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Office Closures

Labor Day
Monday-Sept. 5, 2016

Nevada Day
Friday- October 28, 2016

Veterans Day
Friday- November 11, 2016

Thanksgiving & Family Day
Thursday/Friday-
November 24 & 25, 2016

Christmas Day
Monday- December 26, 2016

Questions?

Contact our Call Center:
(866) 962-3707
Monday through Friday
8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Elko County Tax Rate Increase

Effective July 1, 2016, the Sales and Use Tax rate for Elko County will increase from 6.85% to 7.10%. Those who collect and remit Sales and Use Tax will need to make changes to business processes as necessary in order to collect tax at the new rate.

Businesses should be sure to file using the most recently updated tax return forms. To take advantage of the most up to date tax rates and forms, sign up to file online using the [Nevada Tax Center](http://tax.nv.gov). Tax returns can be also be found on our website at <http://tax.nv.gov>. If you have questions or require further information, please contact our Call Center at 866-962-3707.

Elko County has a new Sales & Use Tax rate of 7.10% as of July 1, 2016.

Department Launches Updated Nevada Tax Center

The Nevada Department of Taxation is proud to announce the release of the new and improved online Nevada Tax Center. The new site became available as of Monday, April 18th, and almost immediately showed an increased number of users.

The Nevada Tax Center is a secure, online tool for taxpayers to more efficiently view and file tax payments, including retrieving information on past filings. Users can also update their mailing address, register for EFT payments, view important tax-related messages, and more.

The site uses the latest in technology to offer a more responsive site with improved speed and functionality. With a completely new design, the updated system offers an enhanced user experience featuring quick access to Nevada Tax's most commonly used features.

For more information or to register to use Nevada Tax, simply visit www.nevadatax.nv.gov.



Public Meeting Reminder

Don't forget—all Public Meetings are posted to the Department of Taxation's website and can be found on the [Public Meeting Calendar](#)!

Nevada New Markets Tax Credit Program

Nevada businesses seeking loans may now qualify for a new opportunity! In 2013, the Nevada Legislature created the Nevada New Markets Tax Credit program to help businesses located in low-income areas get access to below market loans. Seven federally certified community development entities (CDE's) were awarded tax credits through a competitive process, which they in turn sold to raise investment capital to lend through the program. CDEs work with banks to provide below market loan packages to qualified businesses.

New tax credit program aims to help businesses in low-income areas.

The CDEs are required to invest most of the program's \$200 million raised by the end of the year, so they are actively seeking qualified business investment

opportunities of \$3 million to \$5 million in federally defined low-income areas throughout Nevada. The Nevada Department of Business & Industry has the responsibility of facilitating the match up of potential projects to the CDEs.

For more information, including eligibility criteria, program benefits, and qualified locations, please visit the [Department of Business & Industry's Website](#) or call them at (775) 684-2998.

Vehicle, Watercraft and Aircraft Tax Evasion Program

Tax evasion occurs if the Department determines that a Nevada resident intended to evade Sales & Use Tax on the purchase of a motor vehicle, watercraft and/or aircraft, by registering the property in a State or jurisdiction which does not levy a Sales & Use Tax or levies tax at a lower tax rate. The resident shall be assessed the applicable Nevada tax, plus a 10% penalty, plus .75% interest per month, and may also be assessed an additional 300% evasion penalty. The Department works and receives information from law enforcement officials, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and Nevada taxpayers to maintain an ongoing program of tax evasion discovery.

The Department also receives buyer information from surrounding States on sales of off-road vehicles, watercraft, aircraft, motor homes, and other vehicles purchased in their State with the intention of bringing the vehicle/craft to Nevada for storage, use, or other consumption. These vehicles/crafts are taxable in Nevada and the Department will pursue the buyer for tax, penalty, and interest on such transactions. Additionally, the Department works closely with the State of California to share affidavit/tax information. Holding the vehicle/craft in Nevada for 90 days to avoid California Sales & Use Tax will make it taxable in Nevada. (NRS 360.340, 2)

If you mail your returns & payments to the Department, please be aware the addresses have changed. Click here for more information!



**IMPORTANT:
ADDRESS CHANGES**

WHAT ARE YOU MAILING?

Commerce Tax Return

Standard Returns & Payments

Other documents including:

Main Office

1550 E. College Parkway
Ste. 115
Carson City, NV 89706
Phone: (775) 684-2000
Fax: (775) 684-2020

Las Vegas District Office

Grant Sawyer Office Building
555 E. Washington Ave. Ste. 1300
Las Vegas, NV 89101
Phone: (702) 486-2300
Fax: (702) 486-2373

Henderson Field Office

2550 Paseo Verde Parkway
Ste. 180
Henderson, NV 89074
Phone: (702) 486-2300
Fax: (702) 486-3377

Reno District Office

4600 Kietzke Plaza
Building L, Ste. 235
Reno, NV 89502
Phone: (775) 687-9999
Fax: (775) 688-1303

Technical Bulletins

- [Technical Bulletin TOB 16-0001](#) provides reporting requirements for cigarette wholesalers and retailers. The bulletin also provides clarity on how to apply for a wholesale or retail license for cigarette sales and specifies that the license is location specific and not transferrable. Licenses are valid for one year only and have to be renewed annually. The bulletin discusses the requirements for both wholesalers and retailers regarding their cigarette inventory, including what amount they are required to maintain, how stock for in state and out of state distribution should be stored, and who they can sell to or purchase from. Finally, the bulletin contains information on when reports are due to the Department and what penalties can result if the wholesalers or retailers fail to follow any laws related to tobacco enforcement.
- [Technical Bulletin SUT 16-0002](#) provides an overview of Assembly Bill 332 (2015), discusses the sales tax exemption for specialized components in public works projects, and what is required for the Department to make a determination if a material qualifies as a specialized component.
- [Technical Bulletin SUT 16-0003](#) provides information regarding the application of use tax on property purchased outside Nevada for use in Nevada.



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Updates on Regulations

- [LCB file number R068-15](#) which is a regulation related to the excise tax imposed on the connection of a passenger with a carrier such as a transportation network company, common motor carrier, or taxicab. The regulation establishes requirements for the filing of returns and the payment of tax, specifically, when the tax is due and payable to the Department on a monthly basis. It also provides that when computing the amount of tax due the taxpayer must multiply the tax rate by the entire amount charged to the passenger for transportation services.
- [LCB file number R 123-15](#) establishes provisions for the administration, calculation and payment of the commerce tax imposed on the Nevada gross revenue of certain entities engaged in business in this State. The regulation also adopts provisions for the administration and calculation of the credit against the payroll tax imposed on certain businesses for the payment of the commerce tax by a business.

“Ask the Advisors” Training

The Department presents Basic Tax Training and industry-specific training throughout the year. Topics for the free training workshops include: Sales and Use Tax; Modified Business Tax; Live Entertainment Tax; collection of taxes; resale certificates; exemptions; how to prepare amended tax returns; how to prepare for an audit; your petition rights, and more.

SOUTHERN REGION – The following workshops will be held in the Henderson Department of Taxation Office located at 2550 Paseo Verde Parkway, Suite 180, from 9:00 AM– 12:00 PM on the following dates:

August 16, 2016

September 20, 2016

October 18, 2016.

The Henderson Office will include additional presentations by the Internal Revenue Service (forms and filing requirements), and SCORE (resources available for businesses to guide them to success). SCORE is a non-profit organization sponsored by the Small Business Administration.

NORTHERN REGION – The Reno Office will include presentations by the Internal Revenue Service. The following workshop will be held in the Reno Department of Taxation Office located at 4600 Kietzke Lane, Bldg. B, Suite 111, from 9:00 AM– 12:00 PM on the following dates:

August 17, 2016

October 19, 2016.

Reservations are required as classes fill up quickly. To reserve seating, please call (702) 486-2354 for Henderson classes and (775) 687-9999 for Reno classes.

Nevada Commerce Tax Welcome Letter FAQ's

As part of introducing the Commerce Tax to over 300,000 Nevada businesses, a Welcome Letter will be mailed to all those who are registered with the Nevada Secretary of State's Office. Here are some of the most common questions taxpayers ask after receiving the letter.

Why did I receive the Welcome letter?

Welcome letters are sent to notify businesses about their Commerce Tax filing requirements. Even if your business does not make \$4,000,000 or is exempt from NV business license fees, it is still required to file the Commerce Tax Return. Independent contractors receiving form 1099-Misc are considered to be businesses.

Exempt entity status was mentioned in the Welcome letter. Should I file the Exempt Status Entity form?

Please review our [Filing Requirement FAQs](#) before you submit the form. There is a very limited list of the entities and exempt reasons. The Exempt Status Entity forms submissions are reviewed by the Department. A form filed in error will be rejected. If you are unsure about your entity exempt status, ask [here](#).

A pre-approved Nevada Tax Access Code in the Welcome letter, what is it for?

This code is to enroll in the [Nevada Tax Center](#) system to file the commerce tax return online. Filing the commerce tax online will save you time and cost of mailing the return.

I've never used the Nevada Tax Center before. How do I enroll?

Instructions for enrollment in the Nevada Tax Center can be found [here](#).

An Additional Information form was enclosed with the Welcome letter. What is it for?

The form is used to verify information about your business the Department received from the Nevada Secretary of State. Complete the [Commerce Tax Additional Information Form](#) and send it back to the Department via mail or e-mail.

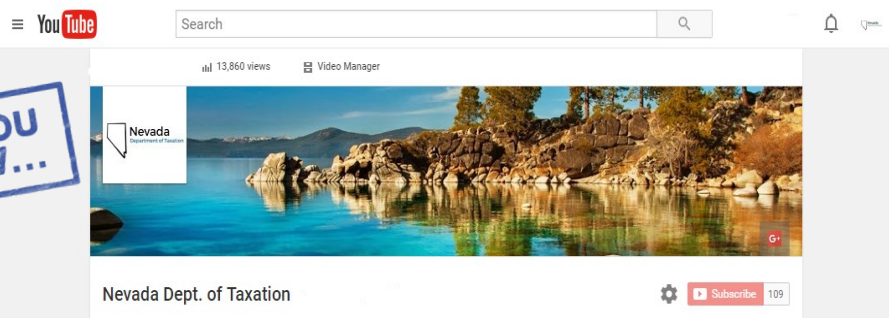
I enrolled in Nevada Tax Center and sent the Additional Information Form. What do I do next?

Between July 1, 2016 and August 15, 2016 log in into [Nevada Tax Center](#) system and file the commerce tax return. If the gross revenue of your business from engaging in business in Nevada is less than \$4,000,000, the compliance is very simple:

- * Select the taxable year - July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016
- * Select NAICs code category from the drop down menu
- * Check "under \$4,000,000" box
- * Check "under penalty of perjury" box
- * And submit the return.
- * If the gross revenue of your business from engaging in business in Nevada is over \$4,000,000, please review the [Commerce Tax Return Instructions](#).

Still have questions?

Ask the Commerce Tax team [here](#).



Brand new training videos on the Commerce Tax are now available on our YouTube Channel! Topics include filing requirements, gross revenue situs, NACIS code & tax rates, and more !

Click [here](#) to view.