

**WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
DIVISION OF INCOME, SALES, AND EXCISE TAX**

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

Pursuant to sec. 227.112, Wis. Stats., the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, Division of Income, Sales, and Excise Taxes hereby seeks comment on the proposed guidance document listed in the table below.

SUBMITTING PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on proposed or adopted guidance documents may be submitted online at: <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/contactUs/proposed-Guidance.aspx>.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

The period for public comment for proposed guidance documents ends 21 days after publication in the Administrative Register, unless the Governor approves a shorter commenting period.

Document Number	Document Title
100085	Unclaimed Property Data Matching Process - Common Questions

State of Wisconsin
Department of Revenue

Unclaimed Property Data Matching Process

This is a proposed guidance document. The document has been submitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Administrative Register for public comment as provided by sec. 227.112(1), Wis. Stats.

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1. I received a check that says "Notice of Claim Refund" for Unclaimed Property. Why did I get this?

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) can compare unclaimed property information to tax records. If we find an unclaimed property owner by using this matching program, and the value of their unclaimed property is \$2,000 or less, we automatically issue a refund check to the unclaimed property owner.

2. May I cash the check?

Yes! To verify the check is authentic, go to our [Check Your Claim Status](#) page. Enter the Claim Number from your Notice of Claim Refund letter that accompanied the check.

3. I received a letter about "Notice of Unclaimed Property." Why did I get this?

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) can compare unclaimed property information to tax records. If we find an unclaimed property owner by using this matching program, and the value of their unclaimed property is more than \$2,000 or is tangible property (safe deposit box contents, US Savings Bonds or shares of securities), we issue a Notice of Unclaimed Property letter so that the owner knows the department is safely holding this property. You can submit a claim to receive your funds. Follow the instructions on page 1 of your notice, or you can also visit [My Tax Account](#) to respond to Notice of Unclaimed Property.

4. What is Unclaimed Property? How is property turned over to the State of Wisconsin?

See our [Unclaimed Property Common Questions](#) page for general information about unclaimed property.

5. **I found property that belongs to me when I searched your website. Why do I still have to file a claim for this property?**

We want to make certain we return property to the rightful owner. Property can only be returned through the matching process if we are able to match unclaimed property owner information against the agency's tax records. You can submit a claim. See our [Unclaimed Property Common Questions](#) page for information about how to file a claim.

Applicable Laws and Rules

This document provides statements or interpretations of the following laws and regulations in effect as of December 5, 2019: Sections 177.02, 177.19 and 177.24, Wis. Stats.

Laws enacted and in effect after December 5, 2019, new administrative rules, and court decisions may change the interpretations in this document. Guidance issued prior to December 5, 2019, that is contrary to the information in this document is superseded by this document, pursuant to sec. 73.16(2)(a), Wis. Stats.

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