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# OFFICE OF EXCISE ADMINISTRATION

## Withholding Tax Section

Beginning January 1, 2020, the Employer's Income Tax Withholding Tax Tables have been adjusted with an effective date of March 1, 2020 as a result of Income Tax reductions enacted by the General Assembly. The new tax tables, instructions and computer formula can be found on the Department's web site at: Withholding Tax

The tables and computer formula should be used for all payroll periods ending on or after March 1, 2020.

The change in the tax table will reduce the amount of State Withholding from an employee's paycheck. If an employee wants to remain at their current level of Withholding, a new Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate (form AR-4EC) should be completed and submitted to the employer. To change the employee's withholding amount, complete Line #4 on the AR-4EC by entering a dollar amount the employee would like withheld in addition to the tax amount already being withheld.

For more information, please contact the Withholding Tax Section at 501-682-7290 or by email at Withholding@dfa.arkansas.gov

### OFFICE OF INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATION

## Income Tax Update

Explanation of Tax Adjustment Letter

The primary purpose of the Explanation of Tax Adjustment letter is to inform the taxpayer that an adjustment has been made to his/her tax return and a summary of the return after adjustments have been made. It does not include any payments made with or after the return was processed. Payments will be reflected on the Notice of Proposed Assessment letter or a Notice of Final Assessment letter.

Additionally, there is a statement below the summary that explains the adjustment, such as "Error in amount claimed as estimated tax paid or credit carried forward from previous tax year". Adjustments could be made for several reasons such as a math error, an error in calculating estimated payments or credit brought forward, a disallowance of a deduction or credit, or an adjustment made due to an IRS audit.

At the bottom of the Explanation of Tax Adjustment letter is a note explaining the adjustment letter is not a bill. Below is the note that is included in all Adjustment letters. Please note the items in bold.

THIS IS NOT A BILL

Payments submitted with your return are not included in the Total Payments show above. If these adjustments result in any additional tax liability, you will receive a Notice of Proposed Assessment which will show all previous payments, any balance due for tax, interest and penalty, and will include a payment voucher. Any credit or refund will be reduced by outstanding balances on your account.

The Explanation of Tax Adjustment Letter is meant to be read in its entirety to ensure the taxpayer understands the status of his or her tax return and the purpose of the letter. Should the taxpayer have additional questions concerning this letter or any correspondence received from the tax department there is a person's name and contact information at the bottom of all correspondence. I would encourage the taxpayer to call (501) 682-1000 if there is any confusion.

## OFFICE OF MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION

#### Motor Vehicle Services

ACT 733 of 2019: Arkansas will begin Titling <u>NEW</u> boats in January 2020. This will only effect <u>NEW</u> boats registered with Manufactured Statement of Origin and Manufactured in 2020.

Effective: January 1, 2020

The Office of Motor Vehicle, the Office of Driver Services and the International Registration Plan (IRP) Office, are offering services online. All these services are available on the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA's) website at: <a href="maydrov.arkansas.gov">mydrov.arkansas.gov</a>

<u>Check Title Status Online</u> – This service will help taxpayers to check the status of their application for title.

<u>Transfer Ownership</u> – This service will help taxpayers to notify the Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) if they have sold their vehicle to another individual or to a dealer.

<u>Print Duplicate Registration</u> – This service will help taxpayers to print a duplicate registration online.

<u>Estimated Sales Tax Calculator</u> – This service will allow taxpayers to calculate how much state tax they will owe for a vehicle before registration.

Online Pre-Registration – This service will allow taxpayers to input specific Motor Vehicle details and receive a confirmation code for submission. The taxpayer should present the confirmation code and necessary documents to their local State Revenue Office clerk to complete the transaction with minimal data input.

<u>Vehicle Registration</u> - This service will allow taxpayers to register their vehicle online and "SKIP THE TRIP" to their local revenue office. User will enter Motor Vehicle details, pay sales tax, mail documents and obtain a confirmation code. The plate and registration will be mailed once documents have been received, reviewed and approved.



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 <a href="mailto:mvlnformation@dfa.arkansas.gov">mvlnformation@dfa.arkansas.gov</a>.

## Office of Motor Fuel Tax

## Tax Act Update

Effective October 1, 2019 there is a wholesale sales tax on motor fuel for an additional 3 cents on gasoline and 6 cents per gallon on diesel. Act 416 was passed in the 92<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly Regular Session of 2019. This Act will increase the overall tax rate for Motor Fuel to 24.5 cents a gallon for gasoline and 28.5 cents a gallon for diesel.

## OFFICE OF FIELD AUDIT ADMINISTRATION

## Reporting Suspicious Tax Activities

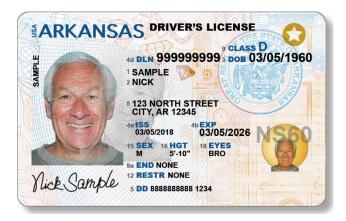
To report suspicious tax activities, please go to the following webpage: Reporting Suspicious Tax Activities.

For more information on reporting suspicious activity, please contact the Office of Field Audit by phone at 501-682-4616 or email at <a href="mailto:FieldAudit@dfa.arkansas.gov">FieldAudit@dfa.arkansas.gov</a>.

## OFFICE OF DRIVER SERVICES

## Services and Updates

Arkansas is taking part in the federal nationwide initiative to improve the security of state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards, which will help fight terrorism and reduce identity fraud. On May 3, 2023, anyone who boards a domestic flight or enters a federal building will either need a REAL ID driver's license (DL) or Identification Card (ID) or will need to provide a regular identification and additional accepted forms of identification.



(REAL ID Driver's License)



(REAL ID Identification Card)

## **REAL ID Information Cards**



### (Front of Card)



#### (Back of Card)

For more information on REAL ID clink the link.

Effective February 1, 2020 All 134 State Revenue Offices will have the ability to issue a Real ID.

# 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 2370 Tax Credits/Special Refunds Room 2380 Revenue Legal Counsel Room 2460 Problems Resolution & Tax Information

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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 <a href="https://www.acipayonline.com">www.acipayonline.com</a> 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:** 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

October 2021 City or County name	Code	Date	Rate	County	Recent Action
Crossett	02-01	10/1/2021	1.750%	Ashley	Annexation
Cotter	03-02	10/1/2021	1.000%	Baxter	Decreased
Bentonville	04-03	10/1/2021	2.000%	Benton	Annexation
Gentry	04-06	10/1/2021	2.000%	Benton	Annexation
Centerton	04-09	10/1/2021	2.000%	Benton	Annexation
Pea Ridge	04-10	10/1/2021	1.000%	Benton	Annexation
Harrison	05-12	10/1/2021	1.750%	Boone	Increased
Arkadelphia	10-02	10/1/2021	2.000%	Clark	Annexation
Cedarville	17-10	10/1/2021	1.000%	Crawford	Deannexation
Conway	23-01	10/1/2021	2.125%	Faulkner	Annexation
Little Rock	60-05	10/1/2021	1.500%	Pulaski	Annexation
Bryant	62-01	10/1/2021	3.000%	Saline	Annexation
Forrest City	68-02	10/1/2021	1.875%	St. Francis	Increased
Springdale	72-10	10/1/2021	2.000%	Washington	Annexation
Beebe	73-02	10/1/2021	1.000%	White	Deannexation
Lonoke County	43-00	10/1/2021	1.500%	-	Increased

July 2021 City or County name	Code	Date	Rate	County	Recent Action
Mountain Home	03-01	7/1/2021	2.125%	Baxter	Increased
Siloam Springs	04-01	7/1/2021	2.000%	Benton	Annexation
Bentonville	04-03	7/1/2021	2.000%	Benton	Annexation

Centerton	04-09	7/1/2021	2.000%	Benton	Annexation
Pea Ridge	04-10	7/1/2021	1.000%	Benton	Annexation
Van Buren	17-02	7/1/2021	1.500%	Crawford	Annexation
Conway	23-01	7/1/2021	2.125%	Faulkner	Annexation
Hot Springs	26-01	7/1/2021	1.500%	Garland	Annexation
Lonoke	43-09	7/1/2021	3.000%	Lonoke	Annexation
Cabot	43-11	7/1/2021	2.000%	Lonoke	Annexation
East Camden	52-03	7/1/2021	1.000%	Ouachita	Annexation
Alexander	60-02	7/1/2021	3.000%	Pulaski	Annexation
Pocahontas	61-04	7/1/2021	2.000%	Randolph	Annexation
Hardy	67-01	7/1/2021	1.000%	Sharp	Annexation
Forrest City	68-02	7/1/2021	1.250%	St. Francis	Decreased
Crawford County	17-00	7/1/2021	1.250%	-	Decreased
Franklin County	24-00	7/1/2021	2.000%	-	Increased
Washington County	72-00	7/1/2021	1.250%	-	Decreased

April 2021 City or County name	Code	Date	Rate	County	Recent Action
Parkdale	02-05	4/1/2021	1.000%	Ashley	Enacted
Mountain Home	03-01	4/1/2021	1.375%	Baxter	Annexation
Siloam Springs	04-01	4/1/2021	2.000%	Benton	Annexation
Bentonville	04-03	4/1/2021	2.000%	Benton	Annexation
Bethel Heights	04-04	4/1/2021	0.000%	Benton	Consolidation of Bethel Heights into Springdale
Centerton	04-09	4/1/2021	2.000%	Benton	Annexation
Little Flock	04-17	4/1/2021	1.000%	Benton	Annexation
Hermitage	06-02	4/1/2021	2.000%	Bradley	Increased
Arkadelphia	10-02	4/1/2021	2.000%	Clark	Annexation
Lake City	16-09	4/1/2021	1.000%	Craighead	Annexation
Cherry Valley	19-01	4/1/2021	1.000%	Cross	Enacted
Parkin	19-03	4/1/2021	1.000%	Cross	Enacted
Conway	23-01	4/1/2021	2.125%	Faulkner	Annexation
Pine Bluff	35-01	4/1/2021	2.250%	Jefferson	Annexation
Morrison Bluff	42-05	4/1/2021	1.000%	Logan	Enacted

Subiaco	42-09	4/1/2021	1.000%	Logan	Enacted
Manila	47-13	4/1/2021	1.250%	Mississippi	Annexation
North Little Rock	60-01	4/1/2021	2.000%	Pulaski	Annexation
Little Rock	60-05	4/1/2021	1.500%	Pulaski	Annexation
Pocahontas	61-04	4/1/2021	2.000%	Randolph	Annexation
Gillham	66-03	4/1/2021	3.000%	Sevier	Increased
Springdale	72-10	4/1/2021	2.000%	Washington	Annexation - Consolidation of Bethel Heights into Springdale
Fayetteville	72-14	4/1/2021	2.000%	Washington	Annexation
Lincoln	72-15	4/1/2021	3.000%	Washington	Increased
Franklin County	24-00	4/1/2021	1.000%	-	Decreased
Perry County	53-00	4/1/2021	2.750%	-	Increased
Scott County	63-00	4/1/2021	2.000%	-	Decreased

January 2021 City or County name	Code	Date	Rate	County	Recent Action
Siloam Springs	04-01	1/1/2021	2.000%	Benton	Annexation
Rogers	04-02	1/1/2021	2.000%	Benton	Annexation
Bentonville	04-03	1/1/2021	2.000%	Benton	Annexation
Pea Ridge	04-10	1/1/2021	1.000%	Benton	Annexation
Cave Springs	04-11	1/1/2021	2.250%	Benton	Deannexation
Lake Village	09-01	1/1/2021	2.000%	Chicot	Annexation
Conway	23-01	1/1/2021	2.125%	Faulkner	Annexation
Star City	40-01	1/1/2021	1.250%	Lincoln	Decreased
Booneville	42-10	1/1/2021	2.000%	Logan	Increased
Little Rock	60-05	1/1/2021	1.500%	Pulaski	Annexation
Pocahontas	61-04	1/1/2021	2.000%	Randolph	Annexation
DeQueen	66-01	1/1/2021	1.000%	Sevier	Annexation
Springdale**	72-10	1/1/2021	2.000%	Washington	Annexation
Springdale**	72-10	1/1/2021	2.000%	Washington	Deannexation
Fayetteville	72-14	1/1/2021	2.000%	Washington	Annexation
Crittenden County	18-00	1/1/2021	1.750%	-	Decreased
Yell County	75-00	1/1/2021	1.125%	-	Decreased

## **Calendar of Due Dates**

July

07/12/21 Sales Tax (1st monthly prepayment)

07/15/21 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, Paid Fantasy Gaming

07/20/21 Sales & Use Tax, monthly report for previous month

Miscellaneous Tax - Wheat, Waste Tire, Electronic Games of Skill, Wine-Small Farm, Dyed Diesel - Motor Fuel Tax

07/26/21 Sales Tax (2nd monthly prepayment)

07/26/21 Motor Fuel Tax (Except IFTA)

Severance Tax

07/31/21 Soybean Promotion

#### August

08/12/21 Sales Tax (1st monthly prepayment)

08/15/21 Employee monthly withholding tax, for previous 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. Rice Promotion

08/20/21 Miscellaneous Tax - Wheat, Waste Tire, Electronic Games of Skill, Wine-Small Farm, Other Tobacco Products, Paid Fantasy Sports, Casino Gaming, Carwash Water Usage.

Sales & Use Tax, monthly report for previous month

Dyed Diesel - Motor Fuel Tax

08/24/21 Sales Tax (2nd monthly prepayment)

08/25/21 Severance Tax

Miscellaneous Tax-Soybean Promotion

#### September

09/13/21 Sales Tax (1st monthly prepayment)

09/15/21 Employee monthly withholding tax, for previous month Withholding Tax - Pass through entity return due Miscellaneous Tax (except Severance taxes, Wheat, Soybean, Wine-Small and Waste Tire) Beer, Liquor, Soft Drink, Cigarette Excise, Cigarette Papers, Construction Corn/Sorghum, Promotion, Bovine/Pseudorabies Fee, Bingo Tax, Rice Promotion

09/20/21 Sales & Use Tax, (monthly report for previous month)

Dyed Diesel - Motor Fuel Tax

Miscellaneous Tax - Wheat, Waste Tire, Electronic Games of Skill, Wine-Small Farm, Oil, Other Tobacco Products, Paid Fantasy Sports, Casino Gaming

09/24/21 Sales Tax (2nd monthly prepayment)

09/25/21 Severance Tax

Motor Fuel Tax (Except IFTA)

09/30/21 Miscellaneous Tax-Soybean Promotion

Calendar Due Dates for 2021



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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Certify Tax Credits Payroll, Expenditures and/or Tax Back Refund request.

The information for this article was cited from the following webpage: ATAP Information.

# HELPFUL WEBPAGE LINKS

INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX NAME AND ADDRESS 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

ARKANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE HOMEPAGE

ARKANSAS CHILD SUPPORT HOMEPAGE

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES HOMEPAGE

FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER APPLICATION

**MOTOR FUEL TAX** 

SMALL BUSINESS CORPORATE (SUB-S) REPORTING FORMS

SALE OR CLOSURE OF BUSINESS FORM

CLAIM FOR LOW INCOME SALES OF ELECTRICITY, E-416

MANUFACTURER OF ELECTRICITY UTILITY REDUCED RATE APPLICATION, ET-186 A

MANUFACTURER OF ELECTRICITY UTILITY REDUCED TAX REFUND REQUEST, ET-186 R

MANUFACTURING REDUCED RATE APPLICATION/RECERTIFICATION, ET-185ARC

MANUFACTURING UTILITY REDUCED TAX REFUND REQUEST, ET-185R

TAX CREDITS AND SPECIAL REFUNDS

NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

REQUEST FOR TITLE WITH BENEFICIARY

COMPOSITE FILING AND WITHHOLDING FOR PASS THROUGH ENTITIES FORMS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

**STATE TAX RATES** 

Corporate Income Tax



Taxpayer Assistance for	501-682-1100
Individual Income Tax	800-882-9275

Sales and Use Tax 501-682-7104

(Tax Inquiries)

Motor Fuel Tax 501-682-4800

Problem Resolution and Tax 501-682-7751

Information Office

Collections 501-682-5000

501-682-4720

501-682-4775

IRS (Taxpayer Advocate) 501-396-5978

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IRS Taxpayer Assistance	844-545-5640	
IRS Federal Tax Forms	800-829-3676	
Revenue Legal Counsel	501-682-7030	
Motor Vehicle Administration	501-682-4692	
Field Audit Administration	501-682-4616	
<u>Driver Services Administration</u>	501-371-5581	
Revenue Administration	501-682-7000	
Withholding Tax	501-682-7290	
Miscellaneous Tax Section	501-682-7187	
Tax Credits and Special Refunds	501-682-7106	

## **DFA REVENUE**



DFA/Revenue Division is sponsoring a Blood Drive with the Arkansas Blood Institute on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Bloodmobile will be located at the Ledbetter Building.

To schedule an appointment, visit www.arkbi.org



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To view previous Arkansas State Revenue Tax Quarterlies, click on the following link: <u>Previous Arkansas State Tax Quarterlies.</u>

DFA Revenue Rules are listed in the newsletter and updated on the DFA website. The rules (regulations) can be accessed at the following link: Revenue Rules.

## **Upcoming State Observed Holidays**

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

Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day

## Suggestions Corner

If you have any suggestions about items to be included on any future newsletters, please email your suggestions to <a href="mailto:Susan.Richards@dfa.arkansas.gov">Susan.Richards@dfa.arkansas.gov</a>