

International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) License Renewal

General Information

New York State became a participating member of the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) on January 1, 1996. Under IFTA, a motor carrier reports to its base jurisdiction all of the fuel taxes it owes as a result of operating qualified motor vehicles in the various IFTA member jurisdictions.

The carrier's **base jurisdiction** is the IFTA member jurisdiction where:

- the carrier's qualified motor vehicles are based for vehicle registration purposes;
- the operational control and operational records of those qualified motor vehicles are maintained or can be made available; and
- some travel actually occurs by qualified motor vehicles in the fleet.

A **qualified motor vehicle** is a motor vehicle, other than a recreational vehicle, used, designed or maintained for transportation of persons or property, that meets any of the following criteria:

- it has two axles and a gross vehicle weight or registered gross vehicle weight of more than **26,000 pounds**; or
- it has **three or more axles** regardless of weight; or it is used in combination and the gross vehicle weight of the combination is more than **26,000 pounds**.

Under IFTA, a carrier must have an IFTA fuel tax license and also two IFTA decals for each of its qualified motor vehicles. Both the license and decals are obtained from the carrier's base jurisdiction. The IFTA license and decals are good in all IFTA member jurisdictions for the specific calendar year. **A carrier must renew its IFTA license and decals each year.** The renewed IFTA license and decals are valid and may be displayed beginning in December of the preceding calendar year. They must be displayed beginning March 1st of the renewal year. In addition, the current year's IFTA license and decals remain valid and may be displayed through February of the succeeding calendar year. For example, the IFTA licenses and decals issued to carriers for 1996 will expire on December 31, 1996. Carriers need to apply for new licenses and decals for 1997. The 1997 license and decals are valid and may be displayed as of December 1, 1996. Carriers **must** use and display the 1997 license and decals on or before March 1, 1997. Therefore, during the period December 1, 1996, through February 28, 1997, either the 1996 or the 1997 license and decals are valid and may be displayed.

For detailed information about New York State's fuel use tax law, see TSB-M-95(14)M.

Renewal Information

Each year, carriers based in New York State will be mailed a renewal application (Form IFTA-11, *New York State International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) License Renewal Application*) before November 30th. A carrier should promptly return the application and payment for decal fees to the address shown on the application in order to ensure timely receipt of the renewal license and decals. A renewal license and, decals will be issued after it has been determined that the carrier is in compliance with the highway use tax (truck mileage tax) and the fuel use tax, and that the carrier has no outstanding truck mileage tax or fuel use tax liabilities. If a carrier does not receive a renewal application by December 1st, the carrier should call the Business Tax Information Center at 1800 972-1233, and one will be sent. This call is toll free from anywhere in the U.S. and Canada.

Truck Mileage Tax

Every motor vehicle - including a qualified motor vehicle operating under a valid IFTA license and decals -- with a gross weight of more than 18,000 pounds that travels on the public highways of New York State continues to be subject to the truck mileage tax unless specifically exempted by the Tax Law. A carrier must report and pay the truck mileage tax for its motor vehicles on Form MT-903, *Highway Use Tax Return*. See TSB-M-96(8)M for information about renewal of highway use tax permits and stickers. Therefore, IFTA qualified motor vehicles that travel on New York State's public highways must have both the IFTA license and decals and the HUT/AFC permit and sticker (unless specifically exempted by the Tax Law).

IFTA Member Jurisdictions

The following states and Canadian provinces are participating IFTA member jurisdictions:

Alabama	Idaho	Minnesota	North Carolina	South Carolina
Alberta	Illinois	Mississippi	North Dakota	South Dakota
Arizona	Indiana	Missouri	Nova Scotia	Tennessee
Arkansas	Iowa	Montana	Ohio	Texas
British Columbia	Kansas	Nebraska	Oklahoma	Utah
California	Kentucky	Nevada	Oregon	Virginia
Colorado	Louisiana	New Brunswick	Pennsylvania	Washington
Connecticut	Manitoba	New Jersey	Prince Edward Island	West Virginia
Delaware	Maryland	New Mexico	Quebec	Wisconsin
Florida	Massachusetts	New York	Rhode Island	Wyoming
Georgia	Michigan	Newfoundland	Saskatchewan	

The following states and provinces are scheduled to begin participating in IFTA on January 1, 1997: Maine, New Hampshire, Ontario and Vermont.