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# The Compass Modernization Project: Maryland Tax Connect Overview

The Office of the Comptroller is upgrading — we are improving how we process the state’s taxes and how Marylanders can interact with our agency.

Our agency’s **Compass** modernization project is charting a new course toward an innovative, accessible and efficient tax system. We are moving tax processing off the mainframe and into the cloud, making the process of interacting with the Comptroller more user-friendly while also saving taxpayers time and money.

This modernization effort includes both internal and external upgrades: we are implementing Revenue Premier Enterprise as the backbone of our agency’s new internal tax processing system, and we are launching the **Maryland Tax Connect** online public portal.

**Maryland Tax Connect** will be a self-service portal that allows Marylanders to file their taxes online with increased ease and security, enabling taxpayers to interact with the Comptroller’s Office more efficiently. The portal is designed to allow taxpayers to complete important functions themselves, accessible from either a mobile device or on desktop, including:

- Making online payments
- Updating personal information
- Retrieving tax information
- Filing returns
- Viewing filing and tax history
- Registering a business
- Applying for or renewing business licenses
- Applying for sales and use tax exemption certificates

Although all Maryland taxpayers will be able to access Maryland Tax Connect to easily file and pay their Maryland taxes eventually, the process will roll out in phases beginning in February 2024 with business tax types. By 2026, all Maryland taxpayers will be able to pay their state taxes and interact with the Office of the Comptroller through the Maryland Tax Connect portal.

For more information, please visit [marylandtaxes.gov/MDTaxConnect](https://marylandtaxes.gov/MDTaxConnect). For periodic updates on progress related to COMPASS and the Maryland Tax Connect Portal, sign up for our newsletter at [www.marylandtaxes.gov](https://www.marylandtaxes.gov).

**Scan here to access Maryland Tax Connect:**





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## Fast Facts about Compass and Maryland Tax Connect

- Compass is the Comptroller of Maryland’s strategic initiative to modernize tax processes that are reliant on systems from the last century, which are past the end of their useful life and are difficult and expensive to maintain or sync with current technologies.
- Maryland Tax Connect is the Comptroller’s new public-facing online portal that will allow Marylanders and businesses to create their own account with the agency. Through this account, taxpayers can file taxes, handle automated returns processing, license renewal, and billing. This cutting-edge portal will increase ease of use for tax payers and reduce internal processing times.
- The new tax portal is built on DOD Level 5 Cloud infrastructure with highest security certification to meet or exceed all IRS Publication 1075 security controls.

### Features of the Maryland Tax Connect

- Securely file returns, reports, schedules
- Make electronic payments
- View filing and payment history, account balances
- Renew licenses and certificates

- Manage a business (or personal) account
- Change address
- Download electronic copies of official correspondence
- Submit tax inquiries
- Delegate tax functions management to employees

### Tax Services available through Maryland Tax Connect by February 2024

- Sales & Use Tax
- Tobacco Tax
- Motor Fuel
- Withholding
- Admissions & Amusement Tax

- Tire Fee
- Bay Restoration Fee
- Cannabis Taxes
- Alcohol Taxes\*
- Corporate Taxes\*

\*Taxpayers will be able to register in the MTC portal and make payments, but not file forms

### Tax Services Available through Maryland Tax Connect by 2026

- Personal Income Taxes (PIT)
- Pass-Through Entity (PTE)
- Fiduciary Tax

- Estate Taxes
- Unclaimed Property
- International Fuel Taxes Agreement (IFTA)

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