Privacy Notice — Website — No Action Needed

Your account records are covered by state laws that protect your privacy. The Information Practices Act (Civil Code section 1798.17) requires the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) to notify you each year of your privacy rights.

CDTFA administers many of the state’s tax and fee laws. When you apply for your permit, certificate, license or renewal, relief request, payment plan, offer in compromise, settlement, or other applications, we ask for information that is either required by law, or is used for our registration records. We will use the information to determine whether you are paying the correct amount of taxes and fees, or to collect any amounts you owe. You must provide all information requested, including your social security number (used for identification purposes [see Title 42 U.S. Code section 405(c)(2)(C)(i)]). A complete list of the California Revenue and Taxation Code sections and other applicable code sections authorizing us to maintain your information for the administration of our programs is printed on the reverse side of this form.

What happens if I don’t provide the information?

We may not process your application for a permit, certificate, license, relief request, payment plan, or other programs if your information is incomplete. If you are not able to file your required returns, you may have to pay penalties and interest. You may owe more taxes or fees, or receive a smaller refund, if you do not provide the requested information to support your exemptions, credits, exclusions, or adjustments.

If you provide fraudulent information, civil penalties may apply, and you may be subject to criminal prosecution.

Can anyone else see my information?

Yes. While your records are covered by state laws that protect your privacy, we may share information regarding your account with specific local, state, and federal government agencies, or companies contracted and authorized to represent those government agencies.

If authorized by law, we may release the information printed on your permit, certificate, or license, such as your account type, start and closeout dates, and the names of business owners or partners to the public. When you sell a business, we may give the buyer or other involved parties information regarding any of your outstanding tax liabilities.

With your permission, we can release some or all of your account information to your authorized representative.

We may disclose information to authorized officials of the following agencies, among others:

United States government agencies, State of California government agencies and officials, state agencies outside of California for tax enforcement purposes, State of California Cities, Counties and Districts, State of California City and County attorneys, prosecutors and law enforcement departments, and agencies authorized to enforce local tobacco control ordinances.

Who is responsible for maintaining my records?

The officials listed below are responsible for maintaining your records. If you have questions regarding the department's Privacy Policy or this Privacy Notice, please contact the CDTFA Privacy Officer at 1-916-309-1862. Questions about your records may be directed to our Customer Service Center at 1-800-400-7115 (CRS:711), Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific time), except state holidays. You may also contact the officials listed below.

Field Operations Division, MIC:47
Deputy Director
California Department of Tax and Fee Administration
PO Box 942879
Sacramento, CA 94279-0047
1-916-309-8201

Business Tax and Fee Division, MIC:43
Deputy Director
California Department of Tax and Fee Administration
PO Box 942879
Sacramento, CA 94279-0043
1-916-309-5200

Can I review my records?

Yes. You should submit your written requests to your closest CDTFA office. For a complete listing of our locations or a copy of publication 58A, How to Inspect and Correct Your Records, visit us at www.cdtfa.ca.gov, or call our Customer Service Center at 1-800-400-7115 (CRS:711). Requests for your records may also be directed to the Disclosure Office, MIC:82, California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, P.O. Box 942879, Sacramento, CA 94279-0082.
We must collect information in order to administer the state laws listed below. Code sections are from the California Revenue and Taxation Code, unless otherwise noted.

Sales and Use Tax

- Sales and Use Tax (sections 6001-7176, 7200-7226, 7251-7279.6, 7285-7288.6)
- Lumber Products Assessment Fee (sections 55001-55381, Public Resources Code sections 4629-4629.13)
- Prepaid Mobile Telephony Services Surcharge (sections 55001-55381, 42100-42111)

Special Taxes and Fees

- Alcoholic Beverage Tax (sections 32001-32557)
- California Electronic Cigarette Excise Tax (California Healthy Outcomes and Prevention Education Act sections 31000-31008)
- California Tire Fee (sections 55001-55381, Public Resources Code sections 42860-42895)
- Cannabis Tax (sections 34010-34021.5, 55001-55381)
- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Fee (sections 43001-43651, Health and Safety Code section 105310)
- Cigarette and Tobacco Products Tax (sections 30001-30483, Health and Safety Code sections 104555-104558)
- Diesel Fuel Tax (sections 60001-60709)
- Emergency Telephone Users Surcharge (sections 41001-41176)
- Energy Resources Surcharge (sections 40001-40216)
- Hazardous Substances Tax (sections 43001-43651, Health and Safety Code sections 25174-25174.11, 25205.1-25205.23)
- Integrated Waste Management Fee (sections 45001-45984, Public Resources Code sections 48000-48008)
- International Fuel Tax Agreement (sections 9401-9433)
- Lead-Acid Battery Recycling Fees (sections 55001-55381, Health and Safety Code sections 25215-25215.75)
- Marine Invasive Species (Ballast Water) Fee (sections 44000-44008, 55001-55381, Public Resources Code sections 71200-71271)
- Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax, including Aircraft Jet Fuel Tax (sections 7301-8526)
- Natural Gas Surcharge (sections 55001-55381, Public Utilities Code sections 890-900)
- Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Fee (sections 43001-43651, Health and Safety Code sections 105190,105195)
- Oil Spill Response, Prevention, and Administrative Fees (sections 46001-46751, Government Code sections 8670.40, 8670.48)
- Regional Railroad Accident Preparedness and Immediate Response Fee (sections 55001-55381, Government Code sections 8574.30-8574.48)
- Tax on Insurers (sections 12001-13170)
- Timber Yield Tax (sections 38101-38908)
- Underground Storage Tank Maintenance Fee (sections 50101-50162, Health and Safety Code sections 25299.10-25299.51)
- Use Fuel Tax (sections 8601-9355)
- Water Rights Fee (sections 55001-55381, Water Code sections 1525-1552)