Agency Collection Programs

Maximize your collection efforts









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AGENCY COLLECTION PROGRAMS:

State Debt Collection (SDC)

&

Tax Refund Intercept Program (TRIP)









SDC

State Debt Collection Program

Sec. 71.93(8), Wis. Stats.

- State agencies are required
- Local governments and courts may participate



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SDC

State Debt Collection Program

The difference between SDC and TRIP is that DOR becomes collector of the SDC debt.

Agency must stop all collections



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SDC

State Debt Collection Program

DOR uses same authorities as individual income tax collections:

- Payment plan
- Wage attachment
- Financial institution levy
- Refund offset









Debts to refer

- Debt balance > \$50
- Debt amount must be final
- Aged at least 90 days
- Debtor has not paid, or entered into payment plan









Debts are certified with:

- Social Security Number (SSN)
- Driver's License Number (DLN)
- Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)

Note: If you do not have one of the three types above, you may need to hire a collection agency to locate the identifier for you. We can provide information on such services contracted with the WI Department of Administration.







How do I submit the debts to DOR?

Debts are submitted electronically:

- ➤ My Tax Account (MTA): single entries
- ➤ File Transfer secure file transfer protocol server (sFTP): multiple debts in a bulk file. This is how 3rd party software transfers debts to DOR via interface.







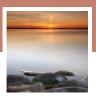


Referral Notice

- 30 days prior to referral
- Provide opportunity for debtor to resolve the debt.
- Similar to TRIP notice
- Example available online









Collection Fee

- Debtor is assessed the fee
- Fee = 15% (\$35 minimum) of amount referred
- Fee is satisfied first by statute









Interest

- If your debt has interest, then DOR will assess monthly at the rate you specify
- After fees are satisfied, payments are applied to interest, then debt amount.









Debt balances and updates to debt

- Adjust debt balance either up or down, only if the amount originally sent was in error, not to process payments
- Collection fee, and interest automatically adjust based on new balance









Debt Recall

- Use if the debt was sent in error
- DOR will write off remaining balance and return debt to the agency.
- Feel free to contact DOR with any questions before recalling a debt.









Payments received by agency

- If you receive a payment by check send the check to DOR
- If you receive an electronic payment contact us. We will work out the easiest method to resolve.

NOTE: If you receive the payment after referral – DOR's collection fee is due.









Reports

- Agency Summary
 - Complete listing of active debtors
 - ➤ Bankruptcy info
 - ➤ Current balance
 - Collections to date
 - ➤ Collection stage









Reports

- Return File
 - ➤ Listing of debts we are returning to your agency.
 - ➤ Return reasons include: Satisfied, uncollectible, deceased, minbalance, recalled, mismatchid and businessclosed.







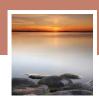


Reports

- Transaction File (Payments)
 - ➤ Monthly distribution
 - >Amounts collected by debtor report
 - ➤ Payments are sent by ACH three business days after payment report









Collection success

- ➤ 651 agencies submitting debts (state, court and local government)
 - *182 Municipal Courts
 - 279 Local Agencies
- ➤ Debt Roll: \$502.3 million
- Collections FY (July 1st June 30th) as of 1/31/21

(FY21): \$18.3 million

(FY20): \$65.3 million

(FY19): \$62.5 million

(FY18): \$43.0 million

(FY17): \$28.0 million

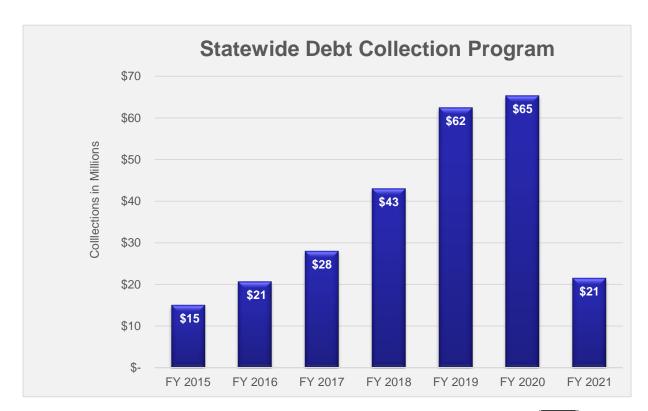








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TRIP Program

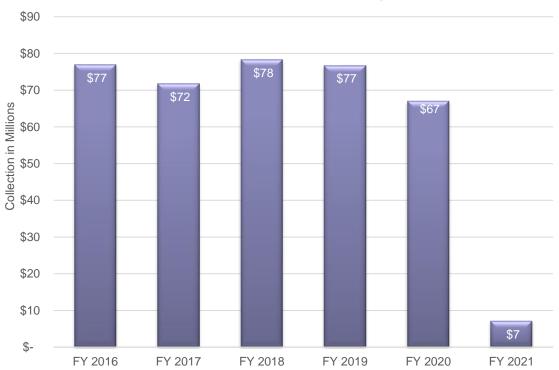






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Tax Refund Intercept Program



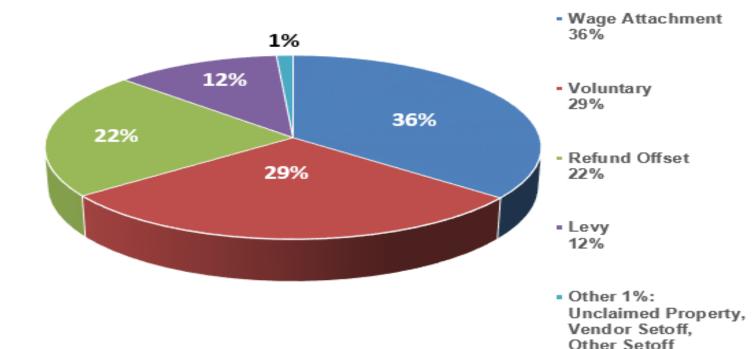








SDC Payments











- > Transitioning from TRIP
 - Debts cannot be in both programs. TRIP debts must be changed to \$0.
- Communicating with DOR
 - 821 SDC Agencies with 635,441 debts submitted
 - Agency ID + Debtor Name + Unique debtor ID (AIN)
 - Emailing <u>DORAgencyCollections@wisconsin.gov</u>
 - Secure messages through My Tax Account



SDC Coordinator







To enroll in SDC program, submit forms:

- Agency agreement
- Contact Form
- Banking information form

For more information about SDC program, please review:

- SDC User Guide
- My Tax Account SDC User Guide
- http://www.revenue.wi.gov/sdc

For additional assistance, please contact DORAgencyCollections@wisconsin.gov or 608-264-0344

TRIP Program







TAX REFUND INTERCEPTION PROGRAM (TRIP)

For information about TRIP program, please review:

- My Tax Account TRIP Registration and User Guide
- Operation Manuals and Policy Guides
- http://www.revenue.wi.gov/ise/trip/index.html

Contact Information:

- Use My Tax Account –TRIP Inquiry to send questions with confidential information
- Use <u>DORAgencyCollections@wisconsin.gov</u> for non-confidential questions
- Call 608-264-0344



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QUESTIONS?

