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PMAA COMPLIANCE BULLETIN

REMINDER!

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2020-2021 FEDERAL HEAVY HIGHWAY VEHICLE USE TAX PAYMENT DUE AUGUST 31 FOR VEHICLES ON ROAD DURING JULY 2020

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The 2020 Heavy Highway Vehicle Use (HHVU) tax reporting period runs from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. 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 has suspended debit card and credit card payment methods for the HHVU tax until January 1, 2021. Until that time, only electronic payment via Electronic Federal Taxpaying System (EFTPS), electronic funds withdrawals, checks or money orders may be used to pay the tax. The IRS provided no reason for the temporary suspension. However, the agency is cautioning taxpayers that the newly revised IRS Form 2029 (Rev. July 2020) for the 2020-2021 filing period continues to include the credit card/debit card payment option on line 6. Do not check this box until credit card and debit card payments resume on January 1, 2021. Another form of payment must be used.
- ***IMPORTANT!*** Use IRS Form 2290 (Rev. July 2020) for the 2020-2021 filing period. Any amount due from the 2019-2020 filing period must be filed on the previous Form 2029 (Rev. July 2019)

Filing Form:

- For Tax Period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, use [Form 2290 \(Rev. July 2020\)](#)
[Form 2290 \(Rev. July 2020\) Instructions](#)
- For Tax Period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, use Form 2290 [\(Rev. July 2019\)](#)
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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, 2020 and June 30, 2021 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 2020, 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 2020-2021 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.~~ **Suspended until January 1, 2020**
- 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.