

# Florida Motor Fuel Tax Relief Act of 2022: Frequently Asked Questions for Consumers

#### 1. What is the Motor Fuel Tax Relief Act of 2022? How was it established?

The Florida Legislature approved the Motor Fuel Tax Relief Act of 2022 during the 2022 legislative session, and it was signed into law by Governor DeSantis on May 6, 2022. This legislation reduces the tax rate on motor fuel by 25.3 cents per gallon during the month of October 2022.

#### 2. What happens during the Motor Fuel Tax Relief Act of 2022?

During the Motor Fuel Tax Relief Act of 2022, the tax rate on motor fuel sold in Florida will be reduced by 25.3 cents per gallon. The tax relief period begins on Saturday, October 1, 2022, and will continue through Monday, October 31, 2022.

#### 3. What fuel products can I purchase that will receive the tax rate reduction?

The reduced tax rate applies to all gasoline products, any product blended with gasoline, or any fuel placed in the storage supply tank of a gasoline-powered motor vehicle.

### 4. Does the 2022 Florida Motor Fuel Tax Relief Act apply to any fuel types other than those listed in the question above?

No. The reduced tax rate does not apply to products defined as diesel fuel, aviation fuel, or kerosene.

#### 5. Will the price at the pump go down by 25 cents?

Florida's tax on gasoline is only one of many factors that affect the price you pay at the pump. Factors beyond the state's control may cause gasoline prices to go up or down during the tax reduction period.

Tax on gasoline is not collected by retail dealers. Fuel tax is pre-collected by terminal suppliers and wholesalers and remitted to the State of Florida. By law, all segments of the fuel supply chain must pass along the tax reduction, so the ultimate consumer receives the full benefit of the suspended tax rate.

### 6. I suspect a retailer has not passed down the tax savings to his or her customers. How can I report this?

The Florida Office of Attorney General is responsible for investigating any complaints regarding a failure to pass on the 25.3 cent tax reduction to a customer. You may refer any complaints to myfloridalegal.com.

### 7. Who is responsible for determining which fuels are exempt, or the length of any motor fuel tax relief period?

The Motor Fuel Tax Relief Act of 2022 is established through the lawmaking authority of the Florida Legislature. Motor fuel tax relief periods, and the included products, must be passed into law by the Legislature.

## 8. How can I request that a certain type of fuel be added to the list in the future? Tax relief periods, and the items exempted by them, are passed into law by the Florida Legislature. You may wish to contact your local representative regarding your suggestion.

#### 9. I didn't see my question listed here. Where can I find additional information about the 2022 Florida Motor Fuel Tax Relief Act?

If you have a question that is not addressed here, you may visit the Florida Department of Revenue's website at <u>floridarevenue.com</u> or call Taxpayer Services (8 a.m. ET to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday) at (850) 488-6800 for additional information regarding The Motor Fuel Tax Relief Act of 2022.

### 10. I heard there were several sales tax holidays this year. Where can I find more information about the other holidays?

House Bill 7071 from the 2022 regular legislative session was signed into law on May 6, 2022. The new law contains nine sales tax relief holidays and one motor fuel tax relief period and specifies the timeframe for each. For a printable calendar of the tax relief holidays, you can visit our website: Florida Dept. of Revenue - Tax Holidays and Exemption Periods (floridarevenue.com).