

Alabama Department of Revenue

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ADOR's E-filing Mandate Now Includes IFTA Fuel Use Tax Returns

Montgomery—The Alabama Department of Revenue (ADOR) is notifying all registered Alabama-based International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) carriers that all quarterly IFTA fuel use tax returns must be filed electronically, effective April 1, 2009.

The IFTA E-file service, developed by the ADOR in cooperation with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and the Alabama Trucking Association, is a free, secure tax-filing service, available since 2005 to Alabama-based motor carriers filing quarterly fuel tax returns.

“Electronic filing has allowed the department to reach a milestone in customer service efforts. Our move to a paperless filing system in many of our tax administration areas has totally changed the way we do business on a daily basis within the ADOR. The IFTA E-file service allows the department to offer another group of business taxpayers all the advantages and conveniences of an electronic filing environment,” said State Revenue Commissioner Tim Russell. The IFTA E-file service is available at no charge and will automatically perform all calculations needed to compute a carrier’s fuel use tax liability or credit in any IFTA-member jurisdiction through which the carrier’s vehicle(s) traveled. To e-file their IFTA returns, taxpayers simply go to ADOR’s Web site at www.revenue.alabama.gov and select E-Services and IRP/IFTA E-file. Prompts will then guide taxpayers through the filing process. Payments of \$750 or more must also be submitted electronically. Electronic payments can be made by e-check or credit card. There is no charge for e-check payments. There is a 2.5% convenience fee for credit card payments. Payments of less than \$750 can be

made using a payment voucher that can be printed when the return is electronically filed. The IFTA E-file program also allows taxpayers to print a copy of their electronically-filed return to retain for their personal records. But even more important for many taxpayers, the IFTA e-file program will provide them with an acknowledgement that their returns have been received by the ADOR for processing.

Approximately 4,500 Alabama-based motor carriers file IFTA returns on a quarterly basis, and of those filers, approximately 40 percent currently elect to file electronically each quarter. Quarterly returns are due Jan. 31, April 30, July 31, and October 31 each year for the preceding three-month period.

The IRP/IFTA E-file program may also be used to submit International Registration Plan (IRP) and International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) license applications, which allow Alabama-based motor carriers to request, pay for and receive IRP and IFTA license credentials electronically.

For more information concerning the IFTA E-filing services, taxpayers should contact the department's Motor Carrier Services office by telephone at 334.242.2999, by email at mcs@revenue.alabama.gov, or visit the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQs) section available on the department's Web site at www.revenue.alabama.gov.

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