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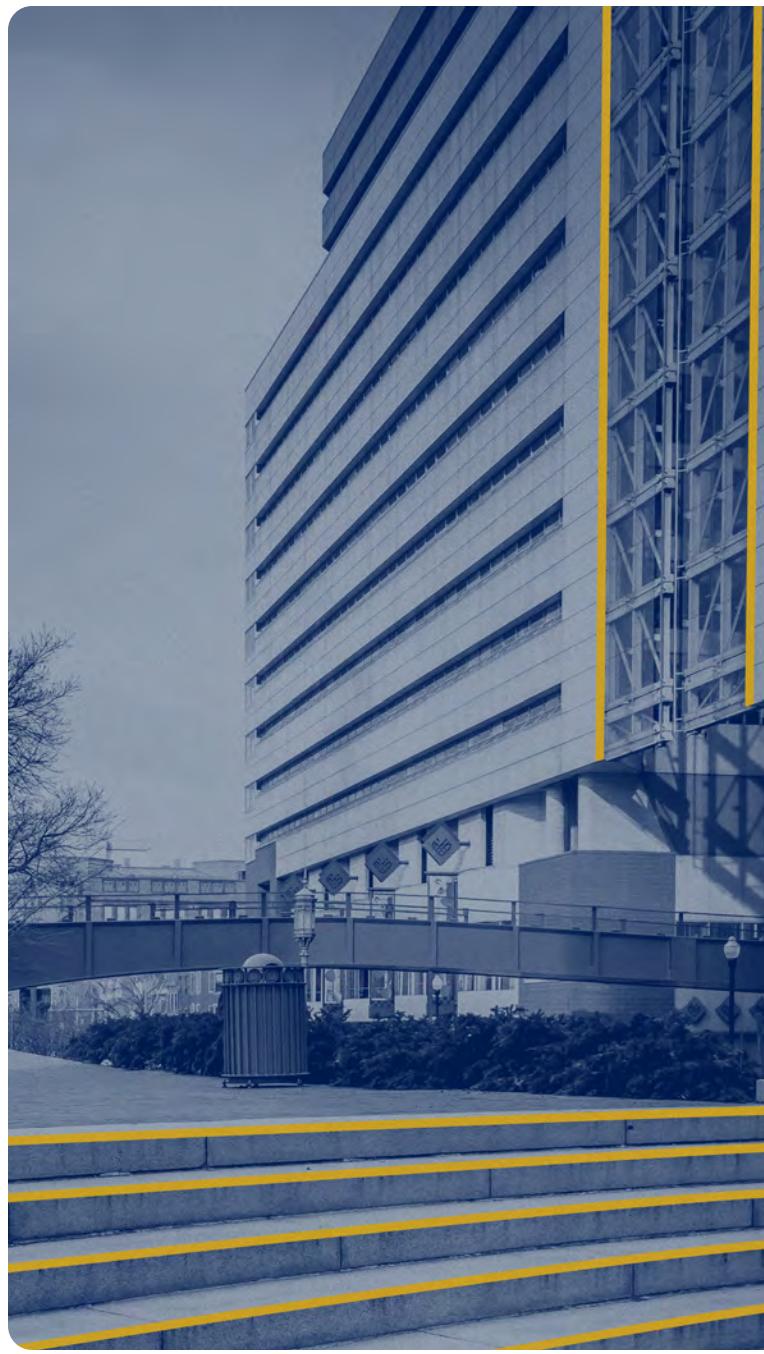
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The No. 1 goal in the department's strategic plan is to continually improve customer service.

- Revenue Secretary Dan Hassell

BUSINESS TAXES AND NEW FUNCTIONS COMING TO myPATH IN LATE NOVEMBER 2022

The Department of Revenue is preparing to transition all the business taxes it administers — including employer withholding tax, sales tax, and corporation taxes — into the Pennsylvania Tax Hub (PATH) system. That means that business taxpayers will be required to transition their accounts to **myPATH**, available at mypath.pa.gov, starting in late November 2022.

This will affect users of e-TIDES, the current online filing and payment system for business taxpayers. The current **Pennsylvania Online Business Entity Registration (PA-100)**, which is used for functions such as registering for a sales tax license, will also move to **myPATH** as part of this transition.

The Department of Revenue will be sending instructions directly to e-TIDES users to prepare them for this transition and let them know of the specific actions they'll need to take to transition their accounts to **myPATH**. Detailed information on the transition for business taxpayers is also available on the Department of Revenue's **myPATH information page**.

Business Taxes

The following are tax types coming to myPATH, including, but not limited to:

- Booking Agent Tax
- Consumer Fireworks Tax
- Corporate Net Income Tax
- Gross Premiums Corporation Tax
- Gross Receipts Corporation Tax
- Individual Cigarette Excise
- Malt Beverage Tax
- Mutual Thrift Institutions Tax
- Other Tobacco Products
- Public Transportation Assistance
- Public Utility Realty
- Sales & Use Tax
- Shares Tax
- Small Games of Chance
- Unstampable Little Cigar
- Vehicle Rental Tax
- Wine Excise Tax
- Withholding Tax

New Business Tax Registration

The **Pennsylvania Online Business Entity Registration (PA-100)** will be replaced in late November 2022. Customers will be directed to myPATH's "Pennsylvania Online Business Tax Registration" service to register a business entity with the department. The new **myPATH** registration service will include registration for all tax types included in the existing **PA-100** application. This will also include the ability to register for corporate net income tax, corporation specialty taxes, and other withholding taxes that are new services being offered with this transition to **myPATH**.

e-TIDES Users

e-TIDES, the current online filing system for business taxpayers, will be replaced beginning in late November 2022. That means all business taxpayers and current **e-TIDES** users will instead use **myPATH** for filing returns, making payments, and managing their accounts.

It is recommended that all e-TIDES users wait until late November 2022 to create a **myPATH** profile for taxes being transitioned.

Third party tax professionals with access to client tax accounts in **e-TIDES** will be able to migrate their account access into the new system beginning in late November 2022. These users will be required to enter their **e-TIDES** User ID and Password (i.e., e-Signature account credentials) to migrate access.

DOR Modernization Project

This work to transition the business taxes to **myPATH** is part of a larger effort to move all the taxes the Department of Revenue administers into one, unified system. This will greatly improve customer service, which is the No. 1 goal in the department's strategic plan. 🏛️



COMING SOON!



Coming End of November 2022

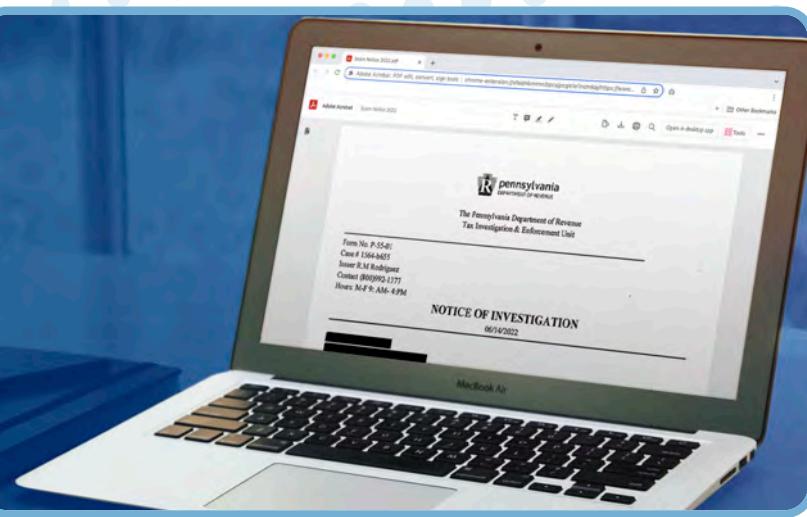
Business taxpayers will need to transition from e-TIDES to myPATH to conduct business with the Department of Revenue.



SCAM WARNING: FRAUDSTERS IMPERSONATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN LETTERS TARGETING PENNSYLVANIA BUSINESSES

Scam artists are impersonating the Department of Revenue by sending Pennsylvania business owners **fraudulent letters in the mail** that direct them to turn over their accounting records. The goal of this ploy is to trick unsuspecting taxpayers into providing sensitive financial information, which the criminals behind the scheme can use for a number of illicit activities that could seriously harm a business' financial standing.

"This is a prime example of fraudsters impersonating a government agency as they try to convince hardworking Pennsylvanians to turn over sensitive information about their businesses," Revenue Secretary Dan Hassell said. "We are urging Pennsylvania business owners to be on high alert if they receive a suspicious notice that includes the Department of Revenue name and logo. If you have any doubt at all about the legitimacy of a notice from the department, please use the contact information listed on our website, revenue.pa.gov. This is the best way to ensure you are speaking with a legitimate staff member at the Department of Revenue."



Understanding the Scam

The goal of this scam is to make the recipient of the letter believe they are being investigated by the Department of Revenue for an "alleged violation of delinquent sales tax liability." The letter also threatens taxpayers by saying penalties will be imposed on their accounts. Further, the letter includes contact information for a "Resolution Officer" and urges the business owner to provide accounting records prepared by a licensed professional, such as an attorney or CPA.

Providing this information allows the scammers to comb through the accounting records for sensitive information such as bank account numbers and other financial data, which could be used to make unauthorized transactions, request fraudulent tax refunds, and even apply for loans under the name of the business.

Although these counterfeit notices bear the department's name and logo, the notices include suspicious and inaccurate details that can help differentiate between a counterfeit notice sent by a scam artist and a legitimate notice sent by

the Department of Revenue. Be on the lookout for notices that make dubious claims or include suspicious details. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

- The counterfeit notice does not include a return address. A notice from the Department of Revenue will always include an official Department of Revenue address as the return address.
- The counterfeit notice addresses the recipient as "Dear Business Owner." When the Department of Revenue attempts to contact a business through a notice in the mail, the notice typically addresses the business owner or business name.
- The counterfeit notice is sent by the "Pennsylvania Department of Revenue Tax Investigation & Enforcement Unit" and claims the business is "under investigation by the Pennsylvania State Revenue and Cash Disbursement Unit." While the department does conduct criminal tax investigations and tax enforcement, the units listed on the counterfeit notice are phony. Reach out to the department directly, as advised below, to determine if the "Unit" named exists.

Tips to Avoid This Scam

The Department of Revenue is encouraging Pennsylvanians to keep the following tips in mind to safeguard against this scam:

- **Ensure You Are Speaking With Legitimate Representatives of the Department:** This scam uses the Department of Revenue's name and logo to pose as a government entity. If you have any doubt at all about the legitimacy of a notice from the department, you should reach out to a department representative by using the [Online Customer Service Center](#). This allows the taxpayer to securely submit a question through a process that is very similar to sending an email.
- **Examine the Notice:** This counterfeit notice used vague language to cast a wide net to lure in as many victims as possible. Examine the notice for identifying information that can be verified. Look for blatant factual errors and other inconsistencies. If the notice is unexpected and demands immediate action, take a moment, and verify its legitimacy.
- **Conduct Research Online:** Use the information in a potentially counterfeit notice, such as a name, address or telephone number, to conduct a search online. The Department of Revenue's website, revenue.pa.gov, is the best source to verify information contained in a legitimate notice from the department.

Steps To Follow if You Have a Question

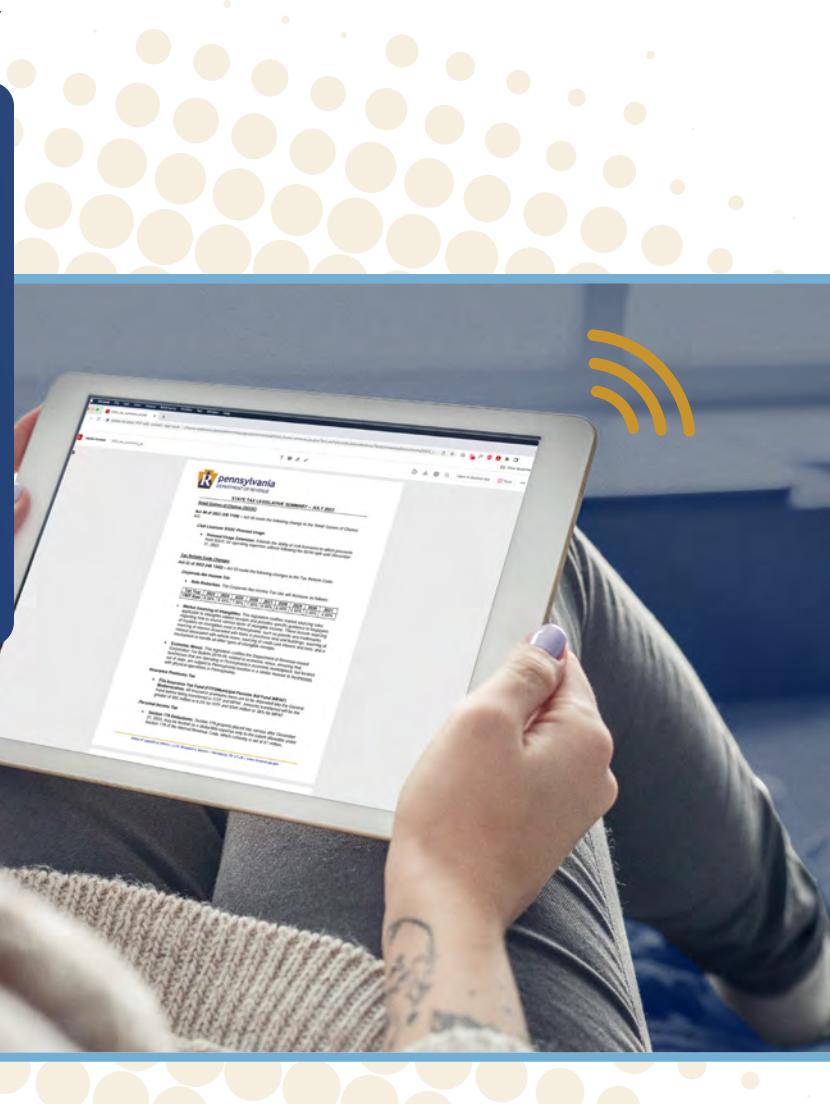
If you are concerned about a potentially fraudulent notice, please visit the department's [Verifying contact by the Department of Revenue](#) webpage for verified phone numbers and contact information. This will help you ensure that you are speaking with a legitimate representative of the department. 

2022 STATE TAX SUMMARY – JULY

Governor Tom Wolf recently signed a \$45.2 billion commonwealth budget into law that makes historic investments for Pennsylvanians while securing the commonwealth's financial future. The final budget package includes a new Dependent and Child Care Enhancement Tax Credit, a one-time bonus rebate for eligible claimants of the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, and a reduction in the Corporate Net Income Tax to position Pennsylvania to be more economically competitive.

A full rundown of tax-related legislation in the final budget is available by visiting **State Tax Legislative Summary – July 2022**.

Click on the image to the right for more information.



REACH OUT TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS

TO HELP PUT A STOP TO COVID-19.
GETTING YOUR VAX IS QUICK, EASY, AND SAFE.
APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE TODAY NEAR YOU.

2022 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TAX SEMINARS

The Department of Revenue's annual series of Tax Seminars officially kick off in September. Tax professionals are encouraged to learn about changes to state tax laws and policies during one-day seminars held across the state and virtually.

The tax seminars educate tax professionals on personal income tax, sales tax, corporate taxes, compliance

initiatives and using the department's website to establish tax accounts for new businesses, file tax returns and pay state taxes.

The schedule below includes a listing of seminar dates and locations. You can also find updated information — including hyperlinks for the virtual seminars — by visiting the **Tax Seminars** page on the Department of Revenue's website. 

Dates	Conference Location	Sponsor	Contact
September 22	Hyatt Place, Aster Event Center 621 Grange Rd. Allentown, PA 18106	PSTAP- Lehigh Valley	Sherry DeAgostino 800-270-3352 sherry@pstap.org
September 29	Altoona, Altoona Grand Hotel 1 Sheraton Dr. Altoona, PA 16601	PSTAP- Altoona	Sherry DeAgostino 800-270-3352 sherry@pstap.org
October 3	Penn Harris Hotel 1150 Camp Hill Bypass US 15 Camp Hill, PA 17011	PSTAP- Harrisburg	Sherry DeAgostino 800-270-3352 sherry@pstap.org
October 19	Springfield Country Club 400 W. Sproul Rd (Rte 320) Springfield, PA 19064	PSTAP- Philadelphia (Tri-County Chapter)	Sherry DeAgostino 800-270-3352 sherry@pstap.org
October 20	DoubleTree by Hilton Reading 701 Penn Street Reading, PA 19601	PSTAP- Reading (Central Chapter)	Sherry DeAgostino 800-270-3352 sherry@pstap.org
November 1	Cranberry Regional Learning Alliance Center 850 Cranberry Woods Dr Cranberry Township, PA 16066	PSTAP- Pittsburgh	Sherry DeAgostino 800-270-3352 sherry@pstap.org
November 7	Webinar - Click Here to Register	PSTAP	Sherry DeAgostino 800-270-3352 sherry@pstap.org
December 5	The Woodlands Inn and Resort Highway 315 Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766	Wilkes University	Margaret Petty 570-408-4460 margaret.petty@wilkes.edu
December 12	Webinar (1st Half) Click Here to Register	Wilkes University	Margaret Petty 570-408-4460 margaret.petty@wilkes.edu
December 14	Webinar - Click Here to Register	McDevitt & Kline	Bill Kline 570-251-3805 william.kline@ceworkshops.com
December 16	Webinar (2nd Half) Click Here to Register	Wilkes University	Margaret Petty 570-408-4460 margaret.petty@wilkes.edu

REVENUE 411 - myPATH VIDEO TUTORIALS

The Department of Revenue's Customer Experience Center has released a series of **Revenue411 informational videos** that provide taxpayers and tax professionals with step-by-step instructions on how to use a variety of features in **myPATH**.

To date, the Revenue411 video library offers step-by-step instructions on topics such as:

- **myPATH - Making Estimated Payments**
- **myPATH - Making Extension Payments**
- **myPATH - Making a Return Payment**
- **myPATH - Paying a Bill**
- **myPATH - Responding to a Letter**

To watch these and future step-by-step instructional videos, click the image below, or visit the department's **Revenue 411 video library**. 



SOME TELEFILE OPTIONS TO BE REMOVED AS PART OF TRANSITION OF BUSINESS TAXES TO myPATH

The Department of Revenue will soon be reducing the number of taxes supported by the **TeleFile** system, a toll-free service that allows taxpayers to file their tax returns and make payments over the phone. These changes will be made as the department moves forward with transitioning business taxes to **myPATH**, available at **mypath.pa.gov**, and encourages its customers to take advantage of this easy-to-use online service.

By the end of 2022, the following tax types will no longer be supported by TeleFile:

Capital Stock
Domestic Marine Insurance
Foreign Franchise
Foreign Marine Insurance
Gross Premiums Domestic Casual
Gross Premiums Domestic Fire
Gross Premiums Domestic Life
Gross Premiums Foreign Casualty
Gross Premiums Foreign Casualty Retaliatory Fee
Gross Premiums Foreign Fire
Gross Premiums Foreign Fire Retaliatory Fee
Gross Premiums Foreign Life
Gross Premiums Foreign Life Retaliatory Fee
Gross Premiums Foreign Title
Gross Premiums Foreign Title Retaliatory Fee
Gross Premiums Managed Care Organizations
Gross Premiums Surplus Lines Agents
Gross Premiums Unauthorized Foreign Companies

Gross Receipts Electric, Hydro-Electric and Water Power
Gross Receipts Mobile Telecommunications
Gross Receipts Telephone Interstate
Gross Receipts Telephone Intrastate
Gross Receipts Transportation Company
Loans
Mutual Thrift Federal Savings
Mutual Thrift State Savings
Public Utility Realty
Shares Tax - National Bank
Shares Tax - State Bank
Shares Tax - Title Insurance
Shares Tax - Trust Companies
Unstampable Little Cigar
Vehicle Rental Tax
Malt Beverage Tax

However, Telefile will still remain an option for several major taxes:

Return Filing

- Sales Tax
- Employer w3 (quarterly)
- Employer w2 (annual)
- Public Transportation Assistance

Payments

- Sales Tax
- Employer
- Public Transportation Assistance
- Corporate Net Income Tax 

DOR EMPLOYEES ATTEND FTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Secretary of Revenue Dan Hassell, Special Advisor to the Deputy Secretary for Taxation Kevin Milligan, and Chief Learning Officer Chantel Hardaway recently attended the Federation of Tax Administrators (FTA) annual conference in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Secretary Hassell presented on the work that he has done as a member of the Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC), a partnership that allows organizations in the public and private sectors to share information on cyber security threats. He also sat on a panel that provided updates on two critical topics: The Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee (ETAAC) and the Identity Theft Tax Refund Fraud Information Sharing and Analysis Center (IDTTRF-ISAC).

Kevin presented as part of the Solution Series: Enter the Metaverse: Solving Compliance Challenges in NFTs and Beyond, which explored the tax implications of non-fungible tokens (NFTs).

Chantel presented as part of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion panel, which in part explored what the Department of Revenue has learned through its Human Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee work.

To learn more about the FTA, visit the [FTA website](#). 🏛



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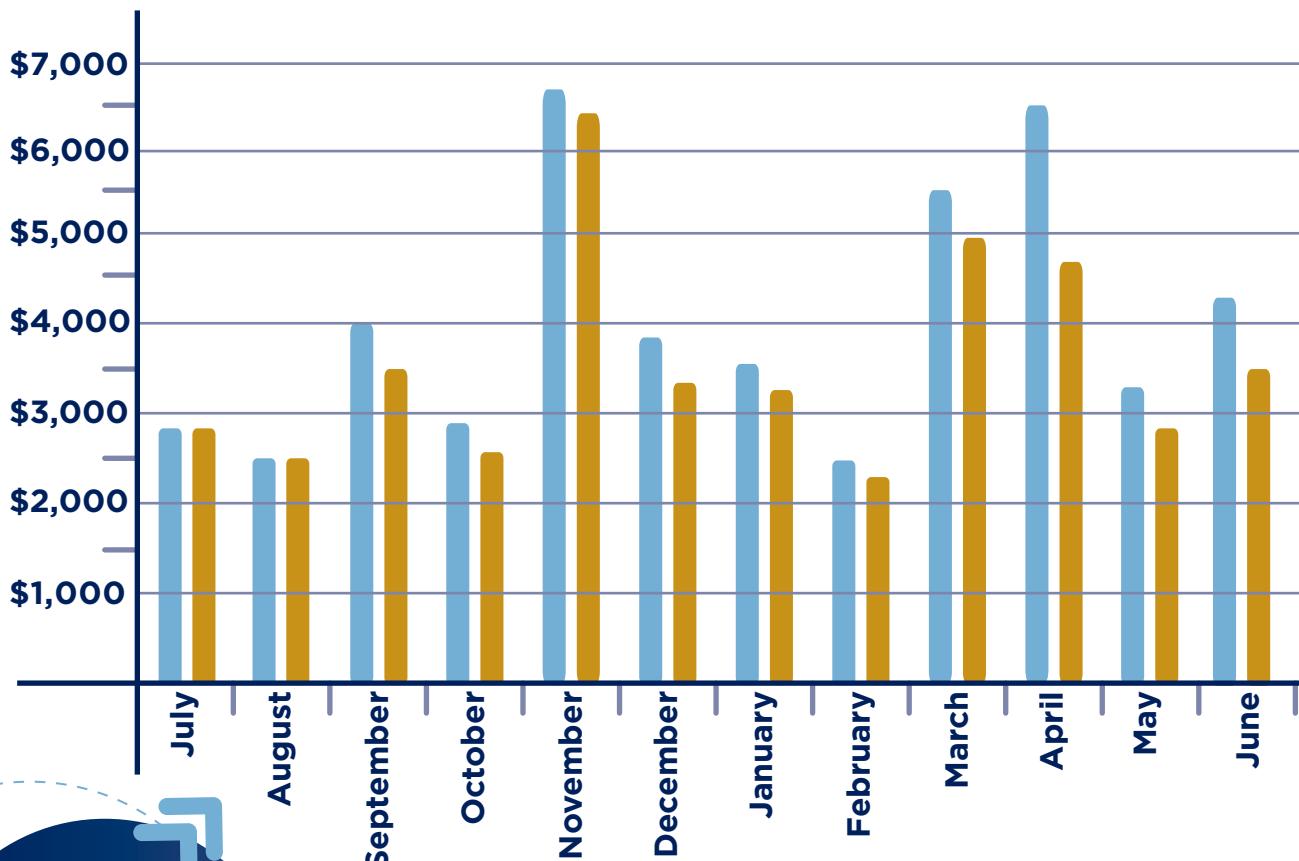
2021-2022 General Fund Revenues

Estimated vs. Actual Revenue Collections (in millions)

General Fund collections totaled \$48.1 billion in 2021-22.

Actual Revenue

Estimated Revenue



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ACTUAL FIGURES
(in millions)

Month	Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues
July	2,700	2,703
August	2,574	2,439
September	4,003	3,507
October	2,814	2,654
November	6,621	6,404
December	3,846	3,382
January	3,589	3,213
February	2,434	2,279
March	5,557	4,898
April	6,519	4,699
May	3,231	2,829
June	4,245	3,531