



June 25, 2021

Additional Fuels Tax Increases Effective Midnight July 1

Gasoline 21.2 cents per gallon to 26.2

Diesel 20.2 to 27.0

Storage Tank Fee declines from .006 per gallon to .002 cents per gallon

The second round of fuels tax increases passed by the 2020 session of the General Assembly becomes effective at 12:01 am this Thursday, July 1, 2021. In future years taxes will be adjusted based upon the increase in the consumer price index for the previous year. While the new taxes go into effect Thursday, major provisions of the bill were achieved as a result of the advocacy of your association. First, no longer do taxes differ by geography, taxes are now uniform across Virginia. Secondly, the bill contains no inventory or floor stocks tax, consequently you will not have to pay a tax on the higher taxed product you hold in inventory Wednesday at midnight.

[Click here](#) for a chart prepared by the DMV fuels tax team addressing the increases.

2021-2022 Federal Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax Payment Due August 31 for Vehicles On Road During July 2021

From EMA

The 2021 Heavy Highway Vehicle Use (HHVU) tax reporting period runs from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. The HHVU tax is paid on each commercial motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 55,000 pounds or greater that travels 5,000 miles or more per year. The HHVU applies to most petroleum cargo tank vehicles and transports. Once the HHVU tax is filed and paid, the IRS will send back to filers a stamped IRS Form 2290 Schedule 1, proof of payment within 6 weeks.

What's New with 2290 Filings:

- **IMPORTANT!** The IRS **reinstated** the use of debit card and credit card payment methods for the HHVU tax that it suspended during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- **IMPORTANT!** Use IRS Form 2290 (Rev. July 2021) for the 2021-2022 filing period. Any amount due from the 2020-2021 filing period must be filed on the previous Form 2029 (Rev. July 2019)

Filing Form:

- For Tax Period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, use [Form 2290 \(Rev. July 2021\)](#)
- [Form 2290 \(Rev. July 2021\) Instructions](#)
- For Tax Period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, use [Form 2290 \(Rev. July 2019\)](#)
- [Form 2290 \(Rev. July 2019\) Instructions](#)

Filing Deadlines:

The filing deadline for Form 2290 is **based on the month the taxpayer first uses the taxable vehicle on public highways** during the reporting period.

- For vehicles first used on a public highway in July, file Form 2290 **between** July 1 and August 31.
- For vehicles first used on a public highway **after** July, file Form 2290 by the last day of the month following the month in which you first used the vehicle on a public highway. The tax for the current filing season is prorated for vehicles first used on a public highway after July.

Filing Methods:

- Electronic Filing: Form 2290 may be filed [electronically](#). Taxpayers **must** file electronically if reporting 25 or more vehicles on Form 2290.
- Paper Filing: Taxpayers may file a paper copy of Form 2290 via the U.S. Postal Service. See Form 2290 Instructions for the correct mailing address. Expect to receive a stamped Schedule 1 returned within 6 weeks after filing.

Calculating Payment Amount:

- The per vehicle tax payment amount of the HHVU tax is calculated based on gross vehicle weight (GVW) and the month the vehicle is first used during the reporting year. The minimum annual HHVU weight tax is \$100 for vehicles in use between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022 having a GVW of 55,000 pounds. This amount increases to a maximum \$550 for vehicles with a GVW over 75,000 pounds.
- The per vehicle tax payment amount for the current filing period is prorated for vehicles first used on a public highway after July 1. For vehicles not in use during July 2021, the applicable annual HHVU weight tax rate is reduced by 1/12 for each calendar month after July 31 until the vehicle is first used. For example, the annual HHVU tax on a vehicle first used in October of the 2021-2022 reporting year is reduced by 3/12ths of the annual rate based on GVW because it was not in use for the first three months of the reporting year.
- The weight rates and monthly proration calculations are fully explained in Form 2290 and instructions.

How to Pay:

There are four methods to pay the tax.

- Electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) if filing electronically. [Electronic Funds Withdrawal](#).
- Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS). [Payment by EFTPS](#).
- Credit or debit card payment.
- Check or money order using the payment voucher.
- The HHVU tax is due when Form 2290 is filed.

Important Reminders:

- There are many vendors who offer to file Form 2290 for you - **for a fee**. Often,

vendors market their services in a letter designed to look like it comes from an official federal agency through the U.S. Postal Service, email or fax. Don't be fooled. You are not required to use a vendor to file Form 2290.

- Filers must complete pages one and two of Form 2290 along with both pages of Schedule 1.
- Filers must have an established employer identification number (EIN) to file Form 2290. Click [here](#) to obtain an EIN online.

Schedule 1 Copies for Filed Forms 2290:

- To receive a copy of a current stamped Schedule 1, Form 2290 must be filed first and the HHVU tax paid. Electronic filers will receive their stamped Schedule 1 via email. Paper Filers will receive their stamped Schedule 1 via the U.S. Postal Service within six weeks of filing.

Additional Information:

Form 2290 Call Center: 1 (866) 699-4096, Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Eastern time.

EMA Contact: Mark S. Morgan, Regulatory Counsel mmorgan@emamerica.org

General Assembly Bill Allows Localities to Impose 5 Cent Plastic Bag Tax

During the 2021 General Assembly session, legislation was passed, and subsequently signed by the governor, to allow localities to impose by ordinance a 5 cent tax on disposable plastic bags. This law applies to plastic bags sold or given to customers in grocery, drug and convenience stores. Until January 1, 2023, the store is allowed to keep 2 cents of the tax. On January 1, 2023 that amount is reduced to 1 cent per bag. The Virginia Department of Taxation has developed draft regulations to guide implementation of this new law. They may be found [here](#). Should you have questions or concerns on this issue, please email mike@vpcma.com.

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