# **Instructions for RCT-131 Return**

#### Imposition, Base and Rate

Gross receipts tax is imposed under the Act of May 16, 1861 at the rate of 1 percent on gross receipts of private bankers authorized to do business in Pennsylvania. The tax applies to commissions, discounts, abatements, allowances and all other receipts arising from business.

### **Amended Report**

Check this box if you are filing an amended report to add, delete or adjust information. Provide documentation to support all changes being made. An amended report should only be filed if an original report was filed previously for the same period.

The department may adjust the tax originally reported based on information from the amended report. The department will not make a tax adjustment three years beyond the receipt date of the original report unless the taxpayer consents to extending the assessment period.

When filing an amended report, record the amended tax liability on Page 1, Column A.

## Report Due Date, Payments and Mailing Addresses

This report is due on or before Feb. 15 for the preceding year ended Dec. 31. If Feb. 15 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the report is due the next business day. A penalty for late filing will be imposed as follows and assessed at the time of filing: 10 percent of the first \$1,000 of tax liability, 5 percent of the next \$4,000 of tax liability and 1 percent on any tax liability in excess of \$5,000.

Payments of \$20,000 or more must be remitted electronically. For more information on electronic filing options, visit **www.etides.state.pa.us.** Payments under \$20,000 may be remitted by mail, made payable to the PA Department of Revenue.

Mail RCT-131 – with remittance, if applicable – to the following address:

PA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE PO BOX 280407 HARRISBURG, PA 17128-0407

### **Due Date Extension Request**

To request a due date extension of up to 60 days to file the annual report you must file an extension request coupon by the original report due date. However, an extension of time to file does not extend the deadline for payment of tax, and an extension request must be accompanied by payment of taxes owed for the taxable year for which the extension is requested. Mail the extension coupon separately from all other forms.

Taxpayers using an electronic method to make payment with an extension request should not submit the extension coupon.

### **Current Period Overpayment Instructions**

If the remittance column is less than zero on Page 1 of your completed RCT-131, an overpayment exists, and you should instruct the department how to transfer and/or refund the overpayment. Select only one option in the "Overpayment Instructions" area of Page 1. If no option is selected, any overpayment will automatically be credited to the next tax period.

- A. Overpayment is transferred automatically to offset other underpaid taxes in the current tax period, and any remaining credit is then applied to the next tax period for estimated tax purposes.
- B. Prior to issuing a refund, the department will apply overpayment to unpaid tax in the current tax period. The department may also offset other unpaid liabilities or commonwealth obligations for the account.

### Requests For Refund Or Transfer of Available Credit

Requests for refund or transfer of available credit from prior periods or from the current nonreported tax period can be faxed on company letterhead, signed by an authorized representative, to 717-705-6227.

Requests can also be submitted in writing to the following address:

PA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE PO BOX 280701 HARRISBURG, PA 17128-0701

Please do not duplicate requests for refund and/or transfer by submitting both RCT-131 and written correspondence.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

- To make electronic payments and file extensions electronically, visit e-TIDES at **www.etides.state.pa.us.** For additional information and assistance with electronic payment and filing options, call 717-783-6277.
- If you have general business tax questions, call 717-787-1064.
- To confirm account payments, call 1-888-PATAXES.
- If you have questions regarding payments or refunds, call the Accounting Division at 717-705-6225.
- Requests for transfer of credit may be faxed to the Accounting Division at 717-705-6227.
- If you have questions regarding tax settlements, assessments or filing requirements, call the Specialty Tax Unit at 717-783-6031.



ESTIMATED PAYMENTS AND EXTENSIONS TO FILE THE RCT-131 CAN NOW BE FILED ONLINE AT WWW.ETIDES.STATE.PA.US