



April 13, 2026

Virginia DMV releases New Fuels Tax Rate Increases to Take Effect July 1

In 2020, Virginia amended its fuel tax law adding a provision that fuels taxes will be reset on July 1 of each year, and tying the rate to the previous year's increase in the federal Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Virginia's new gasoline tax, effective midnight June 30, will increase to 42.2 cents per gallon. This figure is reached by adding the statewide 32.6 and wholesale 9.6 tax. That means higher taxes of 1.2 cents per gallon. The existing gas tax is 41 cpg.

For diesel the new total will be 43.3 cents per gallon. This is achieved by adding the statewide tax of 33.6 cents to the wholesale tax of 9.7 cpg. The chart below also details additional changes for aviation, blended and alternative fuels, as well as the unchanged petroleum storage tank fund. The current diesel tax is 42.3 cpg.

Occasionally, these changes have been amended slightly as we get closer to July 1st. We will stay on top of this process, and any new information will be shared with you as we receive it.

Fuels Tax Rates

Fuel Type	Rates per Gallon July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026	Rates per Gallon July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027
Gasoline	31.7 cents	32.6 cents
Diesel	32.7 cents	33.6 cents
Blended Fuels (Gasoline)	31.7 cents	32.6 cents
Blended Fuels (Diesel)	32.7 cents	33.6 cents
Aviation Fuels	5.0 cents	5.0 cents
Alternative Fuels (see below)	31.7 cents per gasoline gallon equivalent (GGE)	32.6 cents per gasoline gallon equivalent (GGE)
Storage Tank Fee	0.6 cents per gallon	0.6 cents per gallon

Motor Vehicle Fuels Sales Tax Rate (Wholesale Tax)

Distributor Tax Rates per Gallon		
Fuel Type	July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027
Gasoline	9.3 cents	9.6 cents
Diesel	9.4 cents	9.7 cents
Alternative Fuels (see below)	9.3 cents	9.6 cents

Hazardous Materials Training Requirements*From EMA*

Hazardous materials training requirements derive from the Federal Hazardous Materials Transportation Law, 49 U.S.C. § 5101 et seq., which authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to regulate the safe transportation of hazardous materials in commerce. The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) implements this authority through the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) at 49 C.F.R. Parts 171–180, with training obligations specifically established under 49 C.F.R. §§ 172.700–172.704.

PHMSA has published a comprehensive set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) clarifying training obligations based on historical letters of interpretation. The FAQs address who must be trained, what training must cover, how often it must occur, and the consequences of non-compliance. EMA members engaged in fuel transportation and distribution should review the following summary.

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE REGULATORY COMPLIANCE BULLETIN](#)

EMA Washington Conference and Day on the Hill – May 13-15, 2026: Please Make Your Hotel Reservation and Register Now

EMA's annual Washington Conference and Day on the Hill will be held in Washington, DC from May 13-15 at [The Mayflower Hotel](#). Our industry continues to have many important legislative and regulatory issues to discuss and the Day on the Hill remains the primary focus of this conference for you to meet with your members of Congress and network with other marketers from across the country!

Hotel reservations will close April 30 at 6:00 pm Eastern or when the room block is sold out.

[Click here to Register and Book your Hotel Room for EMA's DC Conference and Day on the Hill](#)

2026 VPCMA Scholarship Applications Now Accepted

We are pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the VPCMA 2026 Scholarship Program. This program is open to VPCMA members, their employees, and the children of VPCMA member company employees. Awards are made after review by the Association's scholarship committee, which considers need as well as academic achievement in their evaluations. Recipients **must be Virginia residents**, high school graduates by June of this year, and attend a post secondary institution of higher education in the fall of 2026. You can view the [application here](#). Complete applications must be received by May 15. You may also distribute or post [this flyer](#) for your employees.

Sincerely,

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