

The Bureau of Motor and Alternative Fuel Taxes (MAFT) is providing an option for financial relief to qualifying registered distributors, who are required to file surety bonds or other financial guarantees with the Department of Revenue (department).

### Who qualifies?

Any Pennsylvania liquid fuels and fuels registered distributor that submits a bond or other financial guarantees greater than \$2,500 and is in good standing with the department. Your accounts will be reviewed for the previous 24 months activity from the date your renewal applications are mailed. You must also be registered with MAFT for two complete liquid fuels and fuels permit years.

## What is the current method to calculate bonds or other financial guarantee requirements?

We will continue to use the same methodology of 1.5 months average tax due for all new accounts. Accounts that remain in good standing and have held a liquid fuels and fuels permit for two complete permit years have an option to reduce the bond or financial guarantee to one month the average tax due.

# What determines if an account is in good standing?

Tax return filing history with the department Payment history with the department Liquid Fuels and Fuels Permit history

#### Can I request a reduction at any time?

For the 2016 permit year, yes, as long as your account is in good standing you may request the reduction past June 1, 2016. In the future, the reductions will only be granted during the liquid fuels and fuels permit renewal process.

## How will I know if I qualified for the reduction?

For 2016, you will need to contact MAFT at 800-482-4382 to determine if your company has qualified for a reduction. In future years, MAFT will reduce the bond or other financial surety from 1.5 months average tax due to one month average tax due during the renewal process for all accounts that qualify. This reduction will be displayed on the bond and/or financial documents sent with the liquid fuels and fuels permit renewal applications each February.

## I was not afforded the reduction, what can I do?

Accounts with greater than a two year filing history must bring all department accounts into compliance. MAFT will review your accounts again during the liquid fuels and fuels renewal process. MAFT will determine at that time if you will qualify for the reduction for that upcoming permit year.

#### Can the Department nullify my reduction?

Yes, if you do not remain in good standing with the department your bond or other financial securities may increase at any time.