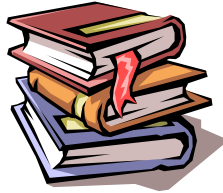


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IFTA Web Site

For additional information regarding IFTA and footnotes associated with various jurisdictions' tax rates, visit the IFTA, Inc. web site at:

www.iftach.org.



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Important Renewal Notice To IFTA and Intrastate Motor Carriers

The renewal period for IFTA and INTRASTATE licenses and decals for the 2008 calendar year will begin October 1, 2007 and will continue through December 31, 2007. The IFTA Agreement allows for a 60-day grace period for motor carriers to affix decals to their vehicles, as follows:

R655 GRACE PERIOD

.200 Carriers renewing their IFTA license and decals have a two-month grace period (January and February) to display the renewal IFTA license and decals. To operate in IFTA jurisdictions during this grace period, carriers must display either valid current or prior year IFTA license and decals from the jurisdiction in which they were operating or a valid single-trip permit from the IFTA jurisdiction in which they are operating.

The Division will be mailing renewal notices in September 2007. Carriers may renew their licenses by returning the completed renewal application for processing. **To expedite processing, we recommend that you request renewal of licenses and decals via the Internet.** Renewal via the Internet will become available effective October 1, 2007. Also on October 1st, we will begin processing the paper renewal notices. We will begin mailing 2008 licenses and decals on November 1, 2007. The 2008 decals should not be affixed to your vehicles prior to December 1, 2007.

Questions or concerns regarding this important notification may be directed to the Motor Fuels Tax Division at (919) 733-3409 or toll free at (877) 308-9092.

NEWSFLASH

- Senate Bill 242 Hearing Process Revised – Details to come
- Effective January 1, 2008 45 day Proposed Assessment Date
- Nevada has changed its SME laws See Details: <http://www.iftach.org/> Important Notices

Power of Attorney

A Power of Attorney is required of all persons conducting business on behalf of a Motor Fuels taxpayer

Download a POA at:
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I. D. Requirements

Identification is required from all in-person requests of IFTA licenses and decals

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***License Issuance Location

MOTOR CARRIER SEMINARS

In August the NC Motor Fuels Tax Division conducted the 2007 Motor Carrier Seminars. This was a combined effort between the NC Motor Fuels Tax Division, NC IRP Registration Unit, the Internal Revenue Service, and the NC State Highway Patrol. Each agency presented vital information to the motor carrier industry attendees on topics such as: registration, tax return preparation, internet services, record keeping, on-road enforcement, the hearings and appeal process, safety and Federal Motor Carrier regulations. The seminars are offered free of charge each year in various locations around the state.

This year seminars were held in Ahsoskie, Greenville, Dublin, Hickory, Asheboro, and Cary. Attendance was good and the information presented was well received. All entities registered with the NC Motor Fuels Tax Division are invited to register and attend a seminar next year.

ADDITIONAL RENEWAL INFORMATION

There is **NO FEE** for the license and decals. If you are requesting IFTA decals, you must travel in at least two (2) IFTA jurisdictions. The Division will be reviewing completed returns from prior periods to ensure that carriers requesting IFTA licenses are traveling in more than one (1) jurisdiction.

North Carolina Highway Fuel Use Tax (NCHFUT) decals are issued to carriers who operate vehicles that travel only in North Carolina.

Your account status will affect the renewal of your 2008 license and decals. If you have not filed all returns due or paid all outstanding assessments, your account may be in a revoked status. If your account has been revoked, we cannot issue decals or a license until your outstanding returns and/or payments have been received either in the Raleigh office or one of our field offices. Call the Division if you have any questions about your account status.

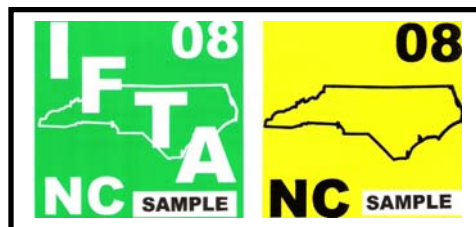
DECAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Motor Carriers are responsible for all decals issued. Unused decals must be maintained for a period of at least four (4) years for audit purposes. If a Motor Carrier fails to produce records to account for all decals, they may be held responsible for the operation of the unaccounted for decals based on the best information available.

Effective January 1, 2003, North Carolina law states that a Motor Carrier must keep records of identification markers issued to the motor carrier and must be able to account for all identification markers the motor carrier receives.

A penalty may be assessed for either of the following:

- Inability to account for decals issued (\$100 per decal)
- Displaying a decal on a vehicle operated by a Motor Carrier to whom the decal is not issued. (\$1,000 per decal)



Decal Placement:

We request that one decal be placed on the exterior portion of each side of the vehicle's power unit. Failure to display decals in the required location may subject the vehicle operator to the purchase of a trip permit and a citation.

REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-IFTA VEHICLES

Qualified vehicles are required to have a license and fuel decal(s). A qualified vehicle is a motor vehicle used, designed, or maintained for the transportation of persons or property and:

1. Having two (2) axles and a gross vehicle weight or registered gross vehicle weight exceeding twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds;
2. Having three (3) axles regardless of weight; or
3. Used in combination when the weight of such combination exceeds twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds gross vehicle weight.

Qualified vehicles that only travel in North Carolina are subject to the record keeping requirements of users.

A user is a person who owns or operates a licensed highway vehicle that has a registered gross vehicle weight of at least 10,001 pounds and who does not maintain storage facilities for motor fuel. Users are required to keep mileage and fuel records and are subject to audit by the N C Department of Revenue. Record keeping requirements include:

- Must retain all fuel receipts (highway and non-highway)
- Quarterly odometer readings
- Purchase and disposition dates of vehicles
- List of current vehicles by registered gross weight

REQUIREMENTS FOR IFTA LICENSED VEHICLES

It is the licensee's responsibility to maintain records of all operations of qualified motor vehicles. At a minimum, information must include the following mileage data on each individual vehicle for each trip:

Mileage Records:

- Date of trip (starting and ending)
- Trip origin and destination (city & state)
- Route of travel
- Beginning and ending odometer or hubometer readings
- Total trip miles
- Mileage by jurisdiction
- Vehicle unit number
- Vehicle fleet number
- Licensee's name

Fuel Receipts:

- Date of purchase
- Name and address of seller
- Number of gallons purchased
- Type of fuel purchased
- Price per gallon
- Unit number of vehicle or VIN
- Purchaser name

Users that maintain bulk storage are categorized as bulk users. Bulk users have additional requirements with regard to maintaining fuel accountability records including fuel withdrawal records. For further information, please contact our Division.

NEW STATE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

For your protection, the North Carolina Department of Revenue, Motor Fuels Tax Division, in compliance with The Identity Theft Protection Act has assigned State Numbers to all International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) and Intrastate (IN/NCHFUT) accounts. New applicants will continue to register with Federal Identification Numbers (FEIN) or Social Security Numbers (SSN) as the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN); however upon registration, our system will assign taxpayers a State Number. The State Number will be 9 digits in length, with the first 2 digits beginning with 89. Example: 8900000XX.

The IFTA/Intrastate Internet screens have been updated to reflect the State Number on all screens. You may set up your IFTA/Intrastate account on-line using your State Number or your TIN under the first time user/initial access setup screens. Current users with multiple accounts will now need to use the State Number to access their account information. Individual users will continue to use their email address and password to access their account information. The Access Code Letters are now displaying the 89 numbers. Reporting Services and Third Party representatives must select the 89 numbers from their drop down list to file returns and/or order credentials.

If you have any questions, please contact the Motor Fuels Tax Division at (919) 733-3409.

IFTA FILING REQUIREMENTS

All licensees must file an IFTA quarterly tax return with the Division. The due dates for filing each return are shown below.

The IFTA quarterly tax return and tax rates are provided each quarter, 30 days prior to the due date. Failure to receive or obtain the quarterly tax return does not release the licensee from reporting obligations. **A quarterly tax return must be filed, even if the licensee does not operate or purchase taxable fuel in any IFTA member jurisdiction in a particular quarter.**

IFTA licenses may be suspended and/or revoked for any of the following reasons:

1. Failure to file an IFTA quarterly tax return;
2. Failure to remit all taxes due all member jurisdictions; or
3. Failure to pay and/or protest an audit assessment within the established time period.

The Division will notify the North Carolina State Highway Patrol Motor Carrier Enforcement Administration and all member jurisdictions when a suspension or revocation has occurred or been released. **Do not operate vehicles when a license has been revoked or suspended.**



RETURN RECEIVED DATE:

The Department uses the *postmark date stamped by the U.S. Post Office* to determine if your return is on time. If you use a postage meter to stamp your mail, the Department will use the meter stamp as long as the Post Office does not also postmark the envelope.

REPORTING QUARTERS & FILING DEADLINES

1 st Quarter	{	January February March	}	due April 30
2 nd Quarter	{	April May June	}	due July 31
3 rd Quarter	{	July August September	}	due October 31
4 th Quarter	{	October November December	}	due January 31

HOLIDAYS

Veteran's Day
November 12, 2007

Thanksgiving Day
November 22 & 23, 2007

Christmas
December 24, 25 & 26, 2007