



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT NEVADA'S EXHIBITION FACILITIES FEE (EFF)

**Effective July 1, 2005**, any person or governmental entity that operates a facility at which one or more **exhibitions** are held is responsible for payment of a licensing fee. As required by NRS 360.787, an operator of a facility at which one or more **exhibitions** are held is responsible for the payment of a licensing fee on behalf of persons who do not have a State Business License but who take part in the exhibition for a purpose related to the conduct of a business.

1. *Q. Who is considered to be an operator of a facility where exhibitions are held?*
  - A. Any person or governmental entity including instrumentalities of the city, state and local governments.
  
2. *Q. What is an exhibition?*
  - A. Pursuant to NRS 360.787, an "Exhibition" includes a trade show or convention, craft show, sporting event or any other similar event involving the exhibition of property, products, goods, services or athletic or physical skill.
  
3. *Q. What is a "Convention" and "Trade Show"?*
  - A. A "Convention" is an event of limited duration primarily attended by members of a particular trade or industry to discuss matters of interest to members of that trade or industry. A "Trade Show" is an event of limited duration primarily attended by members of a particular trade or industry to exhibit their merchandise or services to other members of that trade or industry.
  
4. *Q. How much is the fee and when is it due?*
  - A. The operator of the facility may choose to pay the licensing fee in one of two ways:
    - 1) The operator could elect to pay a \$5000.00 fee on an annual basis on or before July 1 of each year for all the exhibitions held at their facility during the fiscal year beginning on that day; or
    - 2) The operator of the facility could elect to file, on a quarterly basis, by remitting an amount equal to the product of the total number of businesses (who do not have a State Business License) taking part in each exhibition at the facility multiplied by the number of days on which the exhibition is held at the facility, multiplied in turn by \$1.25 for each exhibition held at the facility during the calendar quarter. The operator of the facility shall, on or before the last day of each calendar quarter, in which an exhibition is held at that facility, remit to the Department the licensing fee.

For example: One event is held at a facility in a calendar quarter. There were 300 businesses participating in the exhibition, 200 of which did not have State Business Licenses. The event occurred over a three day period. The calculation would be as follows:  
 $200 \text{ businesses} \times 3 \times \$1.25 = \$750.00$  due for the quarterly period

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5. *Q. What is the penalty for late or non-payment?*

- A.* If the Fees are not submitted/postmarked by the due date, the amount of penalty due is:
- a) For a Period(s) due prior to and including 6/30/07, there is no Penalty.
  - b) For a Period(s) due 7/1/07 or after; the amount of penalty due is based on the number of days the payment is late, per NAC 360.395 (see table on back of return). The maximum penalty amount is 10%. A person who fails to submit the fee required by the due date shall pay graduated penalty depending on how many days late

6. *Q. How do I obtain, file and pay an Exhibition Facility Fee return?*

- A.* You may obtain returns or inquire about the licensing fee from the EFF Tax Examiner, in the Carson City Taxation office at (775) 684-2000 or by writing to the Department of Taxation, 3850 Arrowhead Dr., 2nd Floor, Carson City, Nevada 89706.