

PFD Filing Deadline is Monday

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Every year hundreds of eligible Alaskans lose out on collecting their share of Alaska's oil wealth because they fail to file for their Permanent Fund Dividend by the deadline. This year, the deadline is on Monday, which also turns out to be a state holiday.

Dan Debartolo is the director of the Department of Revenue Permanent Fund Dividend Division. He says the March 31st date is the deadline mandated by state statute.

“Which means it’s in Alaska law and we are only able to accept applications online, or through the mail or at our counters through that date. Anything that is postmarked after that date is considered a late application.”

Debartolo says about 1,200 late applications were received last year, meaning there were 1,200 potentially eligible people who did not receive a PFD check in October.

The preferred method of filing for a PFD is online, but there are over 400 locations around the state, such as libraries, city and tribal offices and the Legislative Information Office that still have paper applications available.

“There you can pick up adult applications, child applications, instructions on how to fill out those applications.....”

Since March 31st is Seward's Day, state offices will be closed – however, the Post Office will be open so you can get a postmark on Monday if you get your application in the mail in time

If you need to speak to someone with the Permanent Fund Dividend Division about your application you should probably do it today or tomorrow (Friday).

Along with the deadline for filing for the PFD comes the end of the best time to give to your favorite non-profit through Pick. Click. Give. While you can still make or change a Pick. Click. Give. donation into the summer, Monday is also the deadline for the sweepstakes that could double your gift.

“We’re standing at about \$2.4-million in pledges right now, which is almost \$200,000 more than the same point last year.”

So you have until Monday to join the other 507,000 Alaskans who’ve already filed for this year’s dividend.