

ONE SPOT Conference Call
Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 10:30 am
Next Meeting: September 8, 2020
Summary of Topics Discussed

Transition of Some Reports to New Online Reports Site

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What's New?

Sales & Use Tax Reports

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- Searching by Local Account Number will only return successfully processed returns for your locality.

Municipal Business License Reporting

- All errors will now display when uploading the document instead of displaying each individual error.
- Excel files may now be imported.

Transition of Some Reports to New Online Reports Site – Users with Multiple Locality Codes

With the transition to the new site, it was noted that users who have multiple locality codes are having to download each code individually. Previously, all locality codes for a locality could be downloaded together. This has now been updated and users are now able to download all locality codes for a locality at the same time.

Transition of Some Reports to New Online Reports Site – File Name

For those localities who have a single locality code for local sales/use tax, but also have access to a Single Point code, the file name for their ONE SPOT (OS) records will display with a "0000" as the locality code if they leave their locality selection as "All my localities (ALL)". To display the locality code in the file name, the user must first select their four-digit locality code before

going to the OS page. The data inside the file will be the same (except for the trailer record) whether the locality code is selected before going to the OS page or the code is not selected prior to going to the OS page. However, please note that if your locality's import routines require the code in the filename, it will be necessary to take the extra step to select the locality code before downloading the file.

ONE SPOT Files & Holidays

Monday, September 7, is a State and Federal holiday. There will be no return (NSA) file available for download on Tuesday, September 8, because there will be no file export from ADOR on the evening of the 7th.

Next Conference Call - Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 8th, at 10:30 a.m.

ONE SPOT Conference Call
Tuesday, July 14, 2020, 10:30 am
Next Meeting: August 11, 2020
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Updates include:

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Updates to the ONE SPOT Return – MAT Demo

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Scroll to the bottom of the page to find the Demonstration links

Sales Tax Holiday – Back to School

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ONE SPOT Conference Call
Tuesday, June 9, 2020, 10:30 am
Next Meeting: July 14, 2020
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Interest Rate – 3rd Quarter 2020

The Internal Revenue Service announced on June 4, 2020, that underpayment interest rates will decrease for the calendar quarter beginning **July 1, 2020: 3%**

<https://revenue.alabama.gov/assessments/quarterly-interest-rates/>

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ONE SPOT Files & Holidays

Friday, July 3, is a State and Federal holiday. There will be no return (NSA) file available for download on Monday, July 6th, because there will be no file export from ADOR on the evening of the 3rd.

Next Conference Call - Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 14th, at 10:30 a.m.

ONE SPOT Conference Call
Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 10:30 am
Next Meeting: June 9, 2020
Summary of Topics Discussed

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A banner informing taxpayers of the upcoming change has been posted in MAT and will be followed up by a message sent via MAT later this month.

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ONE SPOT Files & Holidays

Monday, May 25, is a State and Federal holiday. There will be no return (NSA) file available for download on Tuesday, May 26, because there will be no file export from ADOR on the evening of the 25th.

Monday, June 1st, is a State holiday. There will be no return (NSA) file available for download on Tuesday, June 2, because there will be no file export from ADOR on the evening of the 1st.

Next Conference Call - Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 9th, at 10:30 a.m.

ONE SPOT Conference Call
Tuesday, April 14, 2020, 10:30 am
Next Meeting: May 12, 2020
Summary of Topics Discussed

Interest Rate – 2nd Quarter 2020

The Internal Revenue Service announced on February 28, 2020, that underpayment interest rates will remain the same for the calendar quarter beginning April 1, 2020: 5%.

ONE SPOT Conference Call Summaries

Rather than individual postings for each call, the Combined Summary for the current year will now be updated monthly. The most recent call's summary will be listed at the top of the 2020 Combined Summary. The call summaries are located at <https://revenue.alabama.gov/sales-use/one-spot-information-for-municipal-city-governments/>.

Information Regarding Taxpayer Relief – COVID-19

The Department of Revenue is waiving some state sales tax late payment penalties both for small retail businesses, whose monthly retail sales during the previous calendar year averaged \$62,500 or less, and taxpayers currently registered with the Department as engaging in NAICS Sector 72 business activities, which includes restaurants. The Department is also waiving some state late payment penalties for lodgings taxes.

The relief applies only to state sales taxes and state lodgings taxes. There will be no changes to the MAT/ONE SPOT filing system or to the ONE SPOT files that are received by your locality. An electronic payment will continue to be required at the time of filing for those filing non-state administered localities through the ONE SPOT system.

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A banner informing taxpayers of the upcoming change will be posted in MAT beginning in May and will be followed up by a message sent via MAT later in May.

ONE SPOT Files and Holidays

Monday, April 27th, is a State holiday. All ONE SPOT files will be available for download on Monday; however, there will be no return (NSA) file available for download on Tuesday because there will be no file export from ADOR on the evening of the 27th.

Next Conference Call - Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12th, at 10:30 a.m.

ONE SPOT Conference Call
Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 10:30 am
Next Meeting: April 14, 2020
Summary of Topics Discussed

NSA Email Notice of Payments and Returns

In regard to the NSA Email Notice of Payments and Returns, we have withdrawn our request to have those notices available through the online report site. In the event that you do not receive the email notification and you use that as part of your daily balancing process, please email onespot@revenue.alabama.gov to let us know that you did not receive the email and it will be researched and resent. Over the past few years, it has been a very rare occurrence that we have had such requests.

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Beginning next month, you will see a change to the format for posting the monthly call summaries on the ADOR website. Rather than individual postings for each call, the Combined Summary for the current year will be updated monthly. The most recent call's summary will be listed at the top of the 2020 Combined Summary. The call summaries are located at <https://revenue.alabama.gov/sales-use/one-spot-information-for-municipal-city-governments/>.

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New Feature for Online Local Tax Reports Site – Locality Contact Information Update

Beginning as soon as November 7, your locality's users for the ADOR's Online Local Tax Reports and Direct Deposit Notifications Site may be required to review and update contact information for the locality during their access to the site. This contact information verification and update will be a quarterly event to help ensure that ADOR has the most current contact information on file for the locality. Once the required update to contact information has been completed, users will be able to proceed into the report site.

ONE SPOT Files and Holidays

Monday, February 17th, 2020, was a State and Federal holiday; therefore, no files were available for download on the 18th.

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ONE SPOT Conference Call
Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 10:00 am
Next Meeting: February 11, 2020
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A change request has been submitted to update the online report site to allow users who may have failed to get an email notifying them of payments or returns to print it from the report site. The email notifications will continue for returned payments.

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ONE SPOT Files and Holidays

Wednesday, January 1, 2020, was a State and Federal holiday; therefore, no files were available for download on the 1st.

Monday, January 20th, 2020, is also a State and Federal holiday, so no files will be available for download on that day.

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