

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
OFFICE OF TAX AND REVENUE



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who is affected by this post amnesty enforcement program?

Individuals who did not take advantage of the 2010 tax amnesty program and are subject to DC withholding should expect their employers to increase the amount of withholding deducted from their paychecks. In July 2010, OTR mailed amnesty eligibility notices to taxpayers shown on its records for liabilities prior to December 31, 2009. The consequences of not participating in the program were clearly outlined.

2. What does it mean?

The City Council passed legislation which authorizes the Office of Tax and Revenue to instruct employers to increase the withholding of tax delinquents who are subject to DC withholding. As a result, withholding exemptions would be changed to zero, which increases the amount of taxes paid to the District of Columbia.

3. When will the additional withholding be deducted from my paycheck?

Employers have been advised to increase the withholding amount **immediately**.

4. My tax liability is paid in full. How can I be reimbursed?

The legislation provides that once the liabilities are paid, taxpayers may request OTR to notify employers to permit exemption allowances to increase up to the point that future underpayments will not result.

5. How can I find out how much I owe in back taxes?

If you have a question regarding the amount you owe, please contact the Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) Collection Division at (202) 724-5045 or the Customer Service Telephone Center at (202) 727-4TAX (4829).

6. Who should I call for additional information?

Taxpayers requesting assistance may visit OTR's walk-in center at 1101 4th Street, SW, Suite W270, from 8:15 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday, or call the Collection Division at (202) 724-5045 or the Customer Service Telephone Center at (202) 727-4TAX (4829).