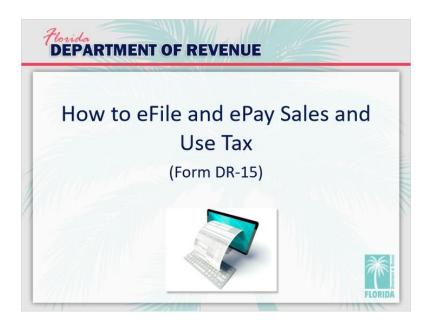
How to eFile and ePay Sales and Use Tax (Form DR-15)

1. Introduction

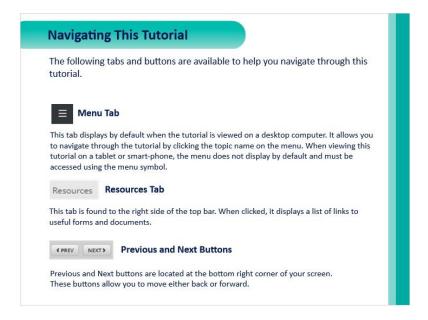
1.1 How to eFile and ePay Sales and Use Tax



Notes:

Welcome to Sales and Use Tax: How to eFile and ePay. In this course, we will be discussing how to use the eFile and ePay system.

1.2 Navigation



Notes:

This tutorial will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. A transcript of the audio is available by clicking on the Transcript tab in the top-left corner of your screen.

The following tabs and buttons are available to help you navigate through this tutorial.

Menu Tab

This tab displays by default when the tutorial is viewed on a desktop computer. It allows you to navigate through the tutorial by clicking the topic name on the menu. When viewing this tutorial on a tablet or smart-phone, the menu does not display by default and must be accessed using the menu symbol.

Resources Tab

This tab is found to the right side of the top bar. When clicked, it displays a list of links to useful forms and documents.

Previous and Next Buttons

Previous and Next buttons are located at the bottom right corner. These buttons allow you to move either back or forward.

1.3 Purpose



Purpose

To learn how to complete a sales and use tax return online through eFile and ePay



- √ Access and navigate the eFile and ePay system
- ✓ Complete a Sales and Use Tax Return (Form DR-15)
- ✓ Electronically file and submit payments
- ✓ Utilize other system options and resources

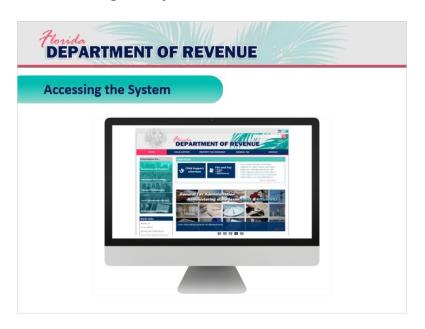
Notes:

After completing this course, you will know how to:

- Access and navigate the eFile and ePay system
- Complete a Sales and Use Tax Return (Form DR-15)
- Electronically file and submit payments
- Utilize other system options and resources

2. Accessing the System

2.1 Accessing the System



Notes:

Let's go through the steps of locating the eFile and ePay system portal.

2.2 Start on the Home Page

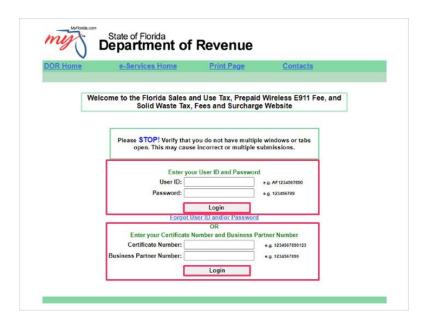


Notes:

To begin, we'll go to the Florida Department of Revenue's homepage at **floridarevenue.com.** Under the banner, you will see a blue box labeled, File and Pay. Selecting that box will bring you to the File and Pay Taxes, Fees, and Remittances webpage.

From there, scroll down to Sales and Use Tax and click on it.

2.3 Logging In



Notes:

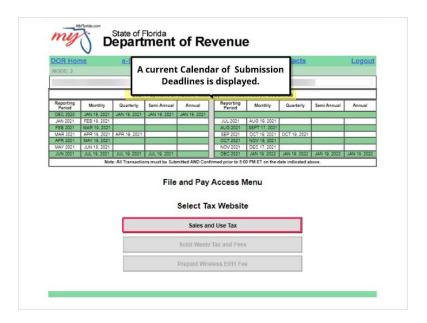
This is the login screen for those who wish to eFile or ePay Florida Sales and Use Tax. You may wish to bookmark this webpage so you can access it directly, rather than going through the steps to reach it via the Department's website. As you can see, there are two options for logging in.

The first option requires you to enter your User ID and Password, which you received when you enrolled to pay taxes online.

The second option requires you to enter your Certificate Number and Business Partner Number. Please note that if you choose this login method, you will not have the option to use any contact and bank account information you have on file. You will also be unable to reprint confirmation pages.

Regardless of the option you choose, click Login after entering your information.

2.4 Select Tax Website

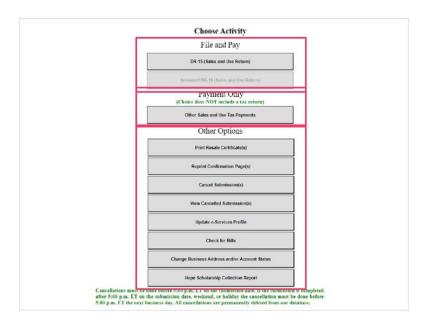


Notes:

Once you have logged in, you will see a bulletin board featuring current information related to the taxes you are going to file and pay. In this case, it will be related to Sales and Use Tax. After reviewing any new information, click Next.

This will take you to the File and Pay Access Menu. From here, select Sales and Use Tax.

2.5 The Main Menu



Notes:

This is the main menu. Here, you are presented with three sets of options to choose from: File and Pay, Payment Only, and Other Options.

Under File and Pay, you are presented with the option to both file and pay a DR-15 return at the same time. Note that the second option under File and Pay allows you to file an amended DR-15 return on a period already submitted.

Payment Only is used by those wanting to make payments only without filing a tax return.

Finally, Other Options allows you to perform various tasks such as canceling submissions and changing your account information.

3. Filling Out the Return

3.1 Filling Out the Return



Notes:

Now that you know how to access the eFile and ePay system, we'll go over how to fill out an electronic Sales and Use Tax Return (Form DR-15).

3.2 The Main Menu



Notes:

We'll start by exploring the process for submitting a DR-15 return and making a payment. To do so, we will select the first option under File and Pay.

On this page, find the Collection Period, and click on the dropdown menu. Scroll to the collection period you are filing for. Keep in mind that the return will default to the current collection period. Using the dropdown menu, you can go back 11 months to file a previous return or go forward one month to file a future return.

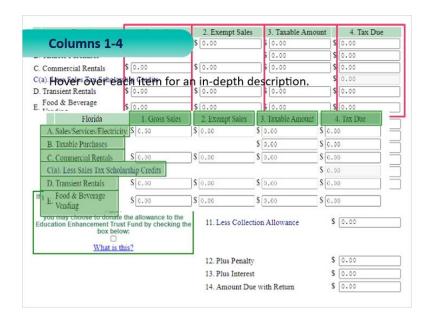
If you submit more than one return for the same collection period, a message will display to ensure you do not submit more than one return.

For additional instructions, click on the DR-15 Instructions link on the upper-left side of the screen.

Click the checkbox to use filing contact information on file with the Department, or type your name, phone number, and email address.

To move from field to field, press your tab button or click in the field. Next, we'll discuss these fields in more detail.

3.3 Columns 1-4



Notes:

Here you can see the DR-15 return.

In Columns 1-4, you will be entering information about the items and services that are taxed.

In Column 1, you will enter your gross sales for each category. Your gross sales equal the amount of exempt sales plus taxable sales. Do not include tax collected in gross sales.

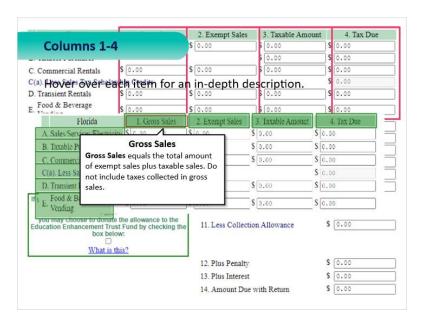
Column 2 is where you will fill in your exempt sales for each taxable item or service. Items exempt from tax include sales for resale, sales of items that are specifically exempt, and sales to organizations that hold a Florida *Consumer's Certificate of Exemption* (Form DR-14).

Column 3 is where you will enter the taxable amount for each taxed item or service. The taxable amount equals gross sales minus exempt sales. This also includes purchases used or consumed that were not taxed by suppliers and were not for resale entered on Line B.

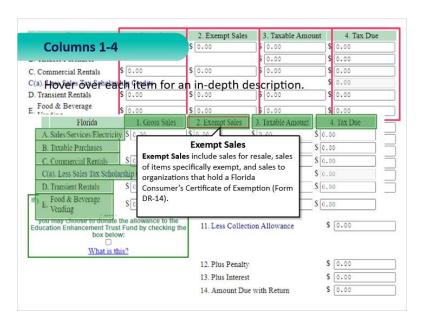
Tax due in Column 4 is the total amount of tax due, including discretionary sales surtax, from each taxable sale and the use tax due on taxable purchases.

For an in-depth description of the items in Line A-E and Columns 1-4, hover your mouse over each one.

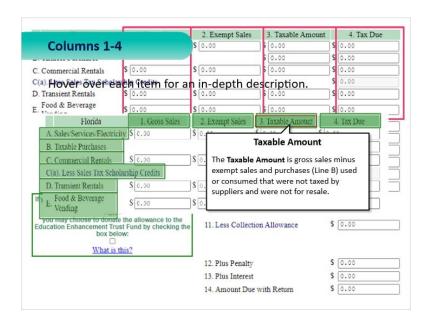
1 Gross Sales (Slide Layer)



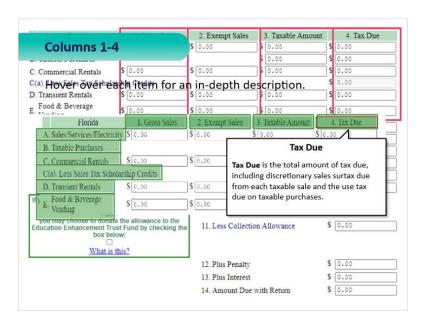
2 Exempt Sales (Slide Layer)



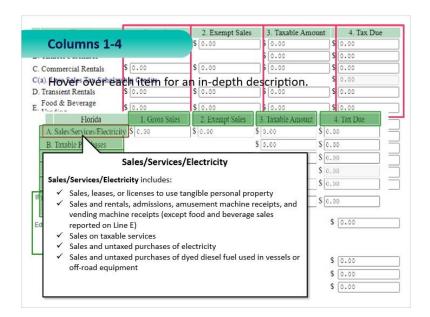
3 Taxable Amount (Slide Layer)



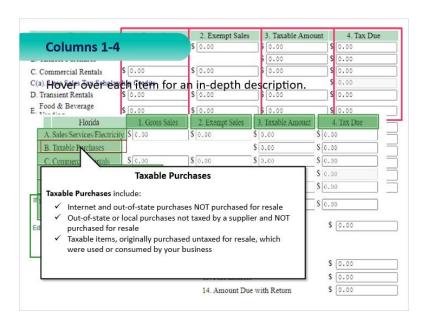
4 Tax Due (Slide Layer)



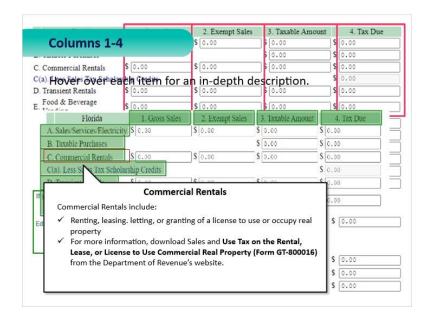
A. Sales/Services/Electricity (Slide Layer)



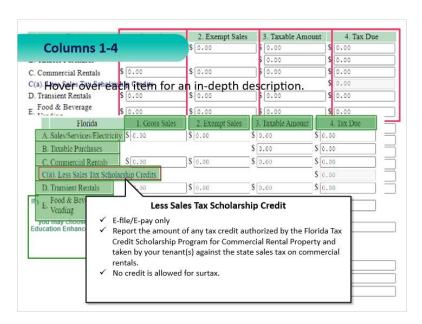
B. Taxable Purchases (Slide Layer)



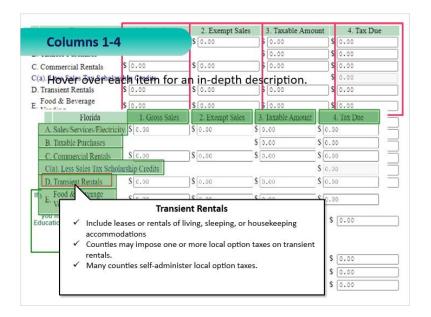
C. Commercial Rentals (Slide Layer)



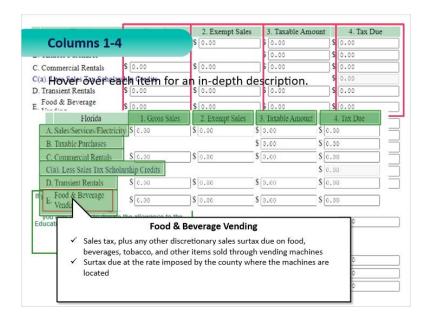
Ca. Less Tax Credits (Slide Layer)



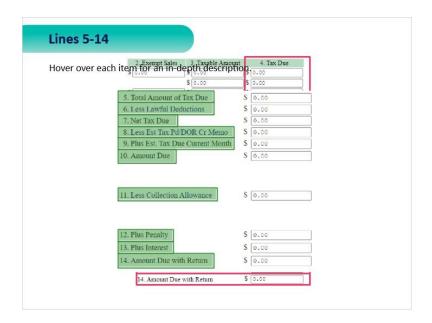
D. Transient Rentals (Slide Layer)



E. Food/Beverage Vending (Slide Layer)



3.4 Lines 5-14



Notes:

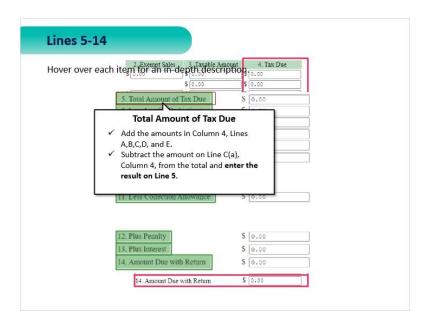
In Lines 5 and 6, you will add up the numbers in the Tax Due column, subtracting any scholarship credits indicated in Line C(a). Subtract any Lawful Deductions from the Total Amount of Tax Due.

In Lines 7 through 13, you will add and subtract the listed items, including adding any penalties and subtracting any credits.

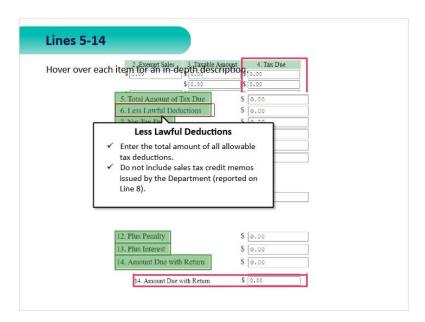
In Line 14, enter the Amount Due with your return.

For an in-depth description of the items in Lines 5-14, hover your mouse over each one.

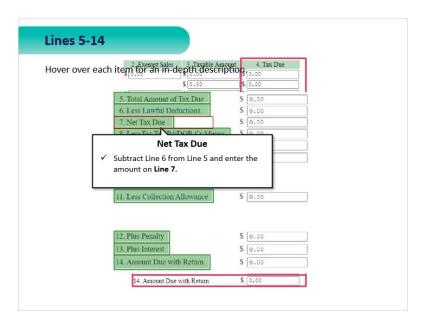
5 Total Amount of Tax Due (Slide Layer)



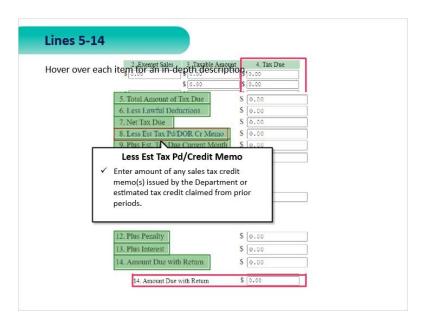
6 Less Lawful Deductions (Slide Layer)



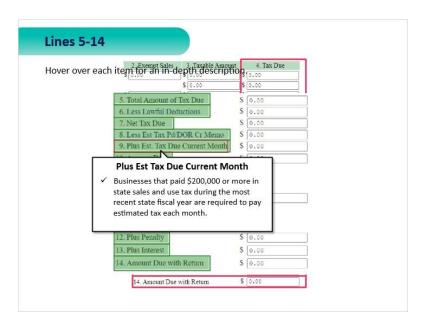
7 Net Tax Due (Slide Layer)



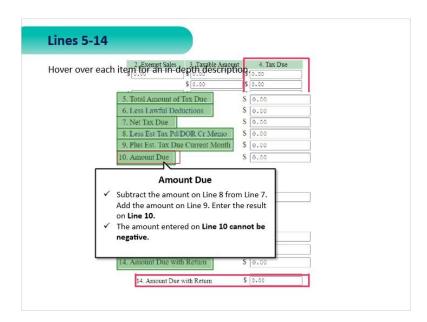
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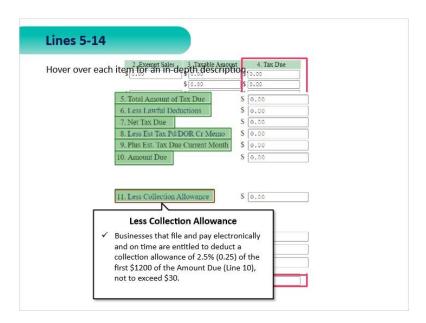
9 Plus Est Tax Due (Slide Layer)



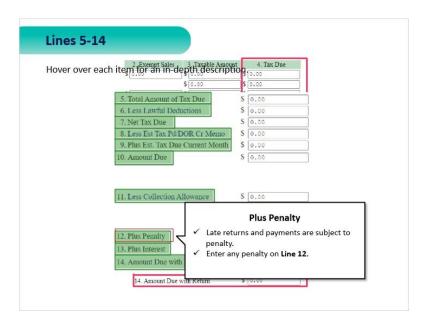
10 (Slide Layer)



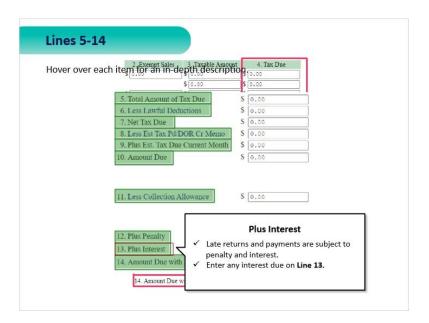
11 Less Collection Allowance (Slide Layer)



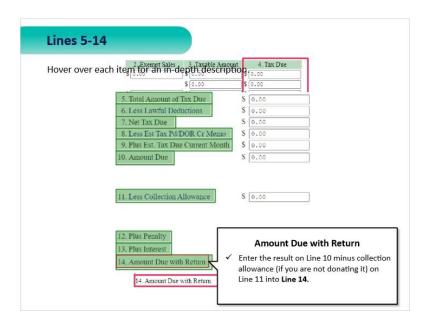
12 Plus Penalty (Slide Layer)



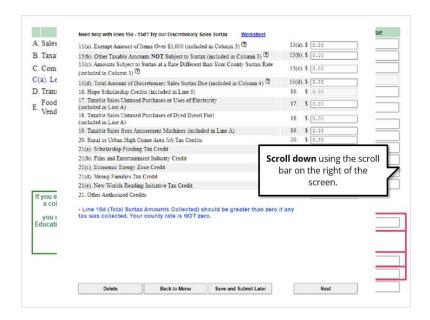
13 Plus Interest (Slide Layer)



14 Amount Due With Return (Slide Layer)



3.5 Enter Information



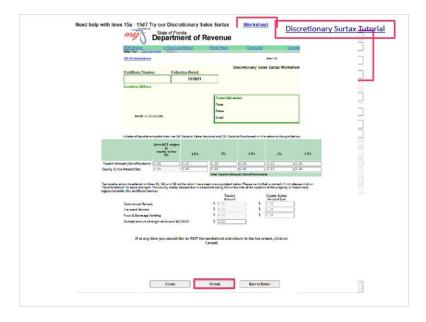
Notes:

When you electronically file your return and payment in a timely manner, you are entitled to take a collection allowance. The allowance is 2.5% of the first \$1,200 of tax due, not to exceed \$30. You can claim a collection allowance or enter penalty and interest, but not both. For Line 12, \$50 is the minimum penalty allowed.

You may choose to click the checkbox to donate your collection allowance to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund. This fund is used to purchase up-to-date technology for classrooms in local school districts in Florida. Please note, if you choose to donate your collection allowance, you will leave Line 11 empty.

Once you have filled out these fields, you will scroll down the page to view Lines 15-21 of the return.

3.6 Using the Worksheet



Notes:

Lines 15(a) through 15(d) are used to calculate discretionary sales surtax. If you need help with your calculations, there is a worksheet available.

Click on the Worksheet link for assistance.

Enter your data into the Discretionary Sales Surtax Worksheet. Once you have done so, click Validate to check that your calculations are correct.

For additional assistance concerning discretionary sales surtax, click on the link to view the Department's tutorial *How to Calculate, Collect, and Report Your Discretionary Sales Surtax*, located at the top-right corner of the screen.

3.7 Using the Worksheet



Notes:

If there are errors, you will also have some checkbox options that you can select to indicate if you want to make any changes to the return, changes to the worksheet, or if you want to make no changes and proceed.

Click "Back to Return" to make any additional changes or corrections to your return.

Let's look at the remaining lines of the return.

3.8 Lines 16-21



Notes:

Lines 16, 20, and 21 are used to report various credits that are included in Line 6, Less Lawful Deductions. Lines 17 through 19 are used to report taxable sales and purchases or uses of electricity, taxable sales and purchases of dyed diesel fuel, and taxable sales from amusement machines that you previously reported in Lines A and B.

Once you have filled these in, select Next.

3.9 Errors



Notes:

Some fields of the return are mandatory. If you select the Next button without completing them, error messages will display in blue at the bottom, and it is possible that more than one error may display. You should try to correct any errors before you proceed. If you ignore the warnings and proceed without making corrections, your payment could be affected, causing you to underpay or overpay.

4. Entering Payment

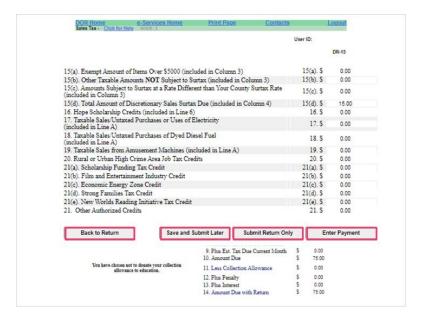
4.1 Entering Payment



Notes:

Once you've filled out your electronic DR-15 return, you may want to make a payment when you file. Fortunately, the Department's eFile and ePay system makes this process easy.

4.2 Menu Options



Notes:

Before filing or submitting a payment, you will be able to review your completed return. By scrolling down to the bottom of the page, you will see the following options:

- Back to Return
- Save and Submit Later
- Submit Return Only
- Enter Payment

If you are ready to schedule a payment, select Enter Payment at the bottom of your screen.

4.3 Entering Information



Notes:

To schedule a payment date, click on the calendar icon on the Debit Date line. Use the arrows to move from month to month, if necessary. The debit date is the date you want funds withdrawn from your bank account.

When scheduling a payment, you must choose a future date and cannot make a same-day payment. In addition, you may not select any grayed-out or blue dates. However, you can file a return same day, and select a future date to schedule your payment. For more information about this, click on the question mark icon next to Debit Date.

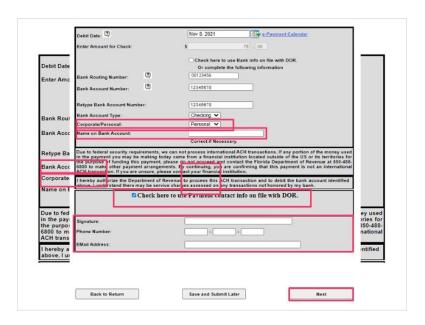
You have two options for entering bank information. The recommended option is to select the checkbox to use your bank information already on file with the Department. However, you have the option to submit new or different bank information not currently on file.

If you choose to use your bank information on file with the Department, those fields are grayed out. The bank account number has leading asterisks and only the last four digits of the number display.

If you choose to enter bank information, the full bank account number displays in black with no asterisks. If you neglect to provide the required information in the correct format, error messages will display in blue. You will need to correct the errors before you can proceed. Be aware that your bank account number must be entered twice to help prevent typing errors.

It's important to note that the deadline for paying electronically is 5 p.m. ET on the last business day prior to the filing due date. For more details, check out the Florida eServices Calendar of Electronic Payment Deadlines (Form DR-659) on the Department's website.

4.4 Entering Information

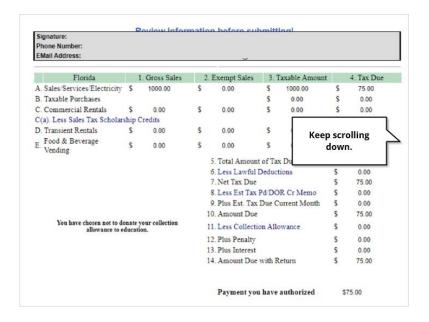


Notes:

Once you have entered your bank account number, you will use the dropdown menu next to Bank Account Type to indicate whether you are using a checking or savings account. After you have made an account type selection, you will use the dropdown menu next to Corporate/Personal and indicate if you are using a corporate or personal account. Following these selections, you will need to fill in the Name on Bank Account field.

When all of the information has been entered correctly, you must choose between selecting the checkbox to use payment contact information on file with the Department, or type a signature, phone number, and an email address. Please note that if you change contact information at this point, the change will display on the confirmation page. Click Next.

4.5 Submit Payment

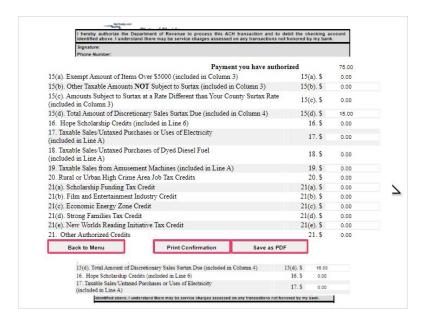


Notes:

On this page, you will be given another opportunity to review all of your return and payment information before submitting.

If you are satisfied with the information displayed, click Submit.

4.6 Confirmation of Payment



Notes:

Your Access Source indicates how you accessed the filing application. Remember that earlier, you logged in using either your User ID and Password or your Certificate Number and Business Partner Number.

Note: From this page, you cannot go back to make changes to the return or payment.

The survey link on this page provides you with an opportunity to give feedback on the eFile and ePay process.

If you scroll down to the bottom of the page, you will be given the options to print your confirmation and/or save it as a PDF. You can also click Back to Menu for additional activity on the same account.

5. Other Menu Options

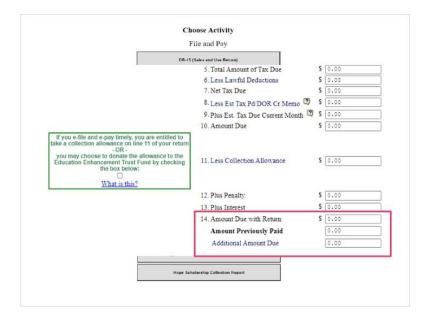
5.1 Other Menu Options



Notes:

There are a few other system options that may be helpful for you.

5.2 Other Payment Options



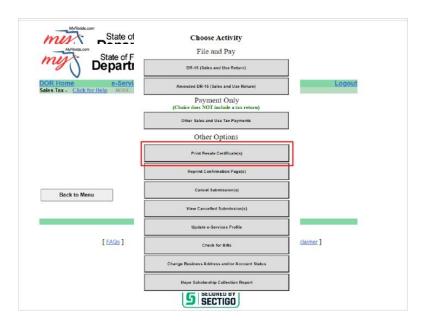
Notes:

You may want or need to make a payment without filing a return. This might be due to a notice of tax action, audit payment, additional payments, or returned item repayment. To perform this activity, find the Payment Only category and select Other Sales and Use Tax Payments.

To amend a return you've already submitted, select Amended DR-15 (Sales and Use Return) under the File and Pay category. An amended return will replace your original return.

Remember, on Line 14, enter Amount Due, Amount Previously Paid, and/or Additional Amount Due.

5.3 Print Resale Certificate



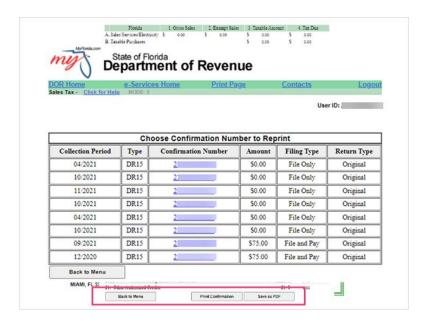
Notes:

To print your resale certificate, select Print Resale Certificate(s).

Click the blue link for the tax year.

Click the blue Print link.

5.4 Reprint Confirmations



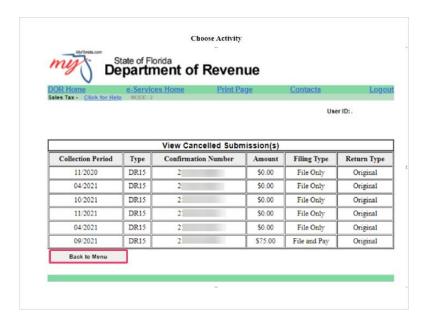
Notes:

If you want to reprint confirmation pages, select Reprint Confirmation Pages under the Other Options category.

Click the blue confirmation number you wish to reprint. Please note that the first six digits of the confirmation number is the date the submission was confirmed.

You will be taken back to the confirmation you selected. Scroll down to save it as a PDF or print the confirmation. Click Back to Menu for additional activity on the same account.

5.5 Cancel Submissions



Notes:

If you want to cancel a submission, select Cancel Submission(s) under the Other Options category.

To cancel a submission, including warehoused payments, you must do so before 5 p.m. ET on the same day you filed. Click a blue confirmation number to select it. Remember, when you cancel a submission, both the return AND the payment are canceled.

To confirm the cancellation of the submission, select Yes.

Click on Back to Menu to return to the main menu.

5.6 Other Menu Options



Notes:

There are a few other optional tasks you can complete using the main menu.

To update your eServices profile or view your information on file with the Department, select Update e-Services Profile.

Check for Bills will allow you to see if you have any outstanding debts to the Department. Note that to pay bills, you have the option to use a credit card.

If you wish to make changes to your contact information, select Change Business Address and/or Account Status.

6. Conclusion

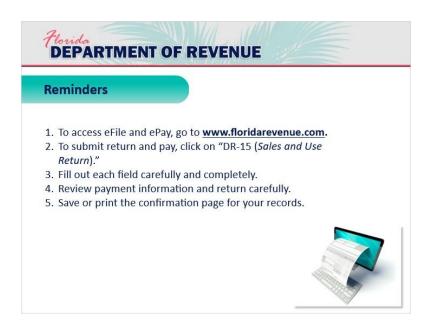
6.1 Conclusion



Notes:

We hope that this course has been helpful in explaining the eFile and ePay system.

6.2 Reminders



Notes:

Here are a few reminders about the eFile and ePay process.

- To access the main menu for eFile and ePay, navigate to the Department's website at **floridarevenue.com**.
 Select the blue box labeled File and Pay. From there, scroll down to Sales and Use Tax. Selecting it will bring you to the eFile and ePay portal.
- 2. Once you have logged in, you will be taken to the main menu where you will have several options. If you want to file a return and make a payment, select DR-15 (Sales and Use Return) under the File and Pay category of the menu.
- 3. Be sure to fill out each field carefully and completely. Error messages will display; however, you will be able to proceed with or without correcting the errors.
- 4. You will be given the opportunity to review your payment information and return before submitting them.
- 5. Once you have submitted your return and scheduled your payment, you will be taken to a confirmation page. You may save and/or print this page for your records.

6.3 Survey



Notes:

This concludes Sales and Use Tax: How to eFile and ePay. For additional resources, click the Resources link in the upper-right corner for more information.

Please take the time to fill out a short survey pertaining to this tutorial. Your feedback is very important to us!

Thank you.