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Bulletin

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Sales Tax Rate Change Summary

To: All retailers and servicepersons conducting business in taxing jurisdictions whose sales tax rate is changing, effective January 1, 2018

This bulletin is written to inform you of recent changes; it does not replace statutes, rules and regulations, or court decisions.

Effective **January 1, 2018**, certain taxing jurisdictions have imposed a local sales tax or changed their local sales tax rate on general merchandise sales. The following taxes are affected:

- business district sales tax;
- home rule sales tax; and
- non-home rule sales tax.

These local sales taxes are referred to in this bulletin as “locally imposed sales tax.”

You must adjust your cash register and any computer program so that beginning on January 1, 2018, you will collect and pay the correct sales tax. You need to contact your software vendor if you use software to create your forms.

To verify your new combined sales tax rate (*i.e.*, state and local sales taxes), go to the **Tax Rate Database** on our website at tax.illinois.gov and select rates for January 2018.

Note: Some jurisdictions may impose and administer taxes *not* collected by the Illinois Department of Revenue. Contact your municipal or county clerk’s office for more information.

What is taxed?

The same items of general merchandise reported on Line 4a of Forms ST-1 and ST-2 that are subject to state sales tax are also subject to the locally imposed sales tax.

Locally imposed sales tax does not apply to

- sales of qualifying food, drugs, and medical appliances¹ that are reported on Line 5a of Forms ST-1 and ST-2; or
- sales of items that must be titled or registered by an agency of Illinois state government and reported on dealer-filed transaction returns.

How do I report an earlier sale that was subject to a different tax rate?

If a sale was subject to a sales tax rate different from the current sales tax rate, report this sale on Line 8a of Forms ST-1 and ST-2.²

Note: Line 8a is used only to report sales subject to a different sales tax rate. No other use of Line 8a is permitted.

For information or forms

Visit our website at:
tax.illinois.gov

Call us at:
1 800 732-8866 or
217 782-3336

Call our TDD
(telecommunications device
for the deaf) at:
1 800 544-5304

¹ 86 Ill. Adm. Code 130.310 and 130.311

² 86 Ill. Adm. Code 130.101(a)

Where can I find tax rate changes or combined sales tax rates?

The chart below outlines the sales tax rate for each jurisdiction that has imposed a change in local sales tax rates collected by the Department of Revenue, effective January 1, 2018. For a complete list of all sales tax rates, go to the **Tax Rate Database** on our website at tax.illinois.gov.

How do I know if my sales are subject to a business district sales tax?

Your business address determines whether business district sales tax applies to your sales.

Refer to our **Tax Rate Database** on our website at tax.illinois.gov for a list of addresses.

To verify a tax rate or business district address, select January 2018 on the **Tax Rate Database**.

Sales Tax Rate Changes for Sales of General Merchandise				
Jurisdiction	Combined rate ending December 31, 2017	Rate Change	NEW Combined rate beginning January 1, 2018	Type of Local Tax Change
Municipalities				
Assumption (Christian County)	7.25%	+1.00%	8.25%	Non-Home Rule
Forreston (Ogle County)				
• Inside Routes 26/72 & Forreston Downtown Business Development District	6.25%	+1.00%	7.25%	Business District
• Outside Business District	6.25%	No change	6.25%	
Fox Lake (Lake County)				
• Inside Central Business District	7.00%	+1.00%	8.00%	Business District
• Inside South Business District	7.00%	+1.00%	8.00%	Business District
• Outside Business Districts	7.00%	No change	7.00%	
Moline (Rock Island County)				
• Inside Avenue of the Cities/ 27th Street Business District	8.50%	+1.00%	9.50%	Business District
• Outside Business District	8.50%	No change	8.50%	
Mount Vernon (Jefferson County)	8.25%	+1.00%	9.25%	Home Rule
New Lenox (Will County)	8.50%	+0.50%	9.00%	Home Rule
O'Fallon (St. Clair County)				
• Inside Regency Park Business District	7.85%	+1.00%	8.85%	Business District
• Inside Route 50/Scott-Troy Road Business District	8.85%	No change	8.85%	
• Outside Business District	7.85%	No change	7.85%	
Phoenix (Cook County)	9.00%	+1.00%	10.00%	Home Rule
Ramsey (Fayette County)				
• Inside Ramsey Business District	6.75%	+0.50%	7.25%	Business District
• Outside Business District	6.25%	No change	6.25%	

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Riverside (Cook County)				
• Inside Harlem Avenue Business District 1	10.00%	+1.00%	11.00%	Business District
• Outside Business District	10.00%	No change	10.00%	
Thornton (Cook County)	9.00%	+0.50%	9.50%	Home Rule
Troy (Madison County)				
• Inside Troy Business District III	6.85%	+1.00%	7.85%	Business District
• Inside Troy Business District II	7.85%	No change	7.85%	
• Inside Dorothy Drive Business District	7.85%	No change	7.85%	
• Outside Business Districts (but inside Metro-East Mass Transit District (MED))	6.85%	No change	6.85%	
• Outside Business Districts (and also outside MED)	6.60%	No change	6.60%	
Williamsville (Sangamon County)	6.75%	+0.50%	7.25%	Home Rule
Woodstock (McHenry County)	7.00%	+1.00%	8.00%	Home Rule