



October – November – December 2005

Rental Car Tax Addendum

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

I DO NOT RENT CARS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Before completing this addendum, please read the general information concerning the rental car tax on the back of this page.
- If you **are not registered** with the Department of Licensing as a rental car company, write your name and Department of Revenue registration number on the line provided at the top of this page, check the box at the top left of this page that says: "I DO NOT RENT CARS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC," and attach this addendum to your Combined Excise Tax Return.
- If you **are registered** with the Department of Licensing as a rental car company, write your name and Department of Revenue registration number on the line provided at the top of this page, and complete the following instructions:
  1. On the Rental Car Tax Computation form below, locate the county in which you do business.
  2. Under Taxable Amount, enter the amount of revenue attributable to the retail rental of cars.
  3. Multiply the taxable amount by the rate shown in the Rate column. Enter this total in the Tax Due column.
  4. Repeat steps 1-3 for each county in which you do business.
- 5. Add the amounts from the Tax Due columns and enter the total in the Total State and County Rental Car Tax box at the bottom right of this page.
- 6. Businesses with taxable activity in the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) district need to complete the RTA section also. Enter the amount of gross receipts generated within the RTA district in the designated box at the bottom left of this page and multiply it by the rate indicated immediately to the right. Enter the amount of RTA Rental Car tax in the sections indicated on the bottom of the page.
- 7. Add the Total State and County Rental Car Tax and Total RTA Rental Car Tax portions together and enter the amount in the "Total Rental Car Tax Due" box.
- 8. Transfer the total rental car tax due to page 1, line 31 of the Combined Excise Tax Return. **RTA and rental car taxes reported on the Rental Car Tax Addendum are due in addition to the retail, local and RTA taxes reported on the Combined Excise Tax Return.**
- 9. Attach the completed Rental Car Tax Addendum to the completed Combined Excise Tax Return (even if you do not owe the rental car tax).

**[82] STATE AND COUNTY RENTAL CAR TAX COMPUTATION**

County	Location Code	Taxable Amount	Rate	Tax Due	County	Location Code	Taxable Amount	Rate	Tax Due
Adams	0100		.059		Lewis	2100		.059	
Asotin	0200		.059		Lincoln	2200		.059	
Benton	0300		.059		Mason	2300		.059	
Chelan	0400		.059		Okanogan	2400		.059	
Clallam	0500		.059		Pacific	2500		.059	
Clark	0600		.059		Pend Oreille	2600		.059	
Columbia	0700		.059		Pierce	2700		.069	
Cowlitz	0800		.059		San Juan	2800		.059	
Douglas	0900		.059		Skagit	2900		.059	
Ferry	1000		.059		Skamania	3000		.059	
Franklin	1100		.069		Snohomish	3100		.059	
Garfield	1200		.059		Spokane	3200		.069	
Grant	1300		.059		Stevens	3300		.059	
Grays Harbor	1400		.059		Thurston	3400		.059	
Island	1500		.059		Wahkiakum	3500		.059	
Jefferson	1600		.059		Walla Walla	3600		.059	
King	1700		.089		Whatcom	3700		.059	
Kitsap	1800		.059		Whitman	3800		.059	
Kittitas	1900		.059		Yakima	3900		.059	
Klickitat	2000		.059						

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Taxable Sales Within RTA District	Rate	RTA Rental Car Tax Due
	.008	

<b>Total State and County Rental Car Tax</b>	
<b>Total RTA Rental Car Tax</b>	
<b>Total Rental Car Tax Due</b>	

Add total State and County Rental Car, and RTA Rental Car Taxes together and transfer to page one, line 31 of the Combined Excise Tax Return.

## **RENTAL CAR TAX GENERAL INFORMATION**

Rental cars are exempt from motor vehicle excise tax and are subject instead to state and/or local rental car tax on retail car rentals. The 5.9% state rental car tax applies in addition to the retail sales tax. All counties are authorized to collect an additional 1% local tax on retail car rentals. However, only Franklin, King, Pierce and Spokane Counties currently impose the 1% additional tax. In addition, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 82.14.360 gives King County the authority to collect an additional 2% tax on car rentals to fund a new baseball stadium.

The Regional Transit Authority (RTA) tax is imposed at the rate of .8% on car rentals within the RTA District. This RTA tax is in addition to the RTA reported on page 1 of the excise tax return on the same retail car rental.

“Rental car” means a passenger car used solely by a rental car business for rental to others without a driver provided by the rental car business.

Rental cars must be used **solely** for rental to others. Cars may be moved by the rental car business for the purpose of relocation to another business site, or for the purpose of transporting to or from a maintenance or repair facility. Any other use will cause a car to be subject to motor vehicle excise tax.

“Rental car” does not include:

- A car licensed and operated as a taxicab.
- A leased car that, at the time the lease agreement is signed, is rented for a continuous period of thirty days or more.

The rental car business must register its rental cars with the Department of Licensing under one of the following methods:

1. A rental car business may register all rental cars that are offered for rental in Washington, or
2. A rental car business with in-state and out-of-state locations may register its rental cars under the International Registration Plan (IRP) and allocate registrations according to the provisions of section 1116 of the IRP.

**The RTA and rental car taxes reported on the Rental Car Tax Addendum are due in addition to the retail, local, and RTA taxes reported on the Combined Excise Tax Return.**

The rental car taxes may be included with the state and local retail sales taxes on your customer’s invoice. For example, if you are in Seattle and the combined state, local and RTA sales rate is 8.8%, and the King County rental car tax is 8.9% plus the additional car rental RTA of .8%, the total tax charged to your customer would be 18.5% OR if you are in King County outside the RTA area the sales rate is 8.4%, and the King County rental car tax is 8.9%, the total tax charged to your customer would be 17.3%.

### **IF YOU NEED HELP**

If you need help completing this addendum, please contact the Department of Revenue’s Telephone Information Center at 1-800-647-7706. Teletype (TTY) users may call 1-800-451-7985.

For tax assistance, visit <http://dor.wa.gov>. To inquire about the availability of this form in an alternate format for the visually impaired, please call (360) 705-6715. Teletype (TTY) users may call 1-800-451-7985.