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OFFICE OF EXCISE TAX

Sales and Use Tax Acts

Act 661 – Provides for an exemption from sales and use tax on the purchase of a new motor vehicle by non-profit organizations or with Federal Transit Administration funds. The new motor vehicle must also be used for transportation under the Department of Human Services' programs for the aging, disabled, mentally ill, and children and family services. The new motor vehicle must meet or

exceed the state specifications for that class of vehicles as prescribed in the state purchasing law and rules.

Effective: October 1, 2017

Act 1126 – Applies a limitation to the amount allowable for each city and county discount on gross receipts tax for prompt filing and payment of taxes. The limitations of the discount are provided below.

- For the tax year beginning January 1, 2018, the discount shall not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per city and county being reported.
- For the tax year beginning January 1, 2019, the discount shall not exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000) per city and county being reported.
- For the tax year beginning January 1, 2020, the discount shall not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per city and county being reported.
- For the tax year beginning January 1, 2021, the discount shall not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per city and county being reported.
- For tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2022, the discount shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per city and county being reported.

Effective: October 1, 2017

Act 665 – Provides an exemption from sales tax on sales by charitable organizations as long as the sale does not compete with a sale by a for-profit business. A sale by a charitable organization does not compete with a for-profit business if the following conditions are met.

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- The sales transaction is conducted by a member of the charitable organization and not by a franchisee or licensee.
- All the proceeds derived from the sales transaction go to the charitable organization; and
- The sales transaction is not a continuing one and is held not more than three (3) times a year.

Sales will not be exempt unless they are made exclusively by the charitable organization itself and all proceeds from that sale go to the charitable organization with no portion or percentage thereof distributed to any for-profit business or facilitator of the transaction.

Effective: October 1, 2017

OFFICE OF INCOME TAX

Updates

If you are a victim of identity theft or think that your identity was used to file a fraudulent tax return, contact the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit at (800) 908-4490 and inform them that your identity was stolen and may have been used to file a fraudulent tax return.

You should submit a stamped IRS Form 14039, an Identity Theft Affidavit, to support your claim. For a copy of the form, click attachment below.

[IRS Form 14039 Identity Theft Affidavit](#)

Send a copy of the completed IRS Identity Theft Affidavit to:
Arkansas Individual Income Tax
PO Box 3628
Little Rock, AR 72203-3628

Arkansas is adding a request for Driver's License or State ID information on e-filed returns to help prevent fraud. Contact the credit bureaus to ensure there have not been any other thefts related to your identity and ask to have a fraud alert put on your credit report.

The numbers to the credit bureaus are listed
Equifax – (800) 525-6285
Experian – (888) 397-3742
Trans-Union – (800) 680-7289

OFFICE OF MOTOR VEHICLE

Motor Vehicle Acts

Act 1003 – The Arkansas General Assembly established a mechanism for a person to report the suspected misuse of a disabled license plate, disabled placard, or a disabled parking

space to the Office of Motor Vehicle of the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration. Report misuse of parking for persons with disabilities by calling 1-866-NOPARK5 or completing the Misuse of Parking Complaint Report at

<http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/newsEvents/Pages/news.aspx> . All recorded incident data will be collected to further the cause in advocating Arkansas Laws, educating those with parking privileges and those that continue to violate the rights of Arkansans with disabilities.

Effective: August 4, 2017

Act 493 – The Arkansas General Assembly amended the eligibility of family members who may apply for Gold Star License Plates. The purpose of this act is to honor the family members of a deceased service member and will now include siblings or children of a United States Armed Forces member.

Effective: August 4, 2017

For more information about the each act, please click on the following link: [Arkansas Legislature Act Search](#) or call the Office of Motor Vehicle at 501-682-5692 for additional information.

OFFICE OF MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION



To renew your vehicle registration, change your address on your vehicle registration, or receive vehicle registration renewals by email, please go to the following link: [ARSTAR](#).

For more information on registration renewal, please contact the Office of Motor Vehicle Administration at 501-682-4692 or email at MVInformation@dfa.arkansas.gov.

OFFICE OF DRIVER SERVICES

Driver Services Acts

Act 131 – Allows a driver's license expiration date extension for active duty military service members who are residing outside the State of Arkansas and submits an application for extension. The license cannot be suspended, canceled, or revoked prior to the application for extension of the expiration date. The expiration date is to be extended up to 60 days after the military service

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member separates or is honorably discharged from active duty military service.

Effective: November 13, 2017

Act 366 – Allows a person or the parent/legal guardian of a person with a communication impediment to apply for a communication impediment designation on their driver's license, identification card or have a decal on his or her license plate. Documentation from a physician is required for the designation for people who meet the requirements. To purchase the driver's license or identification card, the applicant must pay the driver's license or identification fee. The fee for the communication impediment decal for the license plate is one dollar (\$1.00). A person who has a communication impediment is not required to obtain the driver's license/identification card with a communication impediment designation. The communication impediment designation includes without limitation Alzheimer's disease, Autism and Down Syndrome.

Effective: November 13, 2017

Act 460 – Amends the validity period of a driver's license and it offers an applicant a choice of validity periods of a driver's license.

- Class D or Class M licenses for applicants eighteen (18) years of age or older are twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) for a period of eight (8) years.
- Intermediate Class D and Class M licenses for applicants sixteen (16) and eighteen (18) years of age are twelve dollars (\$12.00) for a period of two (2) years.
- Learner's Class D licenses for ages fourteen (14) and sixteen (16) are twelve dollars (\$12.00) for a period of two (2) years.
- Class MD license for no more than two (2) years is two dollars (\$2.00).
- If an applicant is seventy (70) years of age or older and has an expired Class D or Class M license has the option to choose between an eight (8) year driver's license for twenty-four dollars (\$24.00); or a four (4) year driver's license for twelve dollars (\$12.00).
- If a person is required to have an eye exam for his or her Class D or Class M driver's license, he or she will be charged an additional fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for a period of four (4) years; or two dollars (\$2.00) for a period of eight (8) years.
- Concerning renewal fees for Class D and Class M driver's licenses, a driver's license validity option is offered as an additional fee, for the amount of six dollars (\$6.00) for a four (4) year period; or twelve dollars (\$12.00) for an eight (8) year period.

Effective: November 13, 201

HELPFUL DFA REVENUE ROOM NUMBERS

Room 1310	Central Audit District
Room 1360	Collections
Room 1380	Withholding Section
Room 1450	Audit Coordination
Room 2240	Miscellaneous Tax
Room 2250	Corporation Income Tax
Room 2300	Individual Income Tax
Room 2350	Motor Fuel Tax
Room 2360	Hearings and Appeals
Room 2370	Tax Credits/Special Refunds
Room 2380	Revenue Legal Counsel
Room 2460	Problem Resolution & Tax Information Office

OFFICE OF FIELD AUDIT ADMINISTRATION

Reporting Suspicious Tax Activities

To report suspicious tax activities, please go to the following webpage: [Reporting Suspicious Tax Activities](#).

For more information on reporting suspicious activity, please contact the Office of Field Audit by phone at 501-682-4616 or email at FieldAudit@dfa.arkansas.gov.

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OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT (OCSE)

OCSE MyWorkers Website



OFFICE OF INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATION

Credit Card Payment Information

Credit card payments may be made over the telephone for individual income tax debts by calling 1-800-2PAY-TAX (1-800-272-9829) or over the Internet by visiting www.officialpayments.com and clicking the "Payment Center Link".

If you need more information on making credit card payments, a link is provided in the **Helpful Webpage Links Section** of the *Arkansas State Revenue Tax Quarterly Newsletter* in every issue.

Important: Upcoming Local Sales & Use Tax Changes in Arkansas Counties & Towns

Updates to Local Sales and Use Taxes
Please call 501-682-7104 for Periodic Updates or click on the following link:
[Local Sales and Use Tax Updates](#)

Name	Code	Effective Date	%	Recent Action
Siloam Springs	04-01	10/01/2017	2.00	Annexation
Rogers	04-02	10/01/2017	2.00	Annexation
Bentonville	04-03	10/01/2017	2.00	Annexation

Pea Ridge	04-10	10/01/2017	1.00	Annexation
Cave Springs	04-11	10/01/2017	1.00	Annexation
Little Flock	04-17	10/01/2017	1.00	Annexation
Eureka Springs	08-01	10/01/2017	2.375	Increased
Plumerville	15-04	10/01/2017	2.00	Increased
Mountainburg	17-04	10/01/2017	2.50	Annexation
West Memphis	18-02	10/01/2017	1.50	Annexation
Hot Springs	26-01	10/01/2017	1.50	Annexation
Marmaduke	28-03	10/01/2017	1.25	Annexation
Batesville	32-01	10/01/2017	2.00	Annexation
Newport	34-01	10/01/2017	1.50	Annexation
Pine Bluff	35-01	10/01/2017	2.25	Increased
White Hall	35-03	10/01/2017	1.00	Annexation
Blytheville	47-05	10/01/2017	1.50	Increased
Little Rock	60-05	10/01/2017	1.50	Annexation
Pocahontas	61-04	10/01/2017	2.00	Annexation
Bryant	62-01	10/01/2017	3.00	Annexation
Bauxite	62-04	10/01/2017	1.50	Annexation
Mountain View	69-01	10/01/2017	2.00	Annexation
El Dorado	70-02	10/01/2017	1.25	Annexation
Greenland	72-06	10/01/2017	3.00	Increased
Plainview	75-01	10/01/2017	1.50	Increased

Calendar of Due Dates

October

- 10/12/17 Sales Tax (1st monthly prepayment)
- 10/16/17 Employee monthly withholding tax, for prior month
- Miscellaneous Tax (except Severance taxes, Wheat, Soybean, Wine-Small Farm and Waste Tire) Beer, Liquor, Soft Drink, Cigarette Excise, Cigarette Papers, Construction Surcharge
- Telecommunications Surcharge, Beef Promotions, Catfish Promotions Corn/Sorghum, Promotion, Bovine/Pseudorabies Fee, Bingo Tax,
- 10/20/17 Sales & Use tax
- Dyed Diesel - Motor Fuel Tax
- Miscellaneous Tax - Wheat, Waste Tire, Electronic Games of Skill, Wine-Small Farm
- 10/24/17 Sales Tax (2nd monthly prepayment)
- 10/25/17 Motor Fuel Tax (Except IFTA)

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10/26/17 Severance Tax
10/31/17 IFTA – 3rd Quarter 2017
Miscellaneous Tax-Soybean Promotion

November

11/13/17 Sales Tax (1st monthly prepayment)
11/15/17 Employee monthly withholding tax, for prior month
Miscellaneous Tax (Except Severance taxes, Wheat Soybean, Wine-Small Farm and Waste Tire) Beer, Liquor, Soft Drink, Cigarette Excise, Cigarette Papers, Construction Surcharge Telecommunications Surcharge, Beef Promotions, Catfish Promotions Com/Sorghum, Promotion, Bovine/Pseudorabies Fee, Bingo Tax, Rice Promotion
11/20/17 Sales & Use tax
Dyed Diesel - Motor Fuel Tax
Miscellaneous Tax – Wheat, Waste Tire, Electronic Games of Skill, Wine-Small Farm
11/25/17 Severance Tax
11/27/17 Motor Fuel Tax (Except IFTA)
Sales Tax (2nd monthly prepayment)
11/30/17 Miscellaneous Tax-Soybean Promotion

December

12/12/17 Sales Tax (1st monthly prepayment)
12/15/17 4th Qtr. estimated Income tax (Based on calendar year filer) (EFT filers only) Employee monthly withholding tax, for prior month
4th Qtr. Corporation estimated income tax (Based on calendar year filer) Miscellaneous Tax (Except Severance taxes, Wheat, Soybean, Wine - Small Farm and Waste Tire) Beer, Liquor, Soft Drink, Cigarette Excise, Cigarette Papers, Construction Surcharge Telecommunications Surcharge, Beef Promotions, Catfish Promotions, Com/Sorghum, Promotion, Bovine/Pseudorabies Fee, Bingo Tax,
12/20/17 Miscellaneous Tax - Wheat, Waste Tire, Electronic Games of Skill, Wine-Small Farm, Dyed Diesel - Motor Fuel Tax Sales & Use Tax
12/27/17 Motor Fuel Tax (Except IFTA)
Sales Tax (2nd monthly prepayment)
12/28/17 Severance Tax
1/1/2018 Miscellaneous Tax-Soybean Promotion (December's return)



ATAP is a **FREE** web-based service that gives taxpayers or their designated representative online access to their tax accounts and offers the following services:

- ❖ Make a payment.
- ❖ Register a business.

- ❖ File a return on-line (except individual income tax).
- ❖ File a return using XML return upload.
- ❖ File an annual reconciliation for withholding tax.
- ❖ Change a name on an account.
- ❖ Change an address on an account.
- ❖ Amend a return.
- ❖ Maintain all tax account types via a single login.
- ❖ Assign 3rd party logins (CPA, power of attorney, responsible party, & etc.).

- ❖ Store banking information for use during payment submission.
- ❖ Upload w-2 information.
- ❖ View tax period financial information (tax penalty, interest, credits, balance, & etc.).

- ❖ View payments received.
- ❖ View recent account activity.
- ❖ View correspondence from the department.

The information for this article was cited from the following webpage: [ATAP Information](#).

HELPFUL WEBPAGE LINKS

[INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX ACCOUNT CHANGE FORM](#)

[INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX E-FILE](#)

[ELECTRONIC FILING PAYMENT OPTIONS INFORMATION](#)

[INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX PENALTY WAIVER REQUEST](#)

[OFFERS IN COMPROMISE \(OIC\) FORMS](#)

[POWER OF ATTORNEY \(POA\) FORM](#)

[CORPORATION INCOME TAX FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS](#)

[IRS--WHERE'S MY REFUND LINK](#)

[LOCAL TAX LOOKUP TOOLS](#)

[BUSINESS CLOSURE NOTIFICATION LIST](#)

[CREDIT CARD PAYMENT INFORMATION](#)

[LIST OF ARKANSAS DFA REVENUE OFFICES & PHONE NUMBERS](#)

[PULASKI COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE](#)

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<p>FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER APPLICATION</p> <p>MOTOR FUEL TAX</p> <p>SMALL BUSINESS CORPORATE (SUB-S) REPORTING FORMS</p> <p>SALE OR CLOSURE OF BUSINESS FORM</p> <p>CLAIM FOR LOW INCOME SALES OF ELECTRICITY, E-416</p> <p>MANUFACTURER OF ELECTRICITY UTILITY REDUCED RATE APPLICATION, ET-186 A</p> <p>MANUFACTURER OF ELECTRICITY UTILITY REDUCED TAX REFUND REQUEST, ET-186 R</p> <p>MANUFACTURING REDUCED RATE APPLICATION/RECERTIFICATION, ET-185ARC</p> <p>MANUFACTURING UTILITY REDUCED TAX REFUND REQUEST, ET-185R</p> <p>TAX CREDITS AND SPECIAL REFUNDS</p> <p>NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF A MOTOR VEHICLE</p> <p>REQUEST FOR TITLE WITH BENEFICIARY</p> <p>COMPOSITE FILING AND WITHHOLDING FOR PASS THROUGH ENTITIES FORMS AND GENERAL INFORMATION</p> <p>STATE TAX RATES</p>	<p>Field Audit Administration 501-682-4616</p> <p>Driver Services Administration 501-682-7060</p> <p>Revenue Administration 501-682-7025</p> <p>Withholding Tax 501-682-7290</p> <p>Miscellaneous Tax Section 501-682-7187</p> <p>Tax Credits and Special Refunds 501-682-7106</p>
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DFA REVENUE



American Red Cross

DFA/Revenue Division is sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in Room 2020

in the Ragland Building.

FYI: Food trucks are now periodically serving food on the corner of 7th and Marshall Streets, in between the Ledbetter and Justice buildings. The food trucks are usually scheduled to arrive between 10:30 am to 2:00 pm, Monday-Thursday.

DFA Rule Email Distribution List Sign-Up information

The Problem Resolution and Tax Information Office notifies all interested parties via email when the Revenue Section of DFA promulgates any rules.



To be added to the email distribution list, please email Brandon Smith at: Brandon.Smith@dfa.arkansas.gov

Please state in the email that you would like to be added to the email distribution list to be notified of any changes to DFA's Revenue rules. The rules (regulations) can be accessed at the following link: [Revenue Rules](#).

Contact Info

Corporate Income Tax	501-682-4775
Taxpayer Assistance for Individual Income Tax	501-682-1110 800-882-9275
Sales and Use Tax (Tax Inquiries)	501-682-7104
Motor Fuel Tax	501-682-4880
Problem Resolution and Tax Information Office	501-682-7751
Collections	501-682-5000 501-682-4720
IRS (Taxpayer Advocate)	501-396-5978
IRS Taxpayer Assistance	800-829-1040
IRS Federal Tax Forms	800-829-3676
Revenue Legal Counsel	501-682-7030
Motor Vehicle Administration	501-682-4692

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To view previous Arkansas State Revenue Tax Quarterlies, click on the following link: [Previous Arkansas State Tax Quarterlies](#).

Upcoming State Observed Holidays

DFA Revenue offices will be closed for the following state observed holiday:

- ✚ Friday, November 10th in observance of Veterans Day.
- ✚ Thursday, November 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

Suggestion's Corner

If you have any suggestions about items to be included on any future newsletters, please email your suggestions to Brandon.Smith@dfa.arkansas.gov