



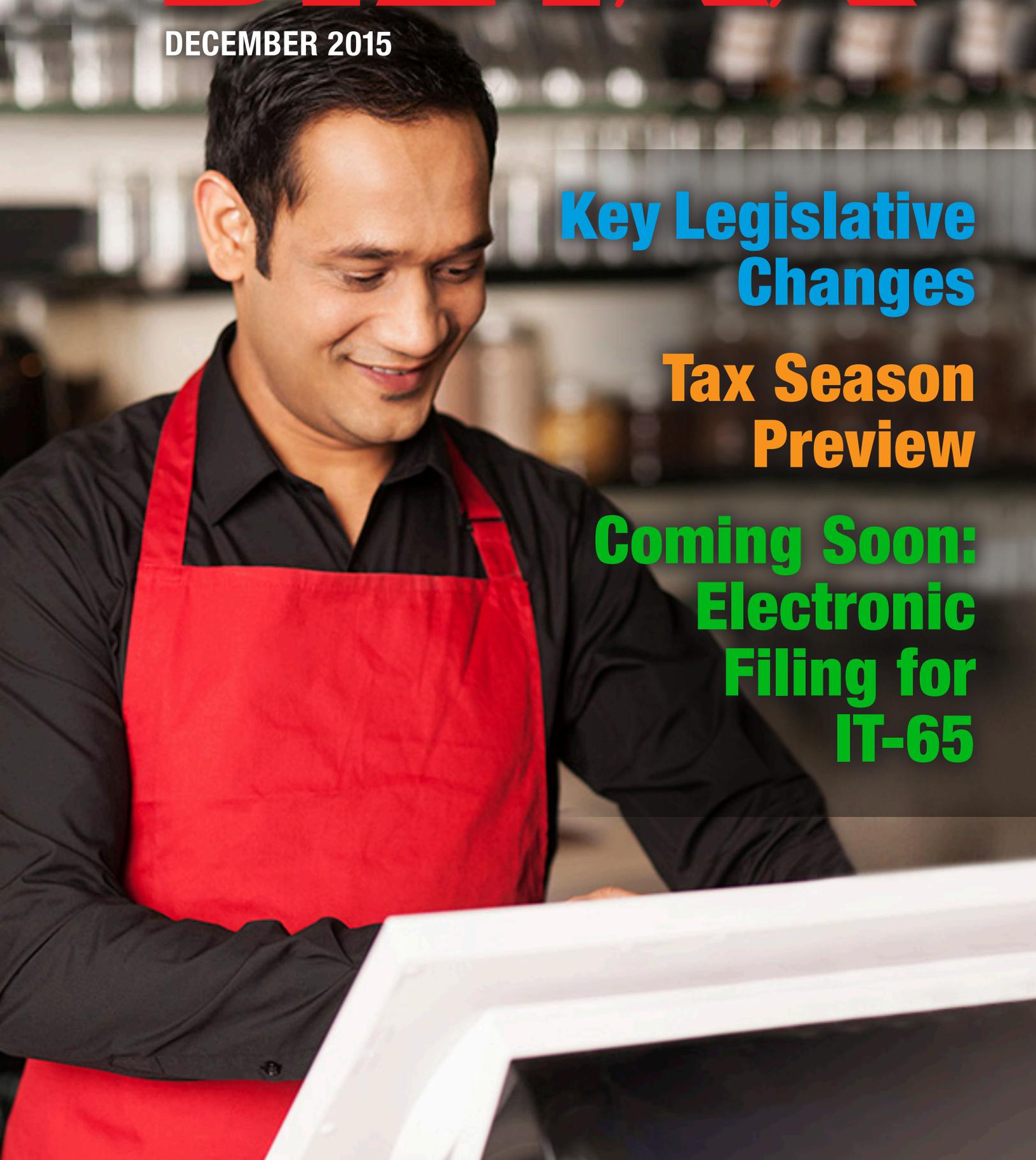
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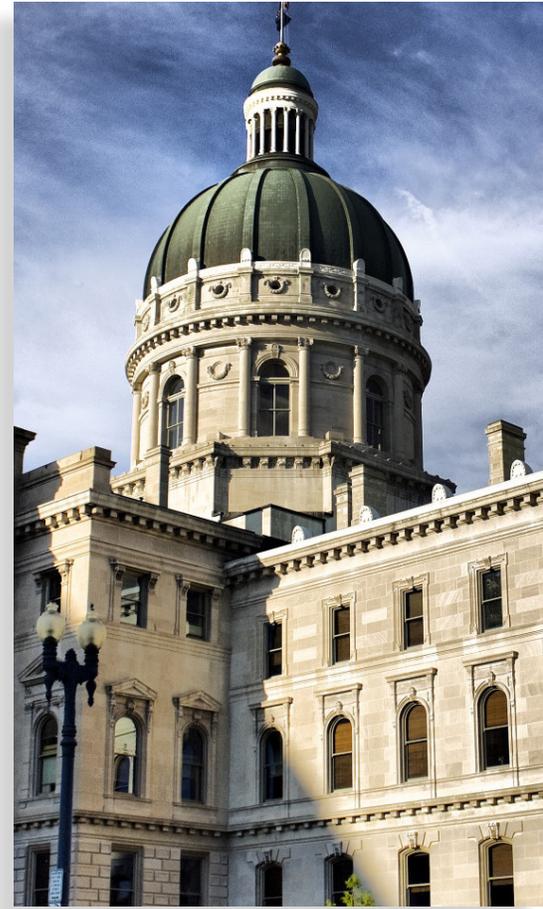
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Key Legislative Changes

There are only a few weeks left in 2015, and everyone is looking forward to the coming holidays. But now is also the time to begin preparing to file your annual tax return – especially if your fiscal year is the calendar year or you are a sole proprietor.

As you gather the necessary files and data, be sure to read the following highlights of some of the key changes to Indiana's tax laws that may affect your return:

- Effective Jan. 1, 2015, a pass-through entity (S corp or LLC/LLP) is not required to withhold tax or file a composite return for a nonresident member if the entity is a publicly traded partnership, meets the IRC Section 7704(c) exception, and agrees to file an annual information return reporting the name, address, and TID number for each member.



- Effective Jan. 1, 2015, if an S corporation is given an extension of time to file its annual return, it is automatically given an extension to file its withholding return for nonresident shareholders.

- Effective July 1, 2015, the recycling exemption is amended to exclude any collection of recycling materials from the definition of “recycling,” not limited to collection by licensed motor vehicles. “Occupationally engaged in recycling” is defined as to engage in recycling with the intention of doing so at a profit. “Recycling cart” is defined to be a manually propelled container with a capacity of not more than 100 gallons. The double direct test for property acquired to be used in recycling is eliminated.



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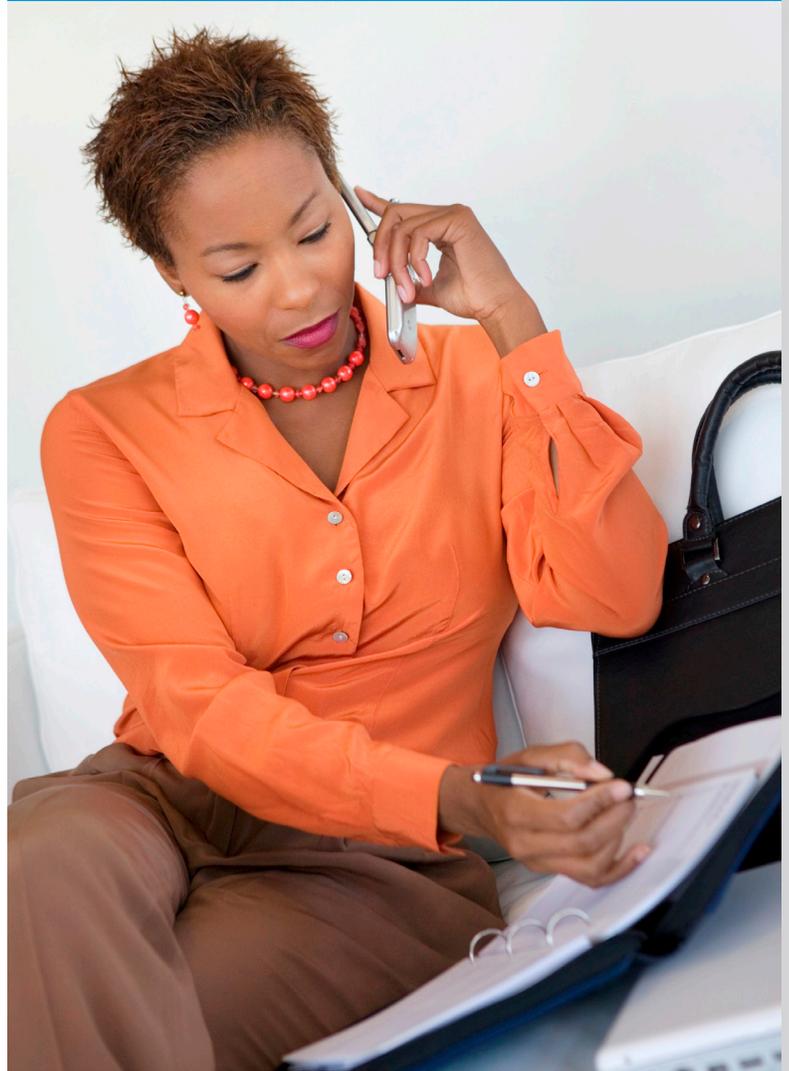
- Effective July 1, 2015, an aircraft that has a total time in service exceeding 50 hours is no longer considered in inventory and is subject to registration and all applicable taxes.
- Effective Jan. 1, 2016, several addbacks are eliminated: capital gain portion of a lump sum distribution; unemployment compensation excluded from federal gross income; qualified disaster assistance property; qualified refinery property; loss from the sale or exchange of preferred stock in the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, an election under Section 179C of the IRC; and wages, reimbursements, or other payments made for services if the person was prohibited from being hired as an employee because the person was an unauthorized alien.

- Effective Jan. 1, 2016, the sales tax exemption for agricultural machinery, tools, and equipment is expanded to include material-handling equipment purchased for transporting materials into such activities from an onsite location.

- Effective Jan. 1, 2016, the “throwback rule” is eliminated for apportioning income to Indiana if the taxpayer is not taxable in the state of the purchaser.

- Effective Jan. 1, 2016, the annual registration date for aircraft is the last day of December instead of the last day of February.

A complete list of all the legislation affecting 2015 tax filings can be found on the Indiana Department of Revenue’s Legislative Summaries webpage at www.in.gov/dor/3656.htm. Click the link for the 2015 summary.



Coming Soon: e-Filing for IT-65

Last spring, the Indiana Department of Revenue began offering electronic filing for the IT-20S for S corporations' 2014 taxes filed in 2015 and beyond, but tax filing modernization efforts didn't stop there.

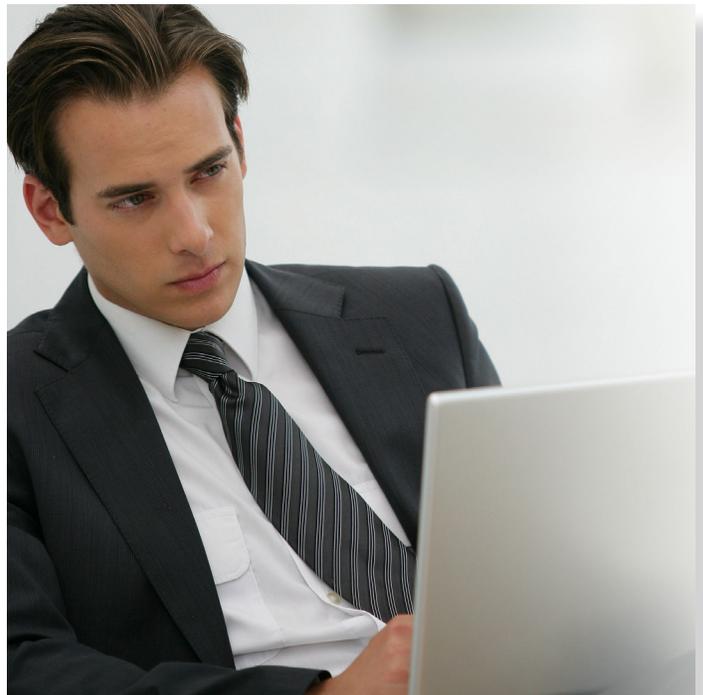
The department soon will offer electronic filing for the IT-65 for 2015 taxes filed in 2016 and beyond.



Businesses and companies organized as general partnerships, limited liability partnerships, limited liability companies, or limited liability companies are required to complete an IT-65 form. The addition of the IT-65 to the department's electronic filing portfolio will allow 85 percent of corporate tax forms to be filed electronically.

Not only does electronic filing enhance security, simplify the filing process, and improve accuracy, but it's also easier and faster for everyone involved.

If you are interested in filing your IT-65 electronically, contact your preferred vendor for more information. Stay tuned for more electronic filing updates.



***We're still listening!
If you have ideas
for ways the
department can
continue to improve
its tax processes or
services, come to our
annual public hearing
on Tuesday, June 14,
2016 at 10:00 a.m.***

Business Outreach Education Program Continues to Expand

According to the Small Business Administration, almost 50 percent of businesses fail in the first five years. One factor contributing to business failure is the failure to understand tax laws and requirements. To combat this issue, the

Indiana Department of Revenue launched the **Business Outreach Education Program** in 2014. The program expanded in 2015 and will continue to grow in 2016.

While several presentations currently are available as in-person workshops, many will be made available in webinar format in 2016. By making presentations available both online and in person, you will be able to access business tax resources in the format you prefer.



The Indiana Department of Revenue launched the Business Outreach Education Program in 2014. The program expanded in 2015 and will continue to grow in 2016.

Only have a few minutes to catch up on business tax basics? Check out the department's **Tax Video Library**. More than 15 short, informative videos are available and can be watched easily on a computer or smart phone.

Would you rather read about key tax updates rather than attend a presentation or watch a video? If so, we've got you covered!

Two handbooks, the **Indiana Tax Handbook for New and Small Business Owners** and the **Convenience Store Tax Handbook** are available for free download. View the handbooks online or print them out and add your own notes to the margins!



Still looking for more tax news? Check out **Tax Talk**, the department's blog, available at www.in.gov/dor/3877.htm. Blog posts range from general tax news to special tax and business tax updates.

If you still have questions or concerns about your business taxes, we're here to help! Department contact information is available at www.in.gov/dor/3325.htm.



Tax Amnesty 2015 Initial Report

Indiana's second tax amnesty program, Tax Amnesty 2015, closed Monday, November 16, 2015. The program allowed individual and business taxpayers to pay past-due taxes free of penalty, interest, and collection fees.

As of December 1, the department has collected \$100 million in cash payments through the program, fully satisfying the goal to collect at least \$90 million. Taxpayers have agreed to pay an additional \$22.1 million via payment plans.

Tax Amnesty 2015 was authorized by House Enrolled Act 1001, which was signed into law by Governor Pence in May 2015.

Of the outstanding taxes collected, the first \$84 million will fund the Indiana Regional Cities Initiative. Up to the next \$6 million will be allocated to the Indiana Department of Transportation to support the operation of the Hoosier State Passenger Rail.

Although the Tax Amnesty 2015 period has ended, our tax analysts are always here to answer questions or address concerns about your account. Visit www.in.gov/dor/3325.htm for department contact information.



Are you on a Tax Amnesty 2015 payment plan? Visit [Amnesty Pay](#) to make your payment. Remember, all payment plans must be satisfied by June 15, 2016. [Click here to view a video tutorial with step-by-step instructions for making a Tax Amnesty 2015 payment.](#)

Tax Season *Preview*

It's almost that time of year again. That's right, tax season is right around the corner, and the Indiana Department of Revenue has several exciting new features and announcements for businesses.



INtax Upgrade

Don't forget! INtax has been upgraded to make tax filing and remittance faster and simpler.

INtax is Indiana's online business tax remittance and payment application. It's a powerful tool with more than 301,000 businesses' taxes being remitted through INtax.

The upgrade occurred in August 2015 and includes a new look and several enhanced features including: improved instructions and alerts, consolidated screens, greater control to edit, and faster system processing thanks to updated technology.

Click here to learn more about the upgrade and file your business taxes.

Find business forms

For businesses needing to file multiple forms for the 2016 tax season, the department provides a one-stop shop of all Indiana current year tax forms. Forms can be downloaded and printed from the department's website: www.in.gov/dor/3489.htm.

If you have questions about filing a business or corporate tax form, please contact the department at (317) 233-4015.

IT-20S E-Filing

Corporations can now electronically file IT-20S forms. In 2015, the IT-20S was chosen as the first corporate tax form to be converted to an electronic form. It comprises roughly 45 percent, or a little more than 95,000, of corporate tax returns in Indiana.

To aid tax professionals and business, as well as modernize the process of filing corporate tax returns, the department will soon provide more forms electronically, including the IT-65. See page 8 for more on filing the IT-65 electronically.

For a list of software vendors that currently support the electronic IT-20S return, [click here](#).

EXTENSION UPDATE – *Several Indiana individual income tax forms have an indicator to check if the taxpayer has filed for a federal extension of time to file via Form 4868. Please also check the box if the new online payment method for requesting a federal extension was used.*



Updates to Directives, Notices, and Bulletins

The Indiana Department of Revenue website includes several resources that provide information about how laws passed affect business taxpayers. A few of these resources include income and sales tax information bulletins, departmental notices, and commissioner's directives.

Listed below are all bulletins, notices, and commissioner's directives that have been updated since August 2015.

All bulletins, notices, and commissioner's directives are available in the [Tax Library](#).

Income Tax Information Bulletins

BULLETIN #	TITLE	REVISION DATE
1	Fiduciary Income Tax Return	Aug. 2015
12	Corporate Income Taxes	Oct. 2015
39	Guidelines for Reporting Income from Indiana Sources by Nonresident Individuals	Aug. 2015
59	Summary of Tax Credits Available to Taxpayers Who File Income Tax Returns	Aug. 2015
95	Hoosier Business Investment Tax Credit	Oct. 2015
112	Income Tax Credit for Property Tax Paid by a For Profit Hospital	Oct. 2015

Sales Tax Information Bulletins

BULLETIN #	TITLE	REVISION DATE
9	Agricultural Production Exemptions	Oct. 2015
20	Auctions/Casual Sales Exemption Rules	Oct. 2015
48	Sales Tax Application to Medical Profession	Sept. 2015

Departmental Notices

NOTICE #	TITLE	REVISION DATE
1	How to Compute Withholding for State and County Income Tax	Sept. 2015
2	Gasoline Use Tax Rate	Oct. 2015
3	Interest Rates for Calendar Year 2016	Oct. 2015
4	Form Specifications for Software Developers	Aug. 2015
40	County Innkeeper's Taxes	Sept. 2015

Commissioner's Directives

DIRECTIVE #	TITLE	REVISION DATE
13	Claim for Refund Procedures	Oct. 2015
14	Financial Institutions Tax	Aug. 2015
30	Local Food and Beverage Taxes	Sept. 2015
33	Changes in the Collection Process and Protest of Tax Liabilities	Sept. 2015
54	Indiana Tax Exemption Relating to the National Collegiate Athletic Association and Its Affiliates	Sept. 2015

IMPORTANT DATES



Each issue highlights upcoming key dates. Find a complete list of due dates [online](#).

Note: If the due date shown falls on a weekend, federal, or state holiday, the payment is due on the next business day.

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DATE	TAX TYPE	FORM	DESCRIPTION
10	Sales	GT-103	Gasoline Use Tax (Second Filing)
	Alcohol	ALC-PS	Monthly Report for Primary Source Suppliers
15	Motor Carrier	---	International Registration Plan (IRP) Renewal Due Date if mailing for February Staggered month
	Motor Carrier	---	Deadline for November Renewals for Penalty
	Fuel	AVF-150	Aviation Fuel Excise Tax Return

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DATE	TAX TYPE	FORM	DESCRIPTION
15	Fuel	SF-900	Special Fuel Consolidated Monthly Tax Return (First installment payment due)
	Cigarette	CIG-M	Monthly Return for Cigarette Distributors (w/ supporting schedules)
	Cigarette	CIG-PT	Monthly Return for Cigarette Papers and Tubes
	Cigarette	CT-19	Monthly Report of Cigarettes Stamped
	Other Tobacco Products	OTP-M	Other Tobacco Products Monthly Return (w/supporting schedules)
	Gaming	TTG-103	Type II Gambling Game Excise Tax
	Aviation	AVF-150	Aviation Fuel Excise Tax
	Corporate	URT-Q	Utilities Receipts Tax Quarterly Payment (Calendar Year Corporation)
20	Corporate	FT-QP	Financial Institution Tax Quarterly Payment (Calendar Year Corporation)
	Corporate	IT-6	Corporate Adjusted Gross Income Tax Quarterly Payment (Calendar Year Corporation)

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DATE	TAX TYPE	FORM	DESCRIPTION
20	Sales	ST-103 ST-103MP CIT-103 FAB-103 MVR-103 MVR-103CS TF-103	Monthly Trust Tax Returns for November (Earlier Filers*) *Early Filers are defined as those having greater than \$1,000 average monthly tax liability for the prior calendar year.
	Alcohol	ALC-W	Monthly Excise Tax Return for Wholesalers
	Alcohol	ALC-FW	Monthly Excise Tax Return for Indiana Based Farm Wineries
	Alcohol	ALC-M	Monthly Excise Tax Return for Indiana-based Breweries, Distillers, Rectifiers and vintners
	Alcohol	ALC-DWS	Monthly Excise Tax Return for Out-of-state Direct Wine Sellers
	Gaming	GCE-103	Charity Gaming Card Excise Tax Return
	Gasoline	MF-360	Gasoline Distributor's Consolidated Monthly Tax Return

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DATE	TAX TYPE	FORM	DESCRIPTION
20	Fuel	FT-501	Terminal Operator's Monthly Return
	Fuel	SF-900	Special Fuel Consolidated Monthly Tax Return (Second payment)
	Fireworks	FPS-103	Fireworks Public Safety Fee
25	Sales	GT-103	Gasoline Use Tax (First Filing)
	Fuel	SF-401	Special Fuel Transporter Return
30	Sales	ST-103 ST-103MP CIT-103 FAB-103 MVR-103 MVR-103CS TF-103	Monthly Trust Tax Returns for November (Monthly Filers**) <p>**Monthly Filers are defined as those having less than \$1,000 average monthly tax liability for the prior calendar year.</p>
	Gasoline	MF-600	Petroleum Severance Tax Return
31	Sales	GT-103DR	Recap of Gasoline Use Tax by Distributors
	Motor	M-211	Renew OSW Special Weight Carrier Registration
	Motor Carrier	M-233T	OSW annual TollRoad Gate permits can be requested online
	Aircraft	Form 10763	Aircraft Dealer Registration/ Renewal



Contact Us

It is important for businesses to know the various ways in which they can contact the department if they are in need of help or want to receive critical updates.



If you have a specific question that our website does not answer, you are encouraged to email us by visiting www.in.gov/dor/3392.htm. If you have an immediate concern, however, you can contact the department at (317) 233-4015.

In addition, the department offers several other ways for you to learn about important tax updates at your convenience:



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- Follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/INDeptofRevenue.



- Subscribe to our TaxTalk Blog at www.in.gov/dor/3877.htm.



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