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TAXPAYER EDUCATIONAL CONSULTATION PROGRAM FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE SECOND EQUALIZATION DISTRICT

The State Board of Equalization announced today that free consultations are available for new small business owners in the Second Equalization District. The Taxpayer Educational Consultation Program is designed to provide individualized tax education and assistance to new taxpayers during their first year of business in order to help them meet their sales and use tax reporting requirements now and in the future. To be eligible to participate in the program, taxpayers need to have: (1) business codes that historically had reporting problems, or be included in industries with recent law or regulatory changes; (2) started a new business within the last twelve months; and, (3) filed at least two Sales and Use Tax returns.

Experienced Board auditors perform the consultations. During the consultation, the auditor discusses business operations and record keeping with the taxpayer and reviews a few sample transactions in the records, explains the applications of tax that apply to the taxpayer's operations and potential problem areas that may affect the proper reporting of the tax.

If you are in the Second Equalization District and are interested in receiving a free Educational Consultation, please call the Board of Equalization at (916) 445-5167 to schedule an appointment.

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