

Did You Receive a Delaware Voluntary Disclosure Invitation Letter?

With proper action, you can avoid or reduce the risk of an audit. MarketSphere can help you understand your options.

If you have received an invitation letter from Delaware to join their Voluntary Disclosure Agreement (“VDA”) program, MarketSphere can assist you. to understand your options for responding to the letter and implement a course of action that best suits your organizations’ needs. Even if you have missed the response deadline, it isn't too late to address the situation.

What is the Delaware VDA Program?

The Delaware VDA program was put in place to increase the number of annual abandoned or unclaimed property compliance filings and decrease the number of examinations.

Each company that receives an invitation letter has 90 days from the receipt of the letter to elect into the VDA program, otherwise, they will be referred to the Delaware Department of Finance for audit.

What happens if I don’t join the VDA program?

If after receiving the invitation you elect not to join the DE VDA program, your company will be referred to the State Escheator for examination, typically performed by Delaware’s third-party auditors.

An unclaimed property audit can create financial challenges and unexpected costs, resource stresses, and other potential damage such as erosion of your organization’s reputation.

In certain scenarios, it is not unusual for the estimated liability and penalty and interest assessments to be significantly in excess of the addressable property identified to be due and owing. Scenarios like this can be further amplified when other complexities such as merger and acquisition history, ERP system migrations, and historical accounting restructuring is factored into the audit.

How much will this VDA Program cost our company?

Every company has a unique organizational structure, reporting history and accounting operations that may generate unclaimed property risks which contribute to the ultimate costs coupled with the amount of risk that an organization is willing to take on.

A VDA may uncover tens of thousands or even hundreds of thousands of dollars in unclaimed property. Ensure your company’s quantification is performed accurately by utilizing MarketSphere’s team of experts.

MarketSphere’s Unclaimed Property Specialists Can Explain Your Options

What we do:

MarketSphere is a team of unclaimed property experts who have supported countless companies, ranging from the Mid-Market to the Fortune 50, in performing a Delaware VDA. We can advise and walk you through the VDA process from beginning to end.

You need expert help:

Yes, you could try to tackle the VDA process on your own. However, there are advantages to obtaining an expert opinion.

For a Delaware VDA, the state contracts with Drinker Biddle & Reath (“DBR”) and TL2Q, who act as state agents in reviewing VDA submissions. MarketSphere has worked with both of these firms while assisting our clients in performing DE VDAs and is well respected.

In short, the state agents are conversant with the work products that MarketSphere produces which translates to a streamlined experience and holistic approach towards future compliance.

The VDA Program Is Your Best Chance at Avoiding An Audit

If you have received a notice from Delaware, then it is important to act now. This is your best chance to avoid an audit.

Contact MarketSphere to Discuss Your Options

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