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## Fuels Tax Webinars Tomorrow and Thursday

The most significant motor fuels tax changes in a generation will take effect one month from today. In preparation, VPCMA and the Department of Motor Vehicles are holding two webinars this week to educate the membership on the important provisions of the new law. Identical sessions will be held tomorrow at 2:00 pm and Thursday at 10:00 am.

To register and receive information on how to log in, [click here](#).

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## News from the Virginia Lottery

After carefully considering the latest public health guidance, the Virginia Lottery is extending its mandatory telework policy at least through the end of June. However, customer service centers statewide will reopen today, Monday, June 1, with the exception of our Prize Zone in downtown Richmond. Our staff and support teams will continue to be available by phone, text and email during this period. Our partner, IGT, will also continue to dispatch technicians for calls that impact sales and will resume installs and de-installs June 1 (this includes new store construction, remodels, shutdowns, etc.)

We are communicating to our players that we are reopening our claims centers. However, we are also reminding them that they can continue to mail us winning tickets by following the instructions printed on every ticket. We are working to process those mail-in claims within a week of receipt. To minimize impact on your staff, we continue to suggest lottery customers "play it safe" by making greater use of digital playslips, taking advantage of multi-draw options, and checking winning numbers from home.

Thank you for your continued support during these unprecedented times as we work together to minimize impacts to the retail businesses, our customers and our field staff. Please continue to stay healthy and safe.

Please visit our website <https://valottery.com/covid19> for full updates.

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## **FMCSA to Increase Remote Electronic Motor Carrier Safety Audit Capabilities**

*From PMAA*

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has announced plans to expand the agency's use of remote motor carrier compliance safety reviews (audits) for the duration of COVID-19 public health emergency. The guidance is important to petroleum marketers and heating fuel dealers because the frequency of safety compliance audits is likely to pick up. Audits have a direct impact on a carrier's safety rating and ability to continue operations. The FMCSA may conduct audits at any time for any reason. However, a compliance review is more likely to be triggered by a vehicle accident, roadside inspection out of service order for a driver or vehicle, a complaint, or some other safety related violation. The FMCSA has been unable to conduct on-site safety reviews since the declaration of national emergency in March. Audits are conducted by federal, state or local enforcement officials.

During an audit, enforcement authorities review the following records electronically:

- Drivers' hours of service
- Maintenance and inspection
- Driver qualification
- Commercial drivers' license requirements
- Financial responsibility
- Accidents
- Hazardous materials
- Drug and alcohol testing records, and
- Other safety and transportation records

The audits are used to determine which of the three safety rating classifications a carrier falls within - satisfactory, conditional or unsatisfactory. Audits may also result in enforcement actions including out of service orders. A FMCSA Q&A on electronic

audits and safety rating fitness determinations can be found [here](#). The FMCSA guidance document on remote audits can be found [here](#).

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## **REMINDER! U.S. Small Business Administration Releases Application and Instructions for PPP Loan Forgiveness**

*From PMAA*

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has released the application borrowers must submit to their lenders to qualify for Paycheck Protection Loan (PPP) forgiveness. The application is accompanied by worksheets and instructional pages that provide clarity on a number of critical questions facing PPP loan recipients. [Click here](#) to read the full regulatory alert.