

810-13-1-.09 PAYMENT PROCEDURES - GENERAL PROVISIONS

(1) Taxpayers who are required to make payments for tax types using EFT must initiate the transaction so that the amount due is deposited as immediately available funds (collected funds) to the State of Alabama's bank account on or before the due date under the applicable revenue law. If a tax payment due date falls on a Saturday, a Sunday, an Alabama ACH Association holiday or an Alabama legal bank holiday as defined in rule number 810-13-1-20, Legal Holidays, the payment by EFT is required so that the funds are immediately available in the State Treasurer's account on the first business day thereafter. If the date on which the taxpayer is required to initiate either an ACH Debit or an ACH Credit transaction falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a business or banking holiday, the taxpayer must initiate the transaction on the preceding business day.

(2) The requirement to make a payment to the Department using EFT does not change any current filing requirements for tax returns. If the EFT payment is not timely made or the tax return required is not filed by the due date, the provisions for late payment penalties, late filing penalties, interest, and loss of applicable discount shall apply under the provisions of the appropriate revenue laws of the Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, except as provided in these rules.

(3) Any taxpayer required by the Department to use EFT to make payments for a tax type may apply to the Department to be relieved of such requirement if it appears that such taxpayer no longer meets the criteria for mandatory EFT payments. If the taxpayer subsequently makes a non-EFT payment, in an amount equal to or in excess of the threshold amount for the period the taxpayer was previously selected to make payments using EFT, for the tax type for which the taxpayer was previously selected to make payments using EFT, the taxpayer may be subject to all applicable penalties, interest, and loss of discounts.

(4) Taxpayers may voluntarily elect to make payments for a tax type using EFT. Any taxpayer making a voluntary election to make payments for a tax type by one of the methods set out in these rules may apply to the Department to be relieved of such requirement if such taxpayer no longer desires to make payment by one of said methods. A taxpayer may not make more than one (1) such application per calendar year. Any taxpayer making such an application shall continue to make payment by the payment method elected, in accordance with the procedures stated in these rules, until such time as it is finally determined that the taxpayer should be permitted to make tax payments by other than one of said methods. See Voluntary Use of EFT.

(5) If the taxpayer elects to use the ACH Debit payment method, the taxpayer will furnish the Department with the information needed to complete the transaction. The Data Collection Center will assign confidential identification codes to the taxpayer and all transactions must be initiated by the taxpayer. The taxpayer is responsible for initiating the transaction by calling the Data Collection Center.

(6) If the taxpayer elects to use the ACH Credit payment method, the taxpayer is responsible for ensuring that the bank originating the transaction has the information necessary for timely completion of the transaction. Further the taxpayer is responsible for the correct completion of the transaction. The taxpayer shall provide the information necessary for the bank to complete the NACHA CCD+ entry with the required TXP Banking Convention addenda record.

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