

STATE OF NEW YORK

DIVISION OF TAX APPEALS

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In the Matter of the Petition	:	
of	:	
<b>DANIELLE BRENNAN</b>	:	<b>DETERMINATION</b>
	:	<b>DTA NO. 851633</b>
for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of	:	
New York State Personal Income Tax under Article 22 of	:	
the Tax Law for the Year 2019.	:	

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Petitioner, Danielle Brennan, filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of New York State personal income tax under article 22 of the Tax Law for the year 2019.

On June 20, 2025, the Division of Tax Appeals issued to petitioner a notice of intent to dismiss petition pursuant to 20 NYCRR 3000.9 (a) (4). The Division of Taxation, appearing by Amanda Hiller, Esq. (Albert Gawer, Esq., of counsel), submitted a letter in support of the dismissal. Petitioner, appearing by LMD Tax Services, LLC (Lisa M. DiNuzzo, EA), did not submit a response by July 21, 2025, which date commenced the 90-day period for the issuance of this determination.

After due consideration of the documents submitted, Donna M. Gardiner, Supervising Administrative Law Judge, renders the following determination.

***ISSUE***

Whether the Division of Tax Appeals has jurisdiction over the petition.

***FINDINGS OF FACT***

1. Petitioner, Danielle Brennan, filed a petition with the Division of Tax Appeals on March 10, 2025.

2. The petition included a copy of a notice of additional tax due, bearing assessment number L-058482437, dated June 22, 2023, that was issued to petitioner by the Division of Taxation (Division).

3. The petition challenges the notice of additional tax due but does not include any statutory notice.

4. On June 20, 2025, the Division of Tax Appeals issued to petitioner a notice of intent to dismiss petition. The notice stated, in sum, that as the petition had been filed in protest of a notice of additional tax due, it appeared that the Division of Tax Appeals was without jurisdiction to consider the merits of the petition.

5. In response to the notice of intent to dismiss petition, the Division submitted a letter that stated:

“[t]he Division is in receipt of the Notice of Intent to Dismiss the petition in the above referenced matter and agrees as the Division of Tax Appeals lacks jurisdiction over the matter. Therefore, the Division is in agreement with the proposed dismissal regarding the Notice of Additional Tax Due.”

6. Petitioner did not respond to the notice of intent to dismiss petition.

### ***CONCLUSIONS OF LAW***

A. The Division of Tax Appeals is a forum of limited jurisdiction (Tax Law § 2008; *Matter of Scharff*, Tax Appeals Tribunal, October 4, 1990, *revd on other grounds sub nom Matter of New York State Dept. of Taxation & Fin. v Tax Appeals Trib.*, 151 Misc 2d 326 [Sup Ct, Albany County 1991]). Its power to adjudicate disputes is exclusively statutory (*Matter of New York State Dept. of Taxation & Fin. v Tax Appeals Trib.*, 151 Misc 2d at 332). The Division of Tax Appeals is authorized “[t]o provide a hearing as a matter of right, to any petitioner upon such petitioner’s request . . . unless a right to such a hearing is specifically provided for, modified or denied by another provision of this chapter” (Tax Law § 2006 [4]).

All proceedings in the Division of Tax Appeals “shall be commenced by the filing of a petition . . . protesting any written notice of the division of taxation . . . which has advised the petitioner of a tax deficiency, a determination of tax due . . . or any other notice which expressly gives a person the right to a hearing” (Tax Law § 2008 [1]).

B. Pursuant to 20 NYCRR 3000.3 (b) (8), a petition shall contain, “for the sole purpose of establishing the timeliness of the petition, a legible copy of the order of the conciliation conferee if issued; if no such order was previously issued, a legible copy of any other statutory notice being protested.” In this case, no statutory notice was attached.

As petitioner failed to attach a notice contemplated by Tax Law § 2008 (1), the Division of Tax Appeals lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter of the petition and, therefore, dismissal is warranted (*see* 20 NYCRR 3000.3 [d] [2]; 3000.9 [a] [4] [i]; *see also Matter of Richardson*, Tax Appeals Tribunal, November 17, 2022).

C. While the petition included a copy of a notice of additional tax due, this notice is insufficient to confer jurisdiction upon the Division of Tax Appeals to consider the merits of the petition (*see* Tax Law § 173-a [2]; *see also Matter of Alesi*, Tax Appeals Tribunal, June 9, 2022; *Matter of Rodriguez*, Tax Appeals Tribunal, March 20, 2017).

Additionally, petitioner provided copies of two response to taxpayer inquiry letters issued to her by the Division, dated October 21, 2024 and January 13, 2025, respectively. This type of correspondence from the Division is not a statutory document that provides hearing rights at the Division of Tax Appeals (*see Matter of PC Touch Servs.*, Tax Appeals Tribunal, August 23, 2012).

D. It is ORDERED, on the motion of the supervising administrative law judge, that the petition is dismissed with prejudice as of this date.

DATED: Albany, New York  
October 16, 2025

/s/ Donna M. Gardiner  
Donna M. Gardiner  
Supervising Administrative Law Judge