



THE TAX UPDATE IS A

BI-MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

PUBLISHED BY THE

PENNSYLVANIA

DEPARTMENT

OF REVENUE

GREGORY C. FAJT

SECRETARY OF REVENUE

(717) 787-6960



IN THIS ISSUE:

BUSINESS TAX REFORM CC FINAL REPORT	MMISSION page 1-2
FORM REVISIONS	page 2
NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FILE SALES TAX RETURN ELECTRONICALLY	– page 3-4
FEDERAL/STATE E-FILE UPDATE	page 4
PASS THROUGH BUSINESS OFFICE CELEBRATES SECOND ANNIVERSARY	page 5
ATTENTION EMPLOYERS	page 5
DECLARATION OF DE MINIMIS PA ACTIVITY NOW AVAILABLE	page 6
WAGE GARNISHMENT	page 6
NEW ADDRESS – PA CORPORATE TAX REPORTS	page 6
TAX DUE DATE REFERENCE GUIDE FOR TAX YEAR 2005	page 7-10

FAST FACT:

Sixty-seven percent of business registration applications were filed electronically in 2004 . . . an increase of 7 percent from 2003.



page 1

BUSINESS REFORM COMMISSION

Final Report



Revenue Secretary Gregory C. Fajt, PA Business Tax Reform Commission Chairman and Commissioner Joseph Cottonaro presenting the Commission's Final Report at a press conference in Harrisburg on November 30.

On March 4, 2004, Governor Edward G. Rendell issued an Executive Order establishing a **Business Tax Reform Commission** (Commission). The Order stated the Governor's desire to improve Pennsylvania's competitive position through a reduction in business tax rates. It directed the Commission to evaluate the Commonwealth's current business tax structure and recommend changes that would broaden the tax base, thus allowing for a corporate tax rate reduction while protecting the stability of the state budget. The result of these actions would be to ensure greater fairness in business taxation and create a more competitive business climate leading to greater economic growth. The Order required that the Commission recommendations be revenue neutral.

The **final report** released by the Pennsylvania Business Tax Reform Commission on November 30, 2004 recommends a 30 percent reduction in the state's Corporate Net Income (CNI) Tax. The new 6.99 percent rate would be lower than all of the Commonwealth's surrounding states.

The Commission's final report also recommends uncapping the amount of future Net Operating Losses that can be claimed by

businesses, changing the apportionment structure for the CNI Tax and reforming the appeals process within the state Department of Revenue.

In its final report, the Commission said Pennsylvania's current CNI Tax rate is not competitive with other states. Lowering the CNI Tax rate was the Commission's primary goal. Reducing the CNI Tax rate to 6.99 percent would make Pennsylvania's rate lower than all of its surrounding states and move the Common-wealth's rate from 3rd highest to 26th highest among the states.

The Commission also recommends:

- Eliminating the existing \$2 million annual cap on Net Operating Losses, which it said discourages economic development and is at odds with other state policy and funding initiatives that encourage technology-based and biotech company start-ups.
- Changing the weighting of the sales factor of the CNI Tax apportionment formula from the present 60 percent to 100 percent, which the Commission said would encourage employers to locate or expand in Pennsylvania.

Continued on page 2



BUSINESS REFORM COMMISSION. Final Report. Continued from page 1

- Shifting to market-based sourcing in the CNI Tax apportionment formula for the sale of services, which the Commission said would encourage growth in service-related industries.
- Continuing the phase-out of the Capital Stock and Franchise Tax on its current schedule, or accelerate the phaseout if possible.
- Reforming Pennsylvania's tax appeals process and related administrative procedures, which the Commission said are inefficient and confusing to businesses and detrimental to Pennsylvania's business climate.

To keep its recommendations revenue neutral, the Commission recommends that Pennsylvania shift to a mandatory unitary combined reporting system, which would require members of a unitary group of businesses to combine their income and expenses for tax purposes. The Commission said Pennsylvania's existing separate company reporting uses a narrow tax base and allows tax-planning opportunities such as the use of passive investment companies, sometimes called Delaware holding companies, to shift income outside the Commonwealth.

The Commission said mandatory unitary combined reporting would better measure the net income of affiliated corporations generated within a taxing jurisdiction by broadening the tax base to make it less susceptible to manipulation. The Commission also recommends a new tax on "pass through" businesses. Profits of such businesses are currently taxed at the 3.07 percent Personal Income Tax rate, rather than the 9.99 percent CNI Tax rate paid by ordinary corporations. The Commission said the 6.92 percentage-point gap is the largest of any state, and recommended that it be narrowed as part of its tax reform proposal.

The Commission's recommendations would have a net cost to the General Fund of \$49 million. It believes the relatively small expense would allow a more competitive CNI Tax rate and help offset the impact of combined reporting and the new tax on pass through businesses.

The Commission stressed that its final report is a unified proposal, and should be considered as such.

"The Commission endorses the tax recommendations contained in this plan as a package," the final report says. "It does not endorse any of the recommendations individually except the recommendations on improvements to the tax appeals process."

The Commission's final report contains detailed summaries of testimony at its 14 meetings, discussions of other options considered and comments by members. The report can be viewed or downloaded by visiting the Commission's web site at www.businesstaxreform.state.pa.us.

FORM REVISIONS

The following forms have been revised as of November 2004. Any prior versions should be destroyed.

- REV-251 Tax Bulletin 53B and 53F (Foreign Corporations)
- REV-252 Tax Bulletin 53C and 53E (Domestic Corporations)
- **REV-253** Tax Bulletin 53D (Mergers)
- REV-181I Instructions for Securing a Tax Clearance Certificate
- REV-1076 Procedures for Securing a Bulk Sales Clearance Certificate

The revised forms are currently available on the Department's Web site at www.revenue.state.pa.us.



page 3

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION -FILE SALES TAX RETURNS ELECTRONICALLY

Each New Year brings many changes and 2005 will be no exception. Beginning in 2005, Sales Tax filers will have three options for filing Sales Tax returns and payments electronically, thus eliminating the need for paper coupons.

All of the Department's systems have been designed with the tax practitioner community in mind. Tax practitioners will still be able to file and/or make payments on behalf of their clients and provide the added service of assuring their customers that the return and payment have been received by the Department of Revenue.

1. INTERNET (www.etides.state.pa.us)

One electronic filing option is the Department's Internet-based e-TIDES system, which has undergone extensive redesign in recent months to offer more user-friendly access. Registering to use e-TIDES takes only minutes, and taxpayers will be able to file returns and make payments immediately.

The Department of Revenue has made a number of changes to the e-TIDES system:

- E-TIDES registration no longer requires a signature document. Enterprise registration is now a real-time process, allowing business taxpayers to file for an enterprise the same day they sign up.
- E-TIDES now accepts amended returns.
- E-TIDES has added account maintenance capabilities, such as the ability to change an address online.
- Through e-TIDES, taxpayers can now notify the Department of Revenue that an enterprise is out of business.
- E-TIDES can send due date reminders to taxpayers via e-mail.

2. TELEPHONE (1-800-748-8299)

Taxpayers without access to the Internet can use the new Business TeleFile system, available mid January 2005. File and pay Sales Taxes with a simple five-minute, toll-free telephone call. Registration is not required to use the TeleFile system.

Taxpayers will need to enter the following information to file Sales Tax returns and payments via TeleFile:

- 8-digit PA Sales Tax Account ID Number
- 9-digit Entity ID (EIN or SSN associated with Sales Tax number)

- Tax Period (end date)
- Gross PA Sales
- Net Taxable PA Sales
- Amount of PA Sales Tax collected
- Amount of Use Tax due if any
- Any applicable credits (TPPR/other)
- Corresponding amounts for Philadelphia and/or Allegheny Counties (if applicable)
- Banking information (routing number, account number, acct. type) for ACH Debit.

3. COMPUTER SOFTWARE

Taxpayers filing in multiple states, including Pennsylvania, may find third-party software to be the best option. The Department is working with a number of vendors and will list them on its Web site and in the PA Tax Update as they are tested and approved.

A few advantages to filing Sales Tax returns electronically:

- Elimination of many preparation and processing errors
- Confirmation that returns and payments have been received
- Access to an online account history
- File early and schedule a payment for the due date
- Increased security

Sales and Use Tax account holders **WILL NOT** receive a paper coupon booklet for the 2005 calendar year. Account holders will receive a letter with information about the filing systems in place of a coupon booklet and the 2005 PA Sales, Use and Hotel Occupancy Tax Returns Tax Periods and Administrative Due Dates reminder card (REV-819). The 2005 due date reminder card is now available on the Department's Web site.

The Department of Revenue's new e-Business customer service center can answer questions about electronic filing of business taxes. Submit a question to a customer service representative through the **Online Customer Service Center** (available through the Department's Web site at **www.revenue.state.pa.us** or call (717) 783-6277).



New Year's resolution – File Sales Tax returns electronically. Continued from page 3.

APPROVED THIRD PARTY VENDOR FOR SALES TAX

Trustfile

Trustfile Sales and Use Tax e-filing and e-payment software is currently offered free in Pennsylvania for all of 2005. With an interface specifically designed for ease of use, Trustfile provides enhanced functionality, secure transmission, and free technical support. Software benefits include automatic and accurate form calculations per current state requirements, data import from virtually any spreadsheet, data archiving, and a helpful "Transmission Manager" that walks you through the process.

Trustfile products also offer secure, confirmed transmission via the Internet. Complete all of your work safely off-line, logging on only for transmission. Trustfile is currently offered in ten states, and free Pennsylvania software is now available at www.trustfile.com.



FEDERAL/STATE E-FILE UPDATE

The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue will be accepting two new PA Personal Income Tax forms electronically through the Federal/State e-file program beginning in tax year 2004:

- PA Schedule T, Gambling and Lottery Winnings
- REV-1630, Underpayment of Estimated Tax By Individuals

PA Schedule T is a new schedule created for non-residents and Pennsylvania residents to report income earned for all gambling and lottery winnings from Pennsylvania sources. (Prizes from the Pennsylvania Lottery are not taxable for state Personal Income Tax purposes.) Only one PA Schedule T per return can be filed electronically. The Form REV-1630 is used to determine a taxpayer's estimated underpayment penalty and any interest owed to the Department. Only one REV-1630 per return can be filed electronically.

To register your Electronic Filing Identification Number (EFIN) with the Department for the first time, please provide a copy of your IRS acceptance letter to the Department of Revenue's electronic filing section. Fax the acceptance letter to (717) 772-4193.

The Department is not mailing paper copies of the Publication PA-1345, Handbook for Electronic Filers of PA Individual Income Tax Returns, to registered Electronic Return Originators (EROs) this tax season. The handbook will be available for download from the Department's Web site at www.revenue.state.pa.us.



page 5

PASS THROUGH BUSINESS OFFICE CELEBRATES SECOND ANNIVERSARY

Tackles Abusive Tax Shelters

The Department of Revenue's Pass Through Business Office (PTBO) recently celebrated its second anniversary. Since November 2002, the PTBO has assessed a total of \$37 million and collected more than \$10.8 million.

The office's primary task is to enforce Pennsylvania's tax requirements for pass through businesses and their owners. The PTBO staff conducts a review and reconciliation of information returns for partnerships and PA S corporations (PA-20S/PA-65 and resident/non-resident K-1s) and individual tax returns of partners and shareholders. The office uses a state-of-the-art case tracking computer system to relate all of the ownership interests (and corresponding K-1s) for a single taxpayer. The income tax obligations of all partners in a partnership can be simultaneously and uniformly reviewed and verified.

The PTBO office has taken on the additional task of tackling more complex tax avoidance techniques, such as abusive tax shelters. Some taxpayers use illegal tax shelters to avoid reporting and paying personal income and corporate taxes. The PTBO office has added several auditors with experience in state and federal tax planning to identify abusive tax shelters.

Pennsylvania signed a joint agreement with the IRS under the Abusive Tax Avoidance Transactions (ATAT) partnership in September 2003 to coordinate efforts and share data on illegal schemes to avoid both federal and state taxes. Pennsylvania also participates in a joint agreement facilitated by the Federation of Tax Administrators (FTA) in March 2004 to share information on abusive tax shelters and other illegal transactions among states.

An abusive tax scheme can take many forms, with the main characteristic being the promise of tax benefits. These transactions typically have no economic purpose other than reducing taxes and tax liabilities. Most tax schemes bury money in multiple layers of transactions and multiple domestic and foreign passthrough entities including: partnerships, S corporations, limited liability companies and trusts. The PTBO is equipped to address complicated filing requirements and tax reports filed by multi-tier partnerships with partners that are corporations, trusts, limited liability companies or numerous other partnerships.

With the Department's increased auditing efforts and partnerships with the IRS and other states, it is only a matter of time until taxpayers who have used abusive shelters to hide money are discovered.

The Department's voluntary disclosure program allows taxpayers that become aware of their Pennsylvania tax obligations to voluntarily disclose their liabilities and have penalties abated. Taxpayers, including partnerships and their partners and PA S corporations and their shareholders, with unmet filing and payment obligations can participate. Only taxpayers who are not currently the subject of enforcement and have not been contacted by the Department can qualify under the program.

In return for a complete disclosure of their liabilities, voluntary disclosure participants will have penalties abated. However, they will be required to pay tax and interest. The look-back period is limited to three prior years from the original due date of the return, plus the current year for Personal Income Tax obligations and five years plus the current year for corporation taxes. Partnerships with at least one partner that is not an individual, will be required to file information returns for the last five years.

To make a voluntary disclosure, contact:

Liaison Officer Voluntary Disclosure Program PA Department of Revenue P.O. Box 281100 Harrisburg, PA 17128-1100 (717) 787-9832

ATTENTION EMPLOYERS

The Department of Revenue is asking for your help. When filing your W-2 Transmittal (REV-1667) in January 2005, please enter your Employer Identification Number (EIN) in the block labeled "Entity ID (EIN)". Entering the EIN will help ensure accuracy when your information is processed.



DECLARATION OF DE MINIMIS PA ACTIVITY NOW AVAILABLE

On April 13, 2004, the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue issued Corporation Tax Bulletin 2004-01, that establishes an exemption from the Pennsylvania Corporate Tax Report (RCT-101) filing requirement for certain de minimis activities.

Non-Pennsylvania corporations, including all entities subject to the Foreign Franchise and/or Corporate Net Income Taxes whose Pennsylvania activity during a tax year is considered de minimis, may instead file a Declaration of De Minimis PA Activity (RCT-101D) for that period rather than the RCT-101. An RCT-101D may be filed for any year that a report has not yet been filed, or when one has been filed but is currently open for

WAGE GARNISHMENT

The Department of Revenue was authorized under Act 46 of 2003 to collect unpaid taxes by garnishing the wages of delinquent taxpayers. The Department may garnish up to 10 percent of a delinquent taxpayer's wages.

The Department will first notify taxpayers of its intent to contact their employers to begin withholding. If a taxpayer fails to resolve his or her tax liabilities, the employer will be ordered to begin garnishing their wages and making payments to the Commonwealth. The garnishment will continue until the tax liability is paid in full or until the employee leaves the employer's service.

Employers may retain up to 2 percent of the amount collected to compensate for costs of additional bookkeeping. Employers that fail to properly withhold and remit the required amount will be assessed the full amount of the tax and costs due, plus an additional penalty of 5 percent per month up to a maximum of 50 percent of the liability.

The Department of Revenue is not required to obtain a court order to begin garnishing wages. The Department may garnish wages to collect any taxes due to the Commonwealth, including those assessed against corporate officers.

Wage garnishment has proven to be an effective tool in recovering unpaid tax liabilities in other states. Enforcing the tax laws of the Commonwealth helps ensure equity among all Pennsylvania taxpayers and helps keep tax rates as low as possible. settlement or resettlement so long as the corporation's PA activity meets de minimis standards.

The RCT-101D and instructions are available on the Department's Web site **www.revenue.state.pa.us** under *'Corporation Taxes'* in the Forms and Publications section.

For further information on de minimis activity in the Commonwealth, please refer to Corporation Tax Bulletin 2004-01, which is available under '*Corporation Tax Bulletins*' in the Corporation Tax Section of the Business Taxpayer area of the Department's Web site.

NEW ADDRESS -AMENDED PA CORPORATE TAX REPORTS

The Bureau of Corporation Taxes has a new mailing address for filing an Amended PA Corporate Tax Report (RCT-101X) and Reports of Change in Corporate Net Income Tax (RCT-128C) to process these returns more efficiently.

Effective immediately, filings of RCT-101X and RCT-128C should be mailed to:

> PA Department of Revenue Bureau of Corporation Taxes P.O. Box 280407 Harrisburg, PA 17128-0407

Corporate taxpayers are also reminded that changes in taxable income due to a federal audit must be reported on RCT-128C. Taxpayers amending a PA Corporate Tax Report for any other reason must file RCT-101X.

In both cases, the taxpayer must include all documentation necessary to support the amended report. Failure to properly file RCT-101X or RCT-128C could delay the processing of any refunds due to the taxpayer.

page 6

TAX DUE DATE REFERENCE GUIDE FOR TAX YEAR 2005

CIGARETTE TAX

- Jan 18 December Monthly CSA Cigarette Dealer Consignment Payment
- CSA & Wholesale Cigarette Dealer Renewal Licenses
- Feb 15 January Monthly CSA Cigarette Dealer Consignment Payment
- Feb 28 Cigarette Dealers' Licenses expire
- Mar 15 February Monthly CSA Cigarette Dealer Consignment Payment
- Apr 15 March Monthly CSA Cigarette Dealer Consignment Payment
- May 16 April Monthly CSA Cigarette Dealer Consignment Payment
- Jun 15 May Monthly CSA Cigarette Dealer Consignment Payment

Jul 15 June Monthly CSA Cigarette Dealer Consignment Payment

page 7

- Aug 15 July Monthly CSA Cigarette Dealer Consignment Payment
- Sep 15 August Monthly CSA Cigarette Dealer Consignment Payment
- Oct 17 September Monthly CSA Cigarette Dealer Consignment Payment
- Nov 15 October Monthly CSA Cigarette Dealer Consignment Payment
- Dec 15 November Monthly CSA Cigarette Dealer Consignment Payment

CORPORATION TAXES

Jan 18	PA-S Election due for current tax year ending 10-31	
	Annual Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, Mutual Thrift, and Ag Co-Op Corporation Tax Reports for tax year ending 09-30	
	* Current year's quarterly Estimated Payments for Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, and Mutual Thrifts for tax years ending 01-31, 04-30, 07-31, and 10-31	
Feb 01	2004 Surplus Lines Gross Premiums Tax Report	
Feb 15	Annual Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, Mutual Thrift, and Ag Co-Op Corporation Tax Reports for previous tax year ending 10-31	
	2004 Private Bankers Annual Gross Receipts Tax Report	
	* Current year's quarterly Estimated Payments for Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, and Mutual Thrifts for tax years ending 02-28, 05-31, 08-31, and 11-30	
	PA-S Election due for current tax year ending 11-30	
Mar 15	Annual Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, Mutual Thrift, and Ag Co-Op Corporation Tax Reports for previous tax year ending 11-30	
	Bank Shares Tax Annual Report	
	Gross Premiums Estimated Prepayment except Foreign Fire & Casualty	
	* Current year's quarterly Estimated Payments for Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, and Mutual Thrifts for tax years ending 03-31, 06-30, 09-30, and 12-31	
-	PA-S Election due for current tax year ending 12-31	
	Utilities Gross Receipts Annual Report and Estimated Prepayment	
	Full Estimated Prepayment for Interstate and Intrastate Telecommunications	
	40% Prepayment - 2004 Mobile Telecommunication GRT	
Apr 1	PURTA (LTA) RCT-900 Report	
Apr 15	** Annual PA S Corporation Information Return (PA-20S/PA-65) for calendar year filer	
	Annual Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, Mutual Thrift, and Ag Co-Op Corporation Tax Reports for previous tax year ending 12-31	
	* Current year's quarterly Estimated Payments for Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, and Mutual Thrifts for tax years ending 04-30, 07-31, 10-31, and 01-31	
	Gross Premiums Annual Tax Report	
	•	

PA-S Election due for current tax year ending 1-31

PURTA Annual Report previous year and Tentative Mav 2 Prepayment current year May 16 * Current year's quarterly Estimated Payments for Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, and Mutual Thrifts for tax years ending 05-31, 08-31, 11-30, and 02-28 Annual Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, Mutual Thrift, and Ag Co-Op Corporation Tax Reports for previous tax year ending 01-31 PA-S Election due for current tax year ending 02-28 Bank Shares Tax Annual Report Gross Premiums Estimated Prepayment except Foreign Fire & Casualty Jun 1 Domestic and Foreign Marine Annual Tax Report Jun 15 Annual Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, Mutual Thrift, and Ag Co-Op Corporation Tax Reports for previous tax year ending 02-28 * Current year's quarterly Estimated Payments for Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, and Mutual Thrifts for tax years ending 06-30, 09-30, 12-31, and 03-31 Gross Receipts - 40% prepayment - 2004 Mobile telecommunications GRT PA-S Election due for current tax year ending 03-31 Jul 1 Electric Co-Op Annual Tax Report for previous year Jul 15 Annual Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, Mutual Thrift, and Ag Co-Op Corporation Tax Reports for previous tax year ending 03-31 * Current year's quarterly Estimated Payments for Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, and Mutual Thrifts for tax years ending 07-31, 10-31, 01-31, and 04-30 PA-S Election due for current tax year ending 04-30 Aug 15 Annual Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, Mutual Thrift, and Ag Co-Op Corporation Tax Reports for previous tax year ending 04-30 * Current year's quarterly Estimated Payments for Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, and Mutual Thrifts for tax years ending 08-31, 11-30, 02-28, and 05-31 PA-S Election due for current tax year ending 05-31 Annual Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, Mutual Thrift, and Ag Sep 15 Co-Op Corporation Tax Reports for previous tax year ending 05-31 * Current year's quarterly Estimated Payments for Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, and Mutual Thrifts for tax years ending 09-30, 12-31, 03-31, and 06-30

Continued on page 8

	Gross Receipts 20% prepayment - 2004 Mobile telecommunications GRT		* Current year's quarterly Estimated Payments for Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, and Mutual Thrifts for tax years	
	PA-S Election due for current tax year ending 06-30	ending 11-30, 02-28, 05-31, and 08-31	ending 11-30, 02-28, 05-31, and 08-31	
Oct 17	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		PA-S Election due for current tax year ending 08-31	
	Co-Op Corporation Tax Reports for previous tax year ending 06-30	- Dec 15	Annual Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, Mutual Thrift, and Ag	
	* Current year's quarterly Estimated Payments for Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, and Mutual Thrifts for tax years	Co-Op Corporation Tax Reports for previous tax year end		
	ending 10-31, 01-31, 04-30, and 07-31		* Current year's quarterly Estimated Payments for	
	PA-S Election due for current tax year ending 07-31	-	Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, and Mutual Thrifts for tax years	
Nov 15	Annual Capital Stock/Franchise, CNI, Mutual Thrift, and Ag	-	ending 12-31, 03-31, 06-30, and 09-30	
	Co-Op Corporation Tax Reports for previous tax year ending 07-31		PA-S Election due for current tax year ending 09-30	

* Estimated tax payments of Capital Stock/Franchise, Corporate Net Income, and Mutual Thrift for taxpayers electing to pay tax in installments are due on or before the 15th day of the 3rd, 6th, 9th, and 12th months following the close of the immediately prior tax year.

** Date represents a year ending on December 31 (calendar year filer). When the year ends in any other month, the annual <u>PA-20S/PA-65 Information Return</u> is due on the 15th day of the fourth month following the close of the fiscal year. The final payment of the balance of PA PIT due and withheld from the income of the nonresident shareholders is due with the filing of the <u>PA-20S/PA-65 Information Return</u>.

<u>Note</u>: Gross Premiums Tax for individuals, partnerships, and corporations on premiums paid to unauthorized foreign insurance companies is due within 30 days after the date in which such insurance was procured, continued, or renewed.

EMPLOYER WITHHOLDING

Jan 5	2004 Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit	Jul 15	June Monthly Employer Withholding Deposit
Jan 20	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit	Jul 20	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit
Jan 31	All 2004 W-2 Forms and Transmittal		
	2004 Fourth Quarter Quarterly Employer Deposit Statement and Return	Aug 1 Aug 3	Quarterly Employer Deposit Statement and W-3 Return Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit
	2004 Semimonthly and Monthly Employer Quarterly Return of Income Tax Withheld		July Monthly Employer Withholding Deposit
	December 2004 Monthly Employer Withholding Deposit	Aug 18	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit
Feb 3	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit		
Feb 15	January Monthly Employer Withholding Deposit	Sep 6	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit
Feb 18	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit	Sep 15	August Monthly Employer Withholding Deposit
Mar 3	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit	Sep 20	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit
Mar 15	February Monthly Employer Withholding Deposit	Oct 5	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit
Mar 18	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit		
Apr 5	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit	Oct 17	September Monthly Employer Withholding Deposit
Apr 15	March Monthly Employer Withholding Deposit	Oct 19	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit
Apr 20	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit	Oct 31	Quarterly Employer Deposit Statement and W-3 Return
May 2	Quarterly Employer Deposit Statement and W-3 Return	Nev 2	
May 4	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit	Nov 3	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit
May 16	April Monthly Employer Withholding Deposit	Nov 15	October Monthly Employer Withholding Deposit
May 18	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit	Nov 18	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit
Jun 3	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit	Dec 5	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit
Jun 15	May Monthly Employer Withholding Deposit		
Jun 20	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit	Dec 15	November Monthly Employer Withholding Deposit
Jul 6	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit	Dec 20	Semimonthly Employer Withholding Deposit
	PENNSYLVANIA TAX DUE DATE REI	FEREN	ICE GUIDE • JANUARY 2005

INTERNATIONAL FUEL TAX AGREEMENT

- Jan 31
 2004 Fourth Quarter IFTA Tax Report

 Feb 28
 Grace Period ends for 2004 Decals for IFTA Carriers

 Mar 1
 Current year's Motor Carriers Tax and IFTA Credentials required to be displayed
- May 2 2005 First Quarter IFTA Tax Report

- Aug 1 2005 Second Quarter IFTA Tax Report
- Oct 31 2005 Third Quarter IFTA Tax Report
- Dec 1 First Day to Display 2006 IFTA Decals
- Dec 31 IFTA Decals Expire Except for Grace Period

LIQUID FUELS AND FUELS TAX

Jan 20	December Monthly Liquid Fuels and Fuels Tax Report	
Feb 22	January Monthly Liquid Fuels and Fuels Tax Report	
Mar 21	February Monthly Liquid Fuels and Fuels Tax Report	
Apr 20	0 March Monthly Liquid Fuels and Fuel Tax Report	
May 20	April Monthly Liquid Fuels and Fuels Tax Report	
May 31	Liquid Fuels and Fuels Tax Distributor Permits expire	
Jun 20	May Monthly Liquid Fuels and Fuels Tax Report	

Jul 20	20 June Monthly Liquid Fuels and Fuels Tax Report		
Aug 22 July Monthly Liquid Fuels and Fuels Tax Report			
Sep 20	20 August Monthly Liquid Fuels and Fuels Tax Report		
Oct 20	September Monthly Liquid Fuels and Fuels Tax Report		
Nov 21 October Monthly Liquid Fuels and Fuels Tax Report			
Dec 20	November Monthly Liquid Fuels Tax Report		

MALT BEVERAGE TAX

Jan 18 December Malt Beverage Return	Jul 15 June Malt Beverage Return
Feb 15 January Malt Beverage Return	Aug 15 July Malt Beverage Return
Mar 15 February Malt Beverage Return	Sep 15 August Malt Beverage Return
Apr 15 March Malt Beverage Return	Oct 17 September Malt Beverage Return
May 16 April Malt Beverage Return	Nov 15 October Malt Beverage Return
Jun 15 May Malt Beverage Return	Dec 15 November Malt Beverage Return

MOTOR CARRIERS ROAD TAX

- Feb 28 Grace Period ends for 2004 Decals for IFTA & Non-IFTA Carriers
- Mar 1 Current year's Motor Carriers Tax and IFTA Credentials required to be displayed
- Dec 31 Motor Carriers Road Tax Decals Expire Except for Grace Period

VEHICLE RENTAL TAX

Jan 20 Vehicle Rental Tax (4-Q) Return

Jul 20 Vehicle Rental Tax (2-Q) Return

- Feb 15 Vehicle Rental Tax Reconciliation
- Apr 20 Vehicle Rental Tax (1-Q) Return

Oct 20 Vehicle Rental Tax (3-Q) Return

	PERSONAL	INCON	ΛΕ ΤΑΧ
Jan 14	First day to file 2004 PA Income Tax Returns using Federal/State e-file program, PA TeleFile and pa.direct.file		Annual 2004 Fiduciary Income Tax Returns
Jan 18	Final 2004 Estimated Personal Income Tax Declaration and Payment	Jun 15	2nd 2005 Estimated Personal Income Tax Declaration and Payment for Individuals, Estates, and Trusts
	*** 4th 2004 Installment Payment of Nonresident Withholding Tax – PA-S Corporations and Partnerships	Jul 15	2nd 2005 Installment Payment of Nonresident
Feb 28	1099R Information Returns for Early Distributions		Withholding - PA-S Corporations and Partnerships
Apr 15	2004 Annual Personal Income Tax Returns - Residents, Nonresidents, Part-Year Residents, and Consolidated Nonresident Returns	Aug 15	2004 Annual Personal Income Tax Return with 4 month extension
		Sep 15	3rd 2005 Estimated Personal Income Tax Declaration and
	Annual 2004 Personal Income Tax Approved Extension to File		Payment for Individuals, Estates, and Trusts
	*** Annual 2004 Pennsylvania Partnership Information Return (PA-20S/PA-65)	Oct 17	2004 Annual Personal Income Tax Return with 6 month extension
·			Last Day to file 2004 PA Income Tax Returns using
	1st 2005 Estimated Personal Income Tax Declaration and Payment for Individuals, Estates, and Trusts		TeleFile, <i>pa.direct.file</i> , and Federal/State <i>e-file</i> Program.
	1st 2005 Installment Payment of Nonresident Withholding PA-S Corporations and Partnerships		3rd 2005 Installment Payment of Nonresident Withholding - PA-S Corporations and Partnerships

*** Date represents a year ending on December 31 (calendar year filer). When the year ends in any other month, the <u>PA-20S/PA-65 Information Return</u> is due on the 15th day of the fourth month following the close of the fiscal year. The final payment of the balance of PA PIT due and withheld from the income of the nonresident partners is due with the filing of the <u>PA-20S/PA-65</u>.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FUND TAXES AND FEES

Jan 20 Quarterly (4-Q) PTA Return

Apr 20 Quarterly (1-Q) PTA Return

Jul 20Quarterly (2-Q) PTA ReturnOct 20Quarterly (3-Q) PTA Return

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE CLAIMS

Jun 30 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Claims

Dec 31 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Claims if extended by the Department

SMALL GAMES OF CHANCE

Mar 31 Small Games of Chance Manufacturer's Certificate expires

Apr 30 Small Games of Chance Distributor's License expires

SALES TAX (STATE AND LOCAL)

Jan 21	Transient Vendor Certificate expires	Jun 20	May (5-M) Monthly Sales Tax Return
Jan 20	December (12-M) Monthly Sales Tax Return	Jul 20	Quarterly (2-Q) Sales Tax Return
	Quarterly (4-Q) Sales Tax Return		June (6-M) Monthly Sales Tax Return
Jan 31	Promoter Certificate expires	Aug 22	July (7-M) Monthly Sales Tax Return
Feb 22	January (1-M) Monthly Sales Tax Return		Semiannual (January-June) Sales Tax Return
	Semiannual (July-December) Sales Tax Return	Sep 20	August (8-M) Monthly Sales Tax Return
Mar 21	February (2-M) Monthly Sales Tax Return	Oct 20	Quarterly (3-Q) Sales Tax Return
Apr 20	Quarterly (1-Q) Sales Tax Return		September (9-M) Monthly Sales Tax Return
	March (3-M) Monthly Sales Tax Return	Nov 21	October (10-M) Monthly Sales Tax Return
May 20	April (4-M) Monthly Sales Tax Return	Dec 20	November (11-M) Monthly Sales Tax Return

PENNSYLVANIA TAX DUE DATE REFERENCE GUIDE • JANUARY 2005