

Florida Department of Revenue Tax Information Publication



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Changes to the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program

The Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program allows taxpayers who contribute to eligible nonprofit scholarship funding organizations (SFO) to receive a tax credit against the following Florida taxes:

- Beverage excise tax on liquor, wine, and malt beverages
- Corporate income tax
- Insurance premium tax
- Sales tax due from a direct pay permit holder
- Gas production tax
- Oil production tax

Credit Approval Letters Will Now Be Provided to Contributor and SFO

In addition to the letter of approval issued by the Department to those businesses that are authorized to make the contribution and receive the tax credit, Florida law now requires the Department to provide a copy of the letter to the SFO indicated in each approved application.

Transfers to Affiliated Group Members

Florida law now permits the tax credit to be transferred between members of an affiliated group of corporations, but the tax credit cannot be transferred between taxes.

The transfer must be approved by the Department prior to the receiving member claiming the credit on a tax return. The transferring member must notify the Department of its intent to transfer a tax credit. The Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, must also approve transfers of tax credits against the beverage excise tax on liquor, wine, and malt beverages.

A form for use in notifying the Department of a transfer will be developed. In the meantime, a taxpayer can notify the Department in writing of their intent to transfer a credit to another member of their affiliated group. The letter should be sent to:

Florida Department of Revenue Revenue Accounting PO Box 6609 Tallahassee FL 32314-6609

Installment Payments for Corporate Income Tax and Insurance Premium Tax

Contributions to an SFO generating a corporate income tax or insurance premium tax credit will be taken into account when determining penalty and interest on underpayments of estimated tax. More information on this change is provided in TIP #14ADM-04.

References: Section 17, Chapter 2014-184, Laws of Florida; Section 1002.395, Florida Statutes (2014)

For More Information

This document is intended to alert you to the requirements contained in Florida laws and administrative rules. It does not by its own effect create rights or require compliance.

For forms and other information, visit our website at www.myflorida.com/dor or call Taxpayer Services, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at 800-352-3671.

For a detailed written response to your questions, write the Florida Department of Revenue, Taxpayer Services, MS 3-2000, 5050 West Tennessee Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0112.

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