

Re: home office deduction

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Rae, Our state sales tax is particularly obscene. At present it's 9.5% and for 3 months last year it was up to 9.75% but then the state reduced by 1/4%. That's a real serious consideration if you're buying say a computer or a car. For many years I always bought all my office supplies from Quill, and equipment too like fax machine, printers etc. I bought all my computer equipment from a place in New Hampshire that never did and still doesn't charge any tax. You probably know that Quill basically began charging sales tax about 2 years ago and since then I might as well be going into my local office Staples to just pick up what I need. It's like they're cracking down on these last bastions of tax freedom and it makes me very sad. The only way to fight it is to reduce consumption which actually isn't all that bad of a thing to do, or go e-bay or second hand, also try to repair wherever possible and not replace everything all the time. In Massachusetts there's no tax on clothes, and that is worth going after. There's a great outlet mall just over the NY Mass line that is worth my trip.

RaeMorrill Wrote:

Maine has the same thing on claiming sales tax if you bought in a state that didn't have any – and of course we're also very close to NH – not close enough to really make it worth going there for that reason. We just pay what the flat rate is rather than try to track it. I think it is very unfair as it only penalizes folks who try to be honest – if you pay cash, they could never trace you.

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Romy

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