will Oregon be accepting amended reports this summer via electronic means?**

**A4.** The department is in the process of updating the processing systems to accept e-filed amended returns, where the taxpayer is filing an amended federal return electronically. However, a taxpayer's ability to file electronically will depend on whether the software they're using will support e-filed amended returns.