

Manitoba IFTA Newsletter—3rd Quarter 2023

NEW - 2024 Renewals - NOW ONLINE!

The 2024 licence and decal fee will remain at \$65 per carrier and \$5 per set, respectively.

Renewal forms will be available on **TAXcess** in mid-October. You will receive an e-mail when the renewal is available. Please complete the online form and ensure payment is submitted through **TAXcess** or your financial institution. Cheques can be mailed to our office. Credentials will not be issued until payment is received.

Please ensure you verify your mailing address or select the option to pick up the decals (pick up is automatic for decals orders over 100). For decal requests over 100 or by selecting the pick up option, please wait for us to reach out to you to let you know the decals are ready. You will receive an e-mail notifying you that you have a message in **TAXcess** when decals are ready for pick up.

The 2024 IFTA credentials will **not** be renewed if the first, second and third quarter 2023 returns have not been filed or if there are delinquent tax return(s) and/or tax(es) owing under IFTA and/or other tax statutes administered by Manitoba Finance, Compliance and Enforcement Division.

Please note that if your renewal is not received in our office by December 31, 2023 or your account cannot be renewed due to outstanding items, your account will be suspended. This means that you will not be eligible for the grace period and will not be able to travel on your 2023 credentials in January and February 2024.

3rd Quarter 2023 Tax Return Due Date: Tuesday, October 31, 2023

To avoid penalties and interest, returns must be filed and any amount due must be paid by the above date.

IFTA Decals—Important Information

The proper placement of IFTA decals will help you avoid costly delays on the road.

- Manitoba Finance and the IFTA Law Enforcement Committee require that valid IFTA decals are affixed on the exterior portion of both sides of the cab.
- Do not place IFTA decals on windows, mirrors, tanks or vents.
- Do not use a pressure washer directly on the decals.
- Please remove all expired or non-valid decals from your vehicle.

For IFTA Decal Placement Guide go to:

https://www.gov.mb.ca/finance/taxation/pubs/bulletins/iftadecalplacement.pdf

Online Filing of IFTA Quarterly Tax Returns and Payments of Taxes Due

All IFTA quarterly tax returns <u>must</u> be filed and paid online using **TAXcess**, Manitoba Finance's online system. Paper returns are no longer accepted. Taxpayers who fail to file and pay using **TAXcess** when required may be subject to penalties.

Sign up on the **TAXcess** home page at https://taxcess.gov.mb.ca/.

FILE – When you enter the jurisdictions you travelled in, the fuel type used, total and taxable kilometres travelled and tax paid fuel purchased, the tax due or credit is calculated for you. You no longer have to enter tax rates or manually calculate fuel consumption.

PAY – You can pay any tax owing by electronic, pre-authorized payment (PAD). This allows you to file and pay IFTA through the **TAXcess** website in one continuous process.

VIEW – You can view your IFTA account online, such as your IFTA Statement of Account, IFTA licences and summary of returns filed. You can also view all Web Notices (e-mails) sent and received.

IFTA quarterly tax returns for periods prior to 2021 may be filed and paid online but it is not a requirement.

Winnipeg Office Hours

Our Winnipeg office is open Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays), from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm to support your IFTA needs. Visit us at 101 – 401 York Avenue or contact us by phone at 204-945-6444, 1-800-564-9789 or by e-mail at MBTax@gov.mb.ca.

IFTA carriers who need decals immediately can contact our Winnipeg office at 204-945-6444. A Temporary Decal Permit can be e-mailed or faxed to you once approved. As the permit is only valid for 30 days, you must purchase decals by completing the 'Application for Additional IFTA Decals' here and send the form and payment to the Winnipeg office. The Temporary Decal Permit must be carried in the vehicle named on the permit, along with a paper or electronic copy of your Manitoba IFTA licence.

In person service at our Brandon office is no longer available.



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Fuel Tax Holidays

Due to rising fuel costs, some IFTA jurisdictions are allowing the purchase of eligible fuel tax exempt or pausing the collection of fuel taxes for a specified time period.

Alberta (AB) has implemented its fuel tax holiday by reducing its tax rate to zero. Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) initially implemented their fuel tax holidays as a split tax rate in 2nd quarter 2022, but is now a reduction in the tax rate. Georgia (GA) has suspended the collection of fuel taxes due to the declaration of a State of Emergency for the State of Georgia. The fuel tax holiday for each jurisdiction is listed below:

AB - April 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022 and January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

NL - June 2, 2022 to March 31, 2024

GA - September 13, 2023 to October 12, 2023

For information on fuel tax holidays, including examples on how to record fuel purchased and kilometres traveled during fuel tax holidays, please see 'Exempt Fuel and/or Kilometres' under *Help* on the left side of the page in *TAXcess*.

For more information on the jurisdictions participating in a fuel tax holiday as well as their contact information, please view the 'Important Notices' on the IFTA, Inc. website at https://www.iftach.org/important-notices.php.

Connecticut Highway Use Fee

As of January 1, 2023, a Highway Use Fee will be imposed on certain carriers for the privilege of operating certain heavy, multi-unit motor vehicles on any highway (i.e., public road) in Connecticut. The Highway Use Fee is calculated based on a vehicle's weight and number of miles driven in the state. The Highway Use Fee is applicable to calendar months beginning on or after January 1, 2023. The first Highway Use Fee Return is due on or before February 28, 2023. Certain carriers will be required to register with DRS for the Highway Use Fee by January 1, 2023.

For more information and to register for the Highway Use Fee, visit the DRS website at portal.ct.gov/DRS.

Office Closures

Monday, October 2, 2023 (observed for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)

Monday, October 9, 2023 (Thanksgiving Day)

Monday, November 13, 2023 (observed for Remembrance Day)
Monday, December 25, 2023 (Christmas Day)
Tuesday, December 26, 2022 (Boxing Day)
Monday, January 1, 2024 (New Year's Day)

MB Travel Only

Travelling in Manitoba only?

If you did not travel outside of MB, click 'File Now' for the applicable filing period on the Account Summary Page and then click 'NO'. Continue for further instructions.

IFTA Credentials Processing

Our goal is to respond to your IFTA credentials requests in a timely manner. Once the completed application form with payment (if applicable) is received and approved, we will process your request and forward to you as required by mail, fax or e-mail within the following response times:

Initial IFTA Registration – seven (7) to ten (10) business days Renewal of IFTA Credentials – fifteen (15) business days Additional Decals – one (1) business day Temporary Decal Permit – one (1) business day

For urgent requests, contact us at 204-945-6444. Response times may vary if **any** tax accounts are not in good standing.

Need Information → Go Online

<u>https://www.iftach.org/</u> - Complete listing of tax rates and footnotes for all IFTA jurisdictions. You can also print or view the IFTA Agreement, ballot proposals, fuel tax rates, carrier contact lists and read the IFTA News.

<u>https://www.gov.mb.ca/finance/taxation/motor.html</u> - Find here the carrier manual, newsletters, bulletins, notices and IFTA applications.

Contact Us

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