

# Abandoned and Unclaimed Property

## **Annual Compliance Reporting Services**

In today's corporate landscape, few businesses have the dedicated resources to stay up-to-date on changing unclaimed property statutes in 54 reporting jurisdictions and the latest tools to respond to these regulatory requirements. Ryan's team helps you implement effective compliance strategies and makes recommendations to minimize your potential exposure while ensuring continuity with your company's requirement to maintain compliance with state unclaimed property laws.

# Take a Proactive Approach to Ensure Compliance

State enforcement is on the rise, and your organization must know how to navigate evolving requirements, potential assessments, and other risks related to unclaimed property compliance. Ryan's Abandoned and Unclaimed Property practice helps to ensure you stay compliant and minimize your penalties, interest, and significant audit assessments.

# Ryan's Fully Dedicated Team of Unclaimed Property Specialists

With the country's largest dedicated group of unclaimed property professionals, our team consists of certified public accountants (CPAs), fraud examiners, attorneys, and former state unclaimed property auditors.\* The combined strength of our industry expertise and experience working with states serves as a powerful asset in helping you resolve complex and sometimes controversial issues with state officials. Our team is well equipped to help you identify cost savings with suggestions and solutions related to voluntary disclosure programs and policies designed to strengthen your company's business processes.

## Winning Results for a Ryan Client

One of the largest retailers in the world recently decided to make the switch to Ryan from a boutique firm. Through Ryan's Exemption and Deduction Analysis service, we identified more than \$400,000 in exemptions—representing approximately 45% of the client's potential unclaimed property liability.



#### Industries we serve:

- Manufacturing
- Oil and Gas, Energy, and Utilities
- · Banking and Insurance
- Healthcare, Life Sciences, and Pharmaceuticals
- Retail, Consumer Products, and Hospitality
- Technology, Media, and Telecommunications
- Professional Services



#### **Unclaimed Property Annual Compliance Overview**

The outsource solution for Ryan's Annual Compliance services can be as full service or as complementary to your current process as desired. Our services are designed to assist clients in navigating through each jurisdiction's unique reporting requirements. Our team offers these services to all 54 jurisdictions at a reasonable price and with minimal effort and resources.

### Ryan's Unclaimed Property Compliance Services Include:

**Due Diligence** – States require any holder in possession of unclaimed property to send written notification to the property owner's last known address prior to the funds being remitted to the state. Special attention must be given to properties that require letters, method of mailing, and language to be included in each notice. Ryan manages state-mandated due diligence on your behalf to ensure compliance with a myriad of these requirements and to assist you in reducing your overall exposure. This service includes creating mailings in accordance with each jurisdiction's unique requirements and compiling responses that are received.

**Exemption Analysis** – Several states offer some type of exemption, deferral, or deduction. In an effort to prevent overreporting to any given jurisdiction and to seek liability-reducing opportunities for our clients, our team examines your records to identify all statutory and administrative exemptions, deferrals, and deductions to ensure you only report what is required by law. In some instances, our team identifies exempt property that exceeds the cost to outsource compliance to Ryan.

**State Report Preparation** – Reporting packages are prepared by our compliance team to stay in accordance with each state's requirements. The deliverable includes all required state verifications and checklists, an electronic file of the properties to remit in the state-required format, and a summary of items remitted to the various jurisdictions. In some instances, we can save our clients time and money by filing on a consolidated basis—meaning we file multiple Federal Employer Identification Numbers (FEINs) under one main operating entity.

Payment Preparation to States – By preparing checks payable to the reporting jurisdictions, Ryan helps simplify the payment process. A single electronic transfer eliminates the need to establish vendor accounts for each state, saving you valuable time.

- Client provides raw data of outstanding accounting transactions for disbursement checks, credit balances, and other reportable property.
- Depending on client's volume, this process is done on an annual or semi-annual basis.

**Obtain Outstanding Accounting Transactions** 

**Unclaimed** 

**Preparation** 

**Property** 

Report

- Ryan prepares state filings, including unique state forms, electronic files, and the unclaimed property report.
- Ryan (through a third-party provider) also prepares payments to the various jurisdictions and includes with the deliverable.

- Summary of responses on a weekly basis.
- Client can have Ryan manage all aspects of due diligence, including setup, formatting, mailing, and handling responses.

**Prepare Due Diligence** Letters

• Final deliverables are provided at the end of the mailing cycle. Includes letters mailed, letters received, and letters returned.

Identify **Potential Exclusions** 

- Ryan identifies potential exclusions for client's review and approval. **Exclusions include statutory** and administrative exemptions, deductions, duplicate items, etc.
- Exemptions are presented to client to apply or defer based on recommendation from Ryan.

#### **About Ryan**

Ryan, an award-winning global tax services and software provider, is the largest Firm in the world dedicated exclusively to business taxes. With global headquarters in Dallas, Texas, the Firm provides an integrated suite of federal, state, local, and international tax services on a multijurisdictional basis, including tax recovery, consulting, advocacy, compliance, and technology services. Ryan is a seventime recipient of the International Service Excellence Award from the Customer Service Institute of America (CSIA) for its commitment to worldclass client service. Empowered by the dynamic myRyan work environment, which is widely recognized as the most innovative in the tax services industry, Ryan's multidisciplinary team of more than 2,500 professionals and associates serves over 14,000 clients in more than 50 countries, including many of the world's most prominent Global 5000 companies. More information about Ryan can be found at ryan.com.

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