



GOVERNMENT OF
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**BIR IMPLEMENTS GROSS RECEIPTS TAX AMNESTY
AND INCOME TAX PENALTY WAIVER PROGRAMS**

JOEL A. LEE, CPA, DIRECTOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE, INFORMS THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY THAT THE AMNESTY PROGRAM, ENACTED BY THE 33RD LEGISLATURE WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020 AND RUN FOR ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (180) DAYS. THE AMNESTY PROGRAMS WILL END ON TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020.

ALL OUTSTANDING GROSS RECEIPTS TAX OBLIGATIONS ARE PART OF THE AMNESTY PROGRAM. TAXPAYERS ARE URGED TO PAY ALL GROSS RECEIPTS TAXES OWED, AND THE INTEREST AND PENALTIES WILL BE ABATED UNDER THIS PROGRAM. IN ADDITION, TAXPAYERS WHO PAY ALL OUTSTANDING INCOME TAXES AND INTEREST, WILL RECEIVE A PENALTY WAIVER.

PAYMENTS UNDER THE AMNESTY PROGRAM SHOULD BE MADE BY CASH, CREDIT CARD (VISA OR MASTERCARD), CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS. DIRECTOR LEE REMINDS THOSE TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE MADE PAYMENTS WITH DISHONORED CHECKS IN THE PAST, THAT THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY WITH BANK CHECKS IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PROGRAMS.

FURTHER, DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILE ANY AND ALL OUTSTANDING RETURNS IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE AMNESTY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS AND RETURNS BRANCH ON ST. CROIX AT 773-1040, EXTENSION 4254, OR ON ST. THOMAS, AT 715-1040, EXTENSIONS 2232.

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