

Board of Equalization

Mission and philosophy

The Wyoming Board of Equalization is a constitutionally-mandated board of three Wyoming residents, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate, to advance a stable, equitable and uniform tax system for the people of Wyoming.

The board fulfills this mission by providing a forum for appeals from final decisions of county boards of equalization and the Department of Revenue, and by providing a process for equalization.

The board strives to use its expertise and its values — professionalism, fairness and integrity — to guide all agency activities. By administering the equalization and tax appeal functions in a professional, efficient, knowledgeable and fair manner, the board believes the people of Wyoming will continue to trust in and rely on Wyoming's system of taxation.

Uniform and equal

Ensuring that the system of taxation is uniform and equal is key to a successful revenue program. Consequently, the board thinks critically about the tax system and how it can be improved.

The board believes in the constant collection and analysis of data that provides information as to how the system is working, enabling the board to improve the equalization and appeal functions. In addition, the board believes information about the equalization and appeal processes should be easily accessible to and understood by the taxpayers of Wyoming. Finally, the board can issue timely and well-considered decisions and interpretations of the law only through the adoption of high ethical standards and fair procedures, and the maintenance of a high degree of professional knowledge and competence.

Results of outcomes

All 23 counties were evaluated to determine if reliable sales information was used in setting property values.

Based on the board's sales ration studies, all counties were found to be in compliance with the fair market value standard.

The board met or exceeded its goals in timely review of tax appeals, issuing 100 percent of the decisions involving appeals from county boards of equalization within 12 months of the notice of appeal being filed, and 89 percent of the decisions involving actions of the Wyoming Department of Revenue within 18 months of receipt of the notice of appeal. The automated case management system is being used to monitor the docket and keep the cases current.

General information

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Year established and reorganized

Established 1980, reorganized 1991 and 1995

Statutory references

Wyoming Constitution, Article 15,
Sections 9 and 19; W.S. 39-1-102.1

Number of authorized personnel

Seven full-time

Clients served

Taxpayers, county assessors, county boards of equalizations, and the Departments of Revenue and Audit

Budget information

General funds	\$551,645
(expended as of 6/30/01)	
Other	0
Total	\$551,645

Board of Equalization organization chart

