

## **Motor Vehicle Fuel Blender Tax Return Instructions**

Tax returns are due on or before the 25th day of the month following the end of the reporting period. The postmark on the mailing envelope is used as the receipt date. Returns postmarked after the due date will be assessed a penalty of 2% of the tax due. If postmarked after the end of the month, interest accumulates at 1% per month.

### **Required attachments**

- Fuel Tax Receipts Schedule (Form FT-441-846), fill one out for each schedule type and product code.
- Fuel Tax Disbursement Schedule (Form FT-441-841), fill one out for each schedule type and product code.

*If applicable,*

- Exemption Certificate for Sales to the United States Armed Forces or National Guard (FT-441-147)

*Computer generated forms will be accepted as long as the format is identical to ours.*

### **Step 1:**

A. Enter reporting period year, month, and your license number.

B. Place an "X" in each box that applies:

**No Operations:** Even if you had no activity during the reporting period you must file a return to avoid revocation of your license.

**Late Returns:** When filing a late return, you must include the penalty and interest.

**Amended Return:** Report changes for a previous tax period with an amended tax return. Mark "Amended Return" in Section B. Record any payments made with the original tax return on line 15 and continue filling out the return. Attach supporting documentation of changes with your amended return.

**Name Change:** Provide your current business name. If you purchased or incorporated your business, a new application for license must be completed.

**New Address:** Provide physical and mailing addresses.

**Cancel License and Effective Date:** The effective date is the date you stopped business operations. Tax returns must be filed through this date and taxes paid on remaining inventory.

C. **Name and Address:** Type or print your business name and address.

**Step 2:** Turn to page 2 of the tax return—Round all reported fuel to the nearest whole gallon and convert liters to gallons at the rate of 3.785 liters per gallon. Do not use negative figures on the Receipts schedule or the Disbursement schedule.

### **Inventory**

List your beginning and ending inventory for motor vehicle fuel and ethanol.

### **Receipts Schedule**

The Receipts Schedule (Form FT-441-846) documents all fuel received and produced.

### **Disbursement Schedule**

The Disbursement Schedule (Form FT-441-841) records all tax exempt fuel sold and exported.

### **Tax paid credit gallons**

This information shows fuel where tax has already been collected.

### **Motor fuel allowance**

All licensees except Motor Vehicle Exporters receive a .0031 credit on taxable motor vehicle fuel.

### **Step 3:** Return to page 1

**Line 1.** List your motor vehicle fuel physical inventory (this total will include both your motor vehicle fuel and your ethanol). This amount is the same as the ending inventory reported on your previous tax return. The inventory is for fuel in IRS licensed terminals, barges, and pipelines located in Washington State.

**Line 2.** Enter your fuel received total from the Receipts Schedule on page 2 of the tax return below R5.

**Line 3.** List your motor vehicle fuel physical inventory. The amount is the number of gallons you have left on the last day of the month in a licensed terminal located in Washington State.

**Line 4.** Add line 1 and line 2, then subtract line 3. This is your total accountable gallons.

**Line 5.** Enter tax exempt gallons distributed. The total is on the Disbursement schedule on page 2 of the tax return below D11.

**Line 6.** Line 4 minus line 5. This is your taxable gallons. This amount will also be used in the Motor Fuel Allowance Line 1 on the 2nd page.

**Line 7.** Record the amount listed on line 4 of the Tax paid credit gallons on page 2.

**Line 8.** Record the amount listed on line 5 of the Motor Fuel allowance on page 2.

**Line 9.** Line 6 minus Line 7 minus Line 8. This is your net taxable or credit gallons total.

**Line 10.** The amount listed on line 9 will be multiplied by the tax rate.

**Line 11.** To compute your penalty, multiply line 10 by 2% and enter this amount on line 11. See example on Line 13.

**Line 12.** Add line 10 to line 11.

**Line 13.** If you are paying after the first of the month, following the due date, you owe interest. Interest is 1% compounded monthly of the total amount due (including penalty). To get your total, multiply the amount owing each month by 1%. This is your compounded interest amount.

*Example: You owe \$100 and your payment is two months late, you incur a 2% penalty*

*\$100 x 2% = \$102 (penalty plus tax)*

*\$102 x 1% = \$103.02 (tax, penalty, and interest for the 1st month)*

*\$103.02 x 1% = \$104.05 (tax, penalty and interest for the 1st month plus interest for the 2nd month total due.*

**Line 14.** Add line 12 to line 13, this is your total fuel tax amount.

**Line 15.** If you are filing an amended return, enter all payments you have made for this reporting period.

**Line 16.** If line 14 minus line 15 is greater than zero, this is the amount owed.

**Line 17.** If line 14 minus line 15 is less than zero, this is the refund amount.

### **Signature required**

Sign, date, include title, and phone number of the person authorized to sign the tax return.

### **Payments**

- Make checks payable to Department of Licensing in U.S. funds.
- All payments of \$50,000 or greater must be made in electronic funds (EFT). EFT payments are due on or before the 26th of the month. If the 26th falls on a weekend or legal holiday, pay by the next business day. If you are paying via EFT, place an "X" in the EFT box.

### **Credits**

If line 17 on the tax return is listed as a credit of \$2,000 or more, include copies of Washington tax paid invoices (supporting Line R1) with the tax return. The Department may request copies of invoices to support refund claims for less than \$2,000. Original invoices **must be kept** for audit purposes.

### **Questions**

Contact us at (360) 664-1852

### **Records**

Records must be kept for five years for all motor vehicle fuel received, produced, sold, distributed, or used for own consumption and provided to the Department when requested. These include invoices, bills of lading, and other papers. Information may be disclosed to the Internal Revenue Service.