

California's Unclaimed Property Reporting Requirements, VCP, and Search Tools











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Today's Topics

Understanding Unclaimed Property

California's Two-Report Process

Voluntary Compliance Program Overview

Reporting Resources

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The Unclaimed Property Mission



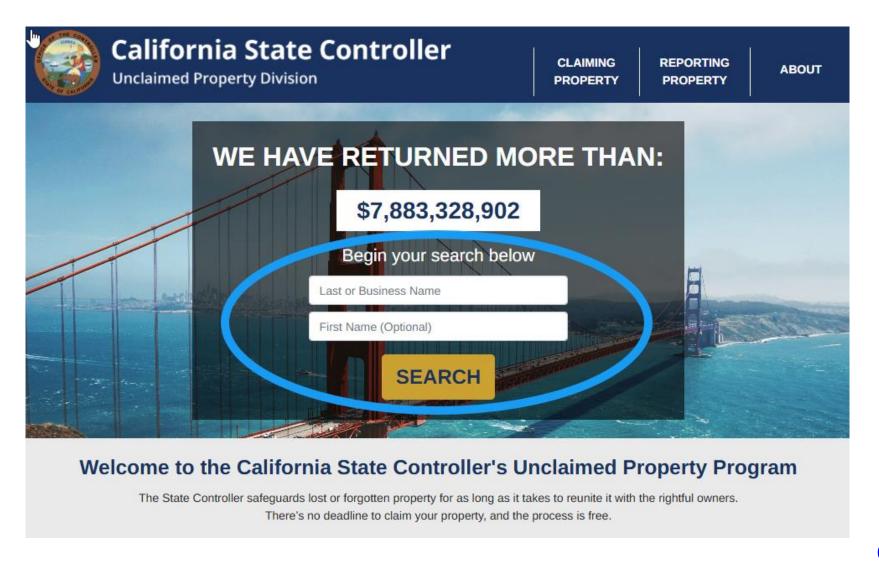
The State Controller's Unclaimed Property Division safeguards lost and abandoned property until it is returned to its rightful owners.

The State Controller provides a one-stop shop for owners and heirs to retrieve their lost and abandoned property.

Search for unclaimed property at Claimit.ca.gov



The Unclaimed Property Website for Claims: Claimit.ca.gov



What Is Unclaimed Property?

Unclaimed Property: Any financial asset that an owner hasn't taken any action on or shown interest in for a period of time specified in the law.



- Wages & Commissions
- Trust Accounts
- Customer Refunds
- Vendor Payments
- Payments for Goods & Services
- Overpayments

- Savings & Checking Accounts
- Safe Deposit Boxes
- Insurance Proceeds
- Securities
- Other property belonging to someone other than the holder

Why Should Businesses Report Unclaimed Property?

It's the law...

<u>California Code of Civil</u> <u>Procedure section 1500 et. seq.</u>

Business records may be subject to examination.

Failure to comply may result in fines and penalties.



Help the California State Controller's Office to create a community of compliance.



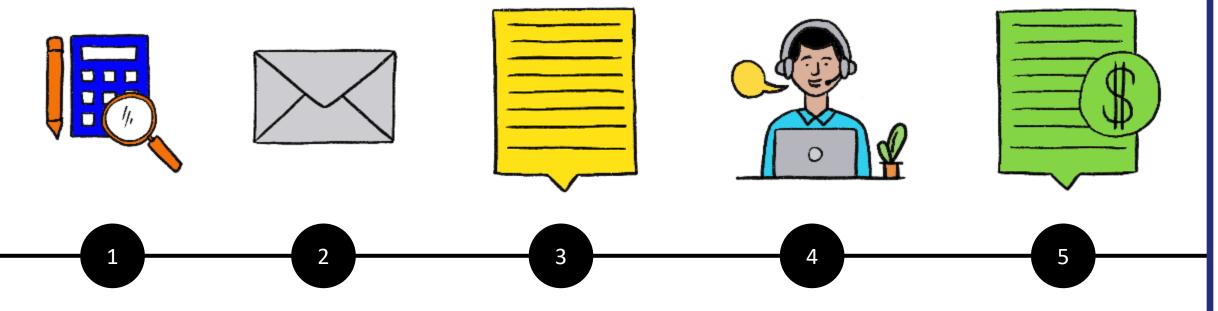
CCP 1502: Exempt Agency/Local Agency

CCP 1502 exempts a local agency from reporting unclaimed property to SCO *if* such property may be transferred to the general fund of such an agency under the provisions of Sections 50050-50053 of the Government Code.

- It is up to you to determine if the unclaimed property is exempt.
- This exemption does not apply to municipal utilities.



Reporting Unclaimed Property: California's Two-Report Process



Review Records

Send Notices to Property Owners

Submit Notice Report to State Controller's Office

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Respond to Owner Inquiries

Submit Remit Report and Remittance to State Controller's Office

Due June 1-15*
*due December 1-15 for life insurance companies



Introducing California's New and Improved Online Reporting System

Reporting unclaimed property to California is easier!

Key changes to expect when submitting reports:

• Fewer Forms:

You are no longer be required to upload a UFS-1 form or 14F letter. Info formerly included on the UFS-1 form is collected online now. The 14F letter will be sent via email and is no longer be a required reporting material.

Manual Report Option:

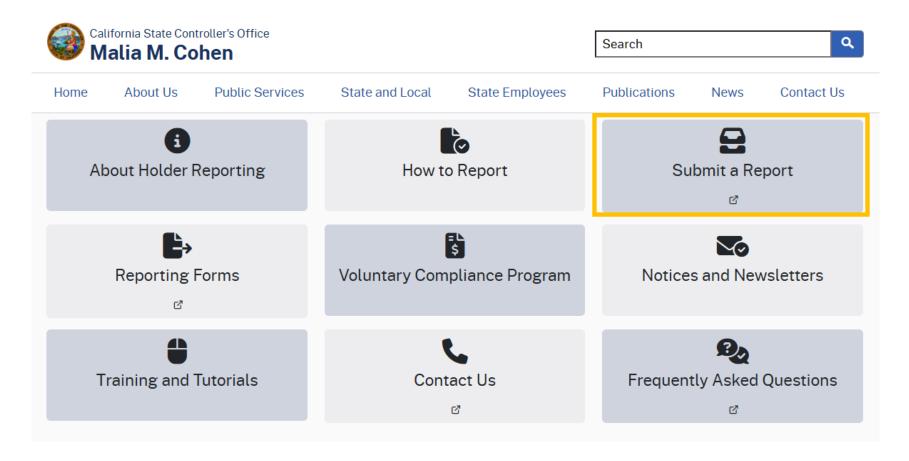
The new system allows holders to create the NAUPA II file manually using SCO's reporting system. This option is best for businesses with few unclaimed properties to report.

NAUPA File Format:

Save your NAUPA II file in .txt, .hrs, or .rpt file format.

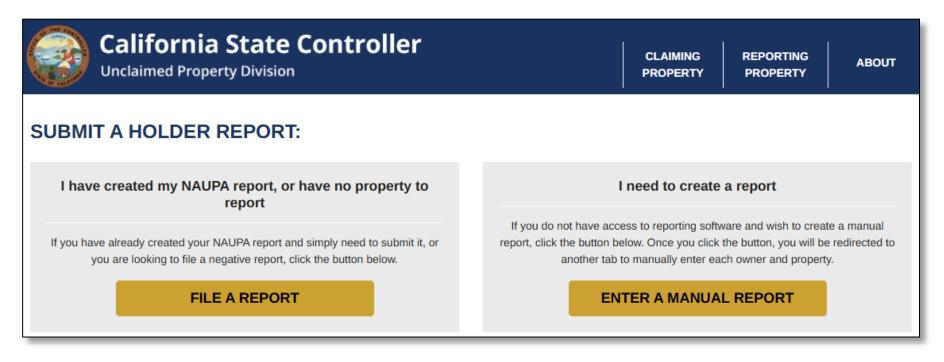


To report unclaimed property to California:



SUBMIT UNCLAIMED PROPERTY REPORTS ONLINE AT: GoReport.sco.ca.gov

Two Options to Submit a Holder Report: File a Report or Enter a Manual Report



- ☐ If you already have the NAUPA II file with property details, choose "FILE A REPORT." You will not need to register or create a log-in.
- ☐ If you want to create the NAUPA II file manually through SCO's website, choose "ENTER A MANUAL REPORT." You will create an account that will automatically delete after 45 days.

Video Tutorial: How to Report Unclaimed Property

How to Report Unclaimed Property:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xf65Dv753hg









Voluntary Compliance Program Mission



The purpose of the VCP is to develop a community of compliance by enabling and incentivizing holders of unclaimed property, including first-time filers, to come into compliance with California's Unclaimed Property Law without examination or penalty.

The Controller further seeks to enable holders to report timely and consistently, in future years.



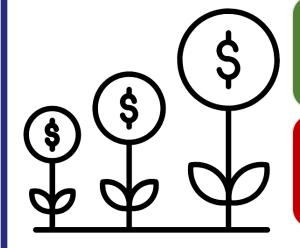
VCP Benefits to Holders

Waived Interest

Potentially significant savings

Training & Compliance

- Establish and continue ongoing compliance
- Reduced errors, report rejection, and penalties



Flexible Due Dates

 Holder participation and reporting timeframes take into account holder readiness

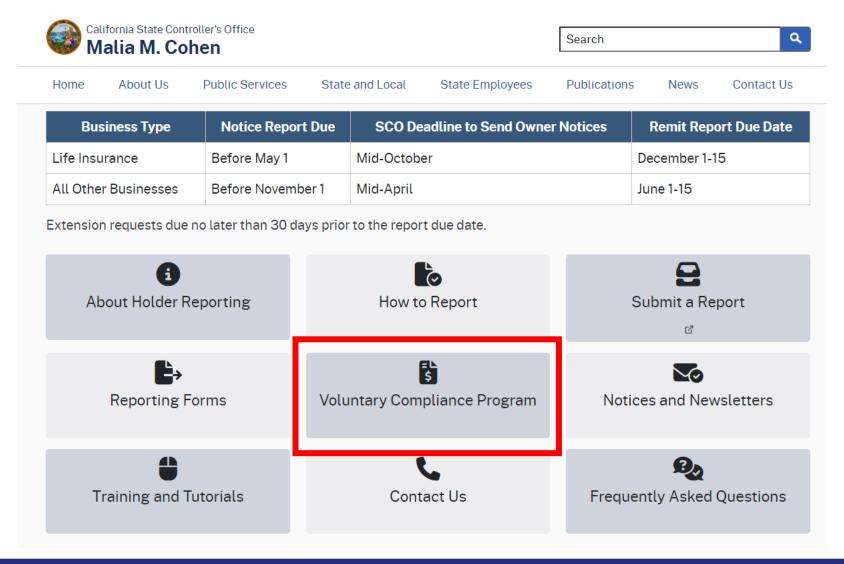
No Examination*

 No in-house or third-party examination is required to participate

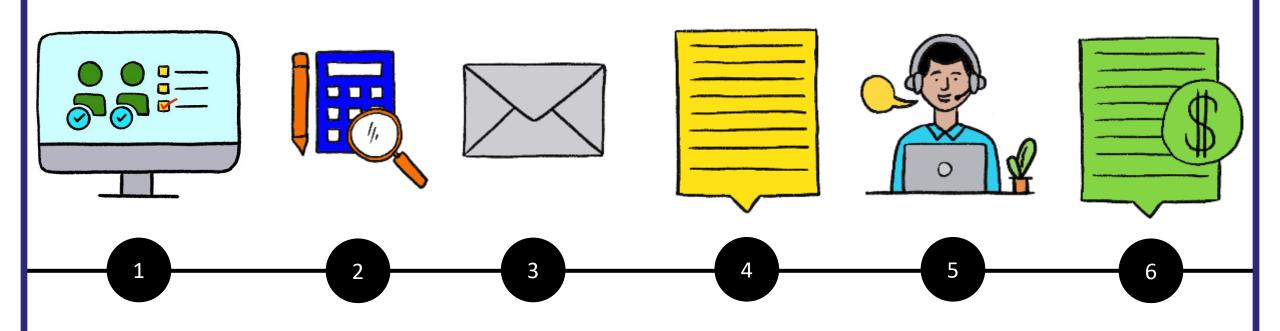
*The SCO reserves the right to examine holder records under CCP 1571, regardless of whether or not the holder participated in the VCP.



Application: GoReport.sco.ca.gov



Voluntary Compliance Program Reporting Process



Complete VCP
Training with 2
Staff Members

Review Records

Send Notices to Owners

Submit Notice Report Respond to Owner Inquiries

Submit
Remit Report
& Remittance

Check Voluntary Compliance Program acceptance letter for deadlines



Resources



Website: GoReport.sco.ca.gov

Reporting guides, forms, and further resources.



<u>Webinars & Events:</u> Intro to reporting webinars, Notice Report and Remit Report refreshers, special subject webinars, and other events.



<u>ListServ:</u> Subscribe to receive email updates on deadlines, events, and notices of law changes.



Quick Guides: Guidelines on each step of the reporting process. **Reporting Quick Guide** | **Due Diligence Guide** | **Notice Report Checklist Remit Report Checklist** | **Guide to Remitting Unclaimed Property** | **Remitting Via EFT**



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Unclaimed Property Newsletter: Our newsletter provides holders with important news, useful information, and changes pertaining to unclaimed property reporting requirements.

Unclaimed Property Notice to Holders: These notices alert the holder community of important changes in the California Unclaimed Property Law and reporting requirements.

Holder Outreach Events and Education: This notifies holders about upcoming events the Unclaimed Property Division will be hosting or attending, as well as educational resources available to assist with the reporting process (upcoming webinars, new quick guides, and more).

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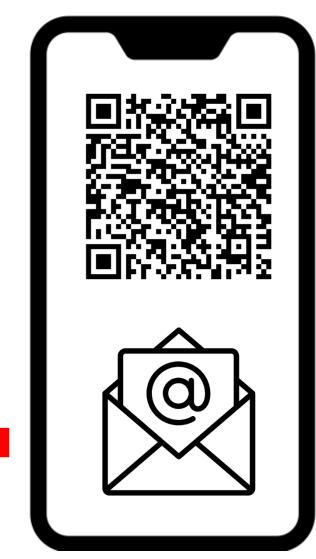
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