



Introduction

Welcome to the IRS Excise Tax Reporting Burden Survey

Thank you for taking the time to provide us feedback. Please answer all questions with reference to your \${e://Field/NAME} Tax Year 2023 federal excise tax return(s) and related attachments. At any time, you can leave the survey and come back to complete it. The survey will pick up from the last page you completed.

If you need assistance, please email us at raas.irs.taxpayer.surveys@irs.gov or call 202-803-9417. You can find a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document and copy of the full survey in links below. These links will be available throughout the survey.

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice for Excise Tax Reporting Burden Model Data Collection

Our authority for requesting information with this survey is 5 U.S.C. § 301, and 26 U.S.C. 7801, 7803, and 7805 and the Paperwork Reduction Act. The information you provide allows the IRS to analyze the role of taxpayer burden in tax administration. This information is also used to fulfil the IRS's statutory obligations to the Office of Management and Budget and Congress for information required by the Paperwork Reduction Act, and to provide tax policy analysis support to the Office of Tax Analysis at the Department of the Treasury. This information will also help us to better understand taxpayer needs and burden reduction opportunities. Data collected will be shared with IRS staff, but your responses will be used for research and aggregate reporting purposes only and will not be used for other non-statistical or non-research purposes such as direct enforcement activities. The information that you provide will be protected as required by law. We estimate that it will take 10 to 15 minutes to complete this survey, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Providing the information is voluntary; not providing all or part of the information requested will have no impact on you but may reduce our ability to address taxpayer concerns regarding paperwork reduction. We may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The OMB number for this survey is 1545-2212. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: IRS, Special Services Section, SE:W:CAR:MP:T:M:S, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

Tax Preparation Methods

Tax Preparation Methods and Activities

Please answer the following question for \${e://Field/NAME} Tax Year 2023 federal excise tax return(s) and related attachments.

Which of the following methods did your business use to prepare its 2023 federal excise tax return?

Select all that apply

- ☐ A tax preparation service? (e.g., CPA, accountant, bookkeeper, a tax lawyer, enrolled agent, registered tax preparer)
- ☐ A tax advisory/planning service
- ☐ Accounting and/or financial software? (e.g., QuickBooks Pro, Sage)
- ☐ Tax preparation software? (e.g., ETEC, Form 2290, Modernized E-File Form 720, custom software)
- ☐ Other

Tax-Related Recordkeeping

Tax-Related Recordkeeping

Please think about your business's excise tax-related recordkeeping. Tax-related recordkeeping includes all the activities your business did to create, maintain, and store records needed to complete its Tax Year 2023 federal excise tax return(s) and related documents.

How did your business keep records for its excise tax reporting responsibilities?

Select all that apply

- ☐ General recordkeeping software products such as Excel, IBM Notes, OpenOffice
- ☐ A checking or investment account from which the excise taxes are paid
- ☐ A separate hard-copy ledger
- ☐ Other

Gathering Materials, Learning

Gathering Materials, Learning About Requirements, and Using IRS Taxpayer Services

Consider the tax-related materials you gathered and how your business learned about requirements to complete its 2023 federal excise tax return(s) and related attachments.

Which, if any, of the following resources did your business use to learn about its excise tax reporting responsibilities?

Select all that apply

- ☐ IRS website
- ☐ IRS tax forms and publications
- ☐ Tax seminars or training
- ☐ TV, newspapers, or journals
- ☐ General internet search
- ☐ Other

- ☐ None of the above

Time Spent

Time Spent on Tax-Related Activities

Think about all the time your business spent on tax-related recordkeeping, tax planning, gathering tax-related materials, learning about tax law, using IRS or non-IRS resources, completing, reviewing, and submitting the Tax Year 2023 federal excise tax return(s) and related attachments, and calculating and depositing estimated tax payments.

Please include time spent:

- On all Tax Year 2023 federal excise tax return(s) and related attachments

Please do NOT include time spent:

- By an external service provider(s)

Please include time spent:

as well as any associated forms, schedules, and worksheets that your business completed or filed throughout the tax year as well as the tax filing season

- Corresponding or speaking with an external service provider(s)

Please do NOT include time spent:

- On any state or local excise tax return(s)
- On your federal, state, or local income tax returns
- On other types of tax or information returns
- Responding to IRS notices or correspondence

How much time did your business spend on the following activities for its Tax Year 2023 federal excise tax return(s) and related attachments?

If you're not sure, please provide your best estimate. If you did not spend any time on the activity, enter 0.

	Hours	Minutes
A. Tax Recordkeeping, including reconciling financial and tax records	0	0
B. Tax Planning	0	0
C. Gathering materials, learning about tax law, and using IRS or non-IRS resources	0	0
D. Calculating and depositing estimated tax payments	0	0
E. Completing and submitting the Tax Year 2023 federal excise tax return(s) and related attachments	0	0
F. All other federal excise tax-related activities	0	0

You reported 0 hours and 0 minutes on other federal excise tax-related activities. Please describe those activities.

You reported spending a total of 0 hours and 0 minutes on Tax Year 2023 federal excise tax-related activities. Would you like to review your answers?

- ☐ Yes, I'd like to review my answers
- ☐ No, I'd like to continue to the next question

How much time did your business spend on the following activities for its Tax Year 2023 federal excise tax return(s) and related attachments?

	Hours	Minutes
A. Tax Recordkeeping, including reconciling financial and tax records	\$\{q://\}	\$\{q://\}
B. Tax Planning	\$\{q://\}	\$\{q://\}
C. Gathering materials, learning about tax law, and using IRS or non-IRS resources	\$\{q://\}	\$\{q://\}
D. Calculating and depositing estimated tax payments	\$\{q://\}	\$\{q://\}
E. Completing and submitting the Tax Year 2023 federal excise tax return(s) and related attachments	\$\{q://\}	\$\{q://\}
F. All other federal excise tax-related activities	\$\{q://\}	\$\{q://\}

Cost

Costs Associated with Tax Compliance

How much money did your business spend on the following to comply with its Tax Year 2023 federal excise tax reporting obligations?

If you're not sure, please provide your best estimate. If you did not spend any money on the activity, enter 0.

A. External service provider for tax planning for Tax Year 2023	\$	0
B. External service provider to prepare your Tax Year 2023 federal excise tax return(s)	\$	0
C. Tax software to prepare your Tax Year 2023 federal excise tax return(s)	\$	0
D. Other tax activities related to federal excise tax reporting for Tax Year 2023. This may include money spent on electronic submission, photocopies, tax research services, tax publications and journals, transportation, postage, or IRS user fees.	\$	0
Total	\$	0

Additional Questions

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In how many states did your business file an excise tax return for Tax Year 2023?

If you did not file any state excise returns enter 0. If you do not know the exact

number of states, please provide your best estimate.

What was the total number of state excise tax returns your business filed in Tax Year 2023?

If you do not know the exact number, please provide your best estimate.

Based on your experience, what do taxpayers find to be the most difficult part of complying with the federal excise tax reporting responsibilities?

Please describe below any suggestions you have for how the IRS could improve taxpayer service or reduce the compliance burden associated with excise tax reporting requirements.

You have finished the survey.

Please click on the "Next" button on the bottom right to submit your survey.
Once the survey is submitted, you will not be able to return to the survey.

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