



List of Unclaimed Refund Recipients to Publish in PROA Newsletter

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“People should have an opportunity to claim their money, especially if they don’t even know they have a refund, or that they have a claim to one from a family member who passed away. We need to close this chapter.” – *Governor Eddie Baza Calvo*

Calvo Orders Publication of Names of Unclaimed Refund Recipients

Governor Calvo has ordered the publication of UNCLAIMED tax refund checks. He made this decision after being advised by the Department of Administration (DOA) that there are over 6,000 **unclaimed** checks. IRS regulations do not require the publication of this list, however, Governor Calvo is determined to return the money to their rightful owners. There can be many reasons why a tax refund has not been claimed, including: wrong addresses, estates in probate, etc. Some of these checks go back to 2009.

The list of taxpayer names, addresses and the dates to claim checks will be published on Friday April 26, 2013 in the Government of Guam PROA Newsletter, along with the links to the websites where you can also view the list. Residents can pick up a copy of the newsletter at any 76 gas station, both Cost-U-Less locations, Island Fresh, any Payless Supermarket, Hava Java Coffee Shop, and Java Junction.

Dates When You Can Claim Your Check

Unlike the normal process for mailing out and picking up tax refund checks, the process for claiming unclaimed checks requires additional documentation and information. The public is advised to anticipate a longer wait in line as documents presented by each claimant are reviewed and approved prior to the release of the previously unclaimed checks.

In order to ensure the safety of the public and to avoid long waits in line, DOA is scheduling check distribution/processing dates **for Individual Tax Refunds** first. Checks are grouped by last name, and pick-up dates are as follows:

April 29 to May 3	Last names beginning with A through F
May 6 to 10	Last names beginning with G through O
May 13 to 17	Last names beginning with P through Z

What You Will Need to Claim Your Check

Below are the minimum requirements to claim your check:

- If the check is written to you and has been outstanding for **LESS than a year and your name is on the list we publish:** you may pick up the returned check on the date scheduled according to your last name by presenting a valid picture identification card at the check distribution window of the Treasurer of Guam, DOA, Hagatña.