FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Instructions - Application for Refund

Did you Know? You may begin the refund process by completing the application online.

Florida law requires that refund applications be supported with sufficient information and documentation to determine eligibility and the refund amount due. Form DR-26N (*Instructions – Application for Refund*) provides the information and documentation required for some common refund claims.

Use **Form DR-26** when requesting a refund for:

- Communications Services Tax
- Corporate Income Tax
- Documentary Stamp Tax
- Fuel Tax
- Insurance Premium Tax
- Intangible Personal Property Tax Nonrecurring Governmental Leasehold
- Pollutants Tax

You may choose to submit the required information and documentation electronically instead of providing paper copies. Contact **Refunds** at **(850) 617-8585** for more information.

Upon receipt, the Department will review your application and the supporting information and documentation. You will be notified if additional information or documentation is needed.

All applications for refund must contain:

- A detailed explanation of how the refund amount was computed;
- The specific reason(s) for the refund request;
- The dates when the overpayment or payment in error occurred; and
- Sufficient information and documentation for the Department to determine eligibility for the refund and the amount of the refund claim due.

The following instructions contain the information and documentation required for some common refund claims.

Audit, Self-Audit, Voluntary Disclosure, Stipulation Payment, or Overpayments of Billings, Penalties, or Tax Warrants

- The case number, business partner number, tax account number, or any other number used to identify the overpayment.
- A copy of the notice or agreement under which the overpayment occurred:
  - *Notice of Proposed Assessment* (DR-831);
  - Self-Audit Worksheet and Report, including supporting documentation;
  - Voluntary Disclosure, including supporting documentation;
  - Stipulation Time Payment Agreement;
  - Notice of Amount Due.
- A copy of the documentation evidencing payment (e.g., the electronic payment confirmation number, a copy of the front and back of your cancelled check, or a copy of the bank statement(s) indicating the payment).
- If applicable, a copy of the tax return for which the Notice of Amount Due was issued.
- If applicable, a written request for a waiver or reduction of the penalties assessed, including any necessary documentation to support the request.

Duplicate Payments to the Department

A copy of documentation evidencing the duplicate payments (e.g., the electronic payment confirmation numbers, a copy of the front and back of your cancelled checks, or a copy of the bank statement(s) indicating the duplicate payments).

Communications Services Tax

You must file this application with the Department within 12 months after tax paid on bad debts has been charged off for federal income tax purposes.

Providers of communications services tax must use this application to obtain a refund of communications services tax only when tax has been:

- Accrued and paid to the Department in error;
- Paid to a service provider for services that were resold;
- Collected and paid to the Department on tax-exempt sales;

- Reported and paid to the Department in error; or
- Written off for federal income tax purposes as a bad debt.

To report a credit against tax due, communications services providers must use Schedule III or IV of the *Florida Communications Services Tax Return* (Form DR-700016) to report:

- Corrections or adjustments to previous reporting periods (e.g., correct revenue reported in the wrong jurisiction or to adjust amounts reported incorrectly on previous returns);
- Adjustments in taxable sales due to credits issued; or
- Tax was paid to a service provider for services that were resold.

To receive a refund, communications services providers must include the following with their application:

- A copy of the documentation evidencing payment of the tax (e.g., the electronic payment confirmation numbers, a copy of the front and back of your cancelled checks, or a copy of the bank statement(s) indicating the payment).
- If applicable, a copy of the journal entries which correct the accrual and payment of self-accrued communications services tax to the Department.
- If applicable, a copy of the documentation evidencing the sale of communications services for which the tax was paid to a vendor at the time of purchase (e.g., a copy of the purchase invoice or bill of sale evidencing payment of the Florida communications services tax and a copy of the customer's sales invoices or bills of sale for the resale of those services).
- If applicable, a copy of the documentation evidencing that tax was paid to the Department on a tax-exempt sale and that the tax was refunded to the tax-exempt customer (e.g., a copy of the customer's exemption certificate; a copy of the customer's payment history; a copy of the front and back of the cancelled check refunding the customer's payment; or, a copy of the credit memo issued to the customer).
- If applicable, a copy of the documentation evidencing the error in reporting amounts on the *Florida Communications Services Tax Return* (Form DR-700016) and the correct reporting amounts.
- If applicable, an explanation of any entries on Schedule III or IV of *Florida Communications Services Tax Return* (Form DR-700016) filed subsequent to the refund period.

Communications services providers may choose to report bad debt credits on Schedule I or IV of the *Florida Communications Services Tax Return* (Form DR-700016). To obtain a refund of communications services tax on bad debts, providers must include the following with their application:

- A schedule of bad debts written off for federal income tax purposes, including the name of the purchaser, the date of the original sale, the original taxable amount, the original Florida communications services tax collected, the tax return on which the tax was paid to the Department, the amount of the original sale and the amount of the applicable tax, and the date of the journal entry writing off the bad debt for federal income tax purposes.
- A copy of the journal entry for the bad debt write-off for federal income tax purposes.
- If applicable, the amount of the bad debt attributed to the state and to each identified local jurisdiction and information on the proportionate allocation method used to attribute the amount of the bad debt to the state and to the affected local jurisdictions.
- A copy of the payment history for each customer's account for the time period during which the debt was incurred, the debt became worthless, and the debt was written off for federal income tax purposes.
- A copy of documents indicating the amount of the sale and the Florida tax billed to the purchaser (e.g., invoices or bills of sale).
- A copy of the accounting records substantiating that the tax was reported and paid to the Department.

Documentary Stamp Tax - Nonrecurring Intangible Tax

You must file a separate refund application for each tax. Use this application if you overpaid the documentary stamp tax or the nonrecurring intangible personal property tax due. Examples of overpayment are:

- Documents recorded more than once, and the tax was overpaid
- Duplicate payments of the tax due were issued for the same document
- Tax was remitted to the county that recorded the document and to the Department
- Tax was overpaid to the county or to the Department
- Tax was paid on a tax-exempt document
- A court order determined the document was invalid

Include the following with your application:

- A copy of the documentation evidencing a duplicate payment of tax, an overpayment of tax, or a payment of tax when no tax was due (e.g., a copy of the front and back of your cancelled checks or a copy of the bank statement(s) indicating the duplicate payments).
- A copy of the document for which tax was overpaid or was paid in error.
- A copy of documentation to establish an exemption from tax.

Use this application if you refunded documentary stamp tax or nonrecurring intangible personal property tax to a customer who paid tax that was not due. You must refund the tax to your customer prior to claiming a refund of the tax.

Include the following with your application:

- A copy of the tax return or recorded document on which the tax was paid.
- A copy of the documentation required to establish that tax was overpaid or paid in error.
- A copy of the evidence that tax was collected and subsequently refunded to the customer (e.g., a copy of the customer's payment history; a copy of the front and back of the cancelled check refunding the customer's payment; or a copy of the credit memo issued to the customer).

- A copy of the accounting records substantiating that any tax refunded or credited to the customer did not reduce the amount of tax reported and paid to the Department on a subsequent return.

Aviation Fuel Tax

Use this application to claim a refund of tax paid on aviation fuel used purchased prior to January 1, 2026.

Aviation fuel sold for use in an aircraft operated by the federal government

- A copy of federal Form 1094 (exemption certificate from the federal government); or,
- A copy of the contract with the federal government, a schedule of sales made to the federal government, and copies of sales invoices to the federal government.

Fuel Tax

Use this application to claim a refund of tax paid on fuel used in the following manner:

Fuel delivered to tribal land for purchase and use by tribal members

- A copy of the evidence of fuel taxes paid on fuel sold to and delivered to tribal lands (copies of sales invoices listing the type and amount of fuel purchased, the purchase date, the delivery address of the fuel sold, the amount paid, and the taxes paid).
- List of qualified tribal members (non-government use).
- Fueling reports for tribal members' vehicles (non-government use).
- Form DR-26A, *Assignment of Rights to Refund of Tax,* from each tribal member (non-government use).

Gasoline or diesel fuel sold to foreign diplomats by retail stations

- A copy of the United States Department of State Quarterly Foreign Diplomat Report.
- A copy of the evidence of fuel taxes paid by foreign diplomats (copies of sales invoices or third party credit card statements listing the type and amount of fuel purchased, the purchase date, the retail station where purchased, the purchaser of the fuel, the amount paid, and the taxes paid).
- A copy of the documentation evidencing that the state and local option fuel taxes have been refunded to, or credited to the account of, the foreign diplomat who paid the tax.

Undyed diesel fuel mixed with dyed diesel fuel

- The refund authorization number obtained from the Department when reporting the mixing incident.
- A copy of the documentation evidencing that the state and local option fuel tax was reimbursed to the end user. **(See Rule 12B-5.140, F.A.C.)**

Undyed diesel fuel purchased in quantities of 2,500 gallons or more per calendar year and used in noncommercial vessels (pleasure boats)

You must file this application with the Department before April 1. Only one refund claim per calendar year is allowed.

- A copy of invoices showing the amount of fuel taxes paid.
- The calculations showing the amount of sales tax and discretionary sales surtax due on the fuel.

Undyed diesel fuel used in vessels engaged in interstate or foreign commerce or in commercial fishing vessels

- If applicable, a copy of the purchaser's Sales and Use Tax Direct Pay Permit.
- An Exemption Certificate stating that fuel purchased qualifies for the partial exemption provided in s. 212.08(4)(a)2. and (8), F.S., and the percentage of the sales price of the fuel that is subject to sales tax and discretionary sales surtax. A suggested format of a certificate is provided in subsection 12A-1.0641(7), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).
- The calculations showing the amount of sales tax and discretionary sales surtax due on the fuel.
- A copy of invoices showing the amount of fuel taxes paid.

The Department will reduce the amount of the fuel tax refund due by the amount of sales tax and discretionary sales surtax due on the fuel.

Pollutants Tax

Do not use this application to request a refund for one or more of the following exemptions:

- You exported tax paid petroleum products or other products defined as pollutants from Florida.
- You bunkered tax paid petroleum products into marine vessels engaged in interstate or foreign commerce.
- You consumed, blended, or mixed a tax paid solvent to produce a product which is not a pollutant.

These refund claims may be filed quarterly using an *Application for Pollutants Tax Refund,* Form DR-309660. You can also use these exemptions to offset tax due on the *Pollutants Tax Return,* Form DR-904.

All other overpayments of pollutants taxes may be requested using this application. Include the following with your application:

Payment Made in Error

- A copy of the documentation evidencing the payment in error or the duplicate payment (e.g., the electronic payment confirmation number(s) of the original pollutants tax return.
- A copy of the documentation evidencing payment of tax (e.g., the electronic payment confirmation numbers, a copy of the front and back of your cancelled check, or a copy of the bank statement(s) indicating the payment).

Reporting Error (an original or supplemental *Pollutants Tax Return,* Form DR-904, reported an overpayment of tax)

- A copy of the original pollutants tax return.
- A copy of the amended pollutants tax return.
- A copy of the documentation evidencing payment of tax (e.g., the electronic payment confirmation numbers, a copy of the front and back of your cancelled check, or a copy of the bank statement(s) indicating the payment).
- A copy of the documentation supporting the amended amounts reported on the amended pollutants tax return.

Corporate Income Tax

If you have made an overpayment, including an overpayment of estimated tax, and your Florida corporate income/franchise tax return has not been filed for the taxable year, you must file your Florida corporate income/franchise tax return and request a refund of the overpayment on that return.

You may file an amended Florida corporate income/franchise tax return to request a refund of an overpayment on a return previously filed with the Department, or take a credit on a subsequently filed return. If you make the election to apply an overpayment to a subsequent year, the election may not be changed.

Use this application to apply for a refund for the following reasons:

- The Department deposited a check or payment in error;
- You received a credit memorandum issued by the Department for penalty or interest overpaid with a corporate income/franchise tax return; or
- A duplicate payment was submitted for estimated tax, filing fees, a bill payment, or a final return.

Include the following:

- A copy of the documentation evidencing the payment in error or the duplicate payment (e.g., the electronic payment confirmation number(s), a copy of the front and back of your cancelled check(s), or a copy of the bank statement(s) indicating the payments).
- If the duplicate payment is for your final corporate income tax return, a copy of the final return filed with the Department.

Insurance Premium Tax

If you have made an overpayment, including an overpayment of estimated tax, and your Florida insurance premium tax return has not been filed for the taxable year, you must file your insurance premium tax return and request a refund of the overpayment on that return.

Use this application to apply for a refund for the following reasons:

- The Department deposited a check or payment in error; or
- A duplicate payment was submitted for estimated tax, filing fees, a bill payment, or a final return.

Include the following with your application:

- A copy of the documentation evidencing the payment in error or a duplicate payment (e.g., the electronic payment confirmation number(s), a copy of the front and back of your cancelled check(s), or a copy of the bank statement(s) indicating the payments).
- If the duplicate payment is for your final Florida insurance premium tax return, a copy of the final return filed with the Department.

Contact Us

To speak with a Department representative, call Taxpayer Services at (850) 488-6800, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

For a written reply to tax questions, email **fdortaxpayerservices@floridarevenue.com**.

Forms are available at **floridarevenue.com/forms**.

Information and tutorials are available at **floridarevenue.com/taxes/education**.

To find a taxpayer service center near you, visit **floridarevenue.com/taxes/servicecenters**.

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References

The following documents were mentioned in this form and are incorporated by reference in the rules indicated below. The forms are available online at **floridarevenue.com/forms**.

Form DR-26	Application for Refund	Rule 12-26.008, F.A.C.
Form DR-26A	Assignment of Rights to Refund of Tax	Rule 12-26.008, F.A.C.
Form DR-700016	Florida Communications Services Tax Return	Rule 12A-19.100, F.A.C.
Form DR-309660	Application for Pollutants Tax Refund	Rule 12B-5.150, F.A.C.
Form DR-904	Pollutants Tax Return	Rule 12B-5.150, F.A.C.