

OREGON PRIVILEGE TAX ONLINE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

About Privilege Tax

Q: What is Privilege Tax?

A: At the Oregon Liquor & Cannabis Commission (OLCC), "privilege tax" refers to fees that are charged to businesses for the privilege of importing, exporting, or distributing certain alcoholic products such as wine, cider, and malt beverages.

Q: What is Oregon Privilege Tax Online (OPTO)?

A: Oregon Privilege Tax Online (OPTO) is a way for businesses who are required to file privilege taxes to submit their documentation and pay their fees through a web-based portal. Payments are made with ACH transfer from a checking or savings account.

Q: Why are we going online?

A: House Bill 2150 (HB2150) was requested during the 2017 legislative session by the alcohol industry (distributors and manufacturers) for an online privilege tax payment system. HB2150 directs the OLCC to allow manufacturers or importing distributors of wine, cider or malt beverages to file required statements and pay privilege taxes by electronic means.

Q: When will I be able to file online?

A: OLCC will begin phasing in monthly winery customers account set ups and training sessions in early June 2022; filing is scheduled to begin mid-July 2022. Annual filers will file their 2022 report in the OPTO system with filing opening mid-December 2022. Privilege Tax filers will be notified as phasing begins for their license type and/or filing frequency.

Q: Will this affect my tax rate?

A: No. Privilege tax rates will not be affected by the OPTO system. The system is simply the new way for our customers to report and pay privilege tax online.

Q: Will the forms change?

There will no longer be forms as all reporting will be on line. There are going to be some differences in the manner in which information is inputted due to the new system; but the tax rates, credits, and basic information will stay the same.



Q: Will I still be able to file on paper like I always have?

A: As each license type and filing frequencies is phased into the system, all privilege tax filings and payments for that license type will be required to go through the OPTO web portal. However, OLCC will provide training to everyone who files to ensure that filers have the proper knowledge and understanding of the system.

Q: I don't have any activity, do I still need to submit statements?

A: Yes. Consistent with current rules and regulations, zero activity statements will need to be submitted.

Q: I have someone else prepare my Privilege Tax Statements, will they be able to submit for me?

A: Yes, licensees will have the option of adding additional people to their accounts. The person who submits the monthly statements will certify the information is correct on the owner's behalf and identify that they are the person who prepared the statements.

Q: What if I need to make changes to a report I have already submitted?

A: The OPTO system allows for easy amendment of filed statements. The amended version of the report will become the new official report, while the old version will stay available for review and records.

Q: How do I get access to the new OPTO System?

A: A link to the new system will be available on our website. First-time users will be prompted to create a user account with their business e-mail. If you are the first representative of your company to register your account, you will be prompted to create a business account for your company. Lastly, you will be requested to associate your OLCC license(s) with your business account. Once a primary user has created their accounts, additional business e-mails may be listed as authorized users which will then be prompted to create their own user accounts.

Q: What if I get stuck or just need some assistance?

A: Good news! OLCC has contracted with our software vendor SICPA to provide helpdesk support by phone or by email.