

Information Bulletin

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THE FUEL TAX AND ROAD USE CHARGE ACT

FUEL TAX REBATE FOR MINERAL EXPLORATION

This bulletin has been prepared to assist you in understanding the Fuel Tax Rebate for Mineral Exploration. The bulletin describes eligible applicants, eligible fuel uses and procedures for obtaining a rebate.

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A. ELIGIBILITY

Every person who is engaged in mineral exploration may be eligible for a fuel tax rebate on fuel used in **unlicensed** machinery and equipment used in mineral exploration. The rebate applies to fuel purchased on and after January 1, 2003.

B. MINERAL EXPLORATION

Mineral exploration is defined as the preproduction activities of exploring or prospecting for minerals by drilling, boring, sinking shafts, driving tunnels, geological surveys, geothermal surveys, trenching and stripping and includes transporting core samples from an exploration or prospecting site and any other activities directly related to exploring or prospecting for minerals.

For the purposes of this rebate, mineral exploration does not include transporting persons or supplies to or from an exploration or prospecting site. Also, processing, developing or producing minerals from the site beyond those activities that are necessarily a part of exploring or prospecting for minerals are excluded.

C. ELIGIBLE FUEL

Fuel used in any of the following equipment is eligible for a rebate provided the equipment or machinery is used directly in mineral exploration:

- equipment or machinery, other than a snowmobile, that is not registered pursuant to *The Vehicle Classification and Registration Regulations* in Saskatchewan or similar legislation in other jurisdictions and does not operate on a public highway;
- specialized aircraft that is permanently fitted with mineral exploration equipment; and,
- equipment used to generate electricity.

Fuel consumed in licensed vehicles or equipment is not eligible for a rebate, regardless of the use.

D. REBATE APPLICATION

Applicants are required to file a [Mineral Exploration Fuel Tax Rebate Application](#) along with the following information to obtain a fuel tax rebate:

- documents, records or other evidence to show that the applicant has undertaken mineral exploration activities during the rebate period;
- documents, records or other evidence to show that the fuel was used solely in mineral exploration equipment and machinery and solely for mineral exploration; and,
- fuel purchase invoices.

Completed applications must be filed within four years of the date the fuel was acquired by the eligible applicant. An eligible applicant may submit one or more applications per year. Applications and backup information can be emailed to sasktaxinfo@gov.sk.ca.

E. SASKATCHEWAN eTAX SERVICES (SETS)

Finance has made it possible to report and remit tax electronically through a secure, fast, easy and convenient online self-service portal. Several services are currently available to businesses through SETS:

- Register for secure, self-managed access to all your tax accounts.
- Apply for a new tax account.
- Apply, renew and check status of various Fuel Tax related permits.
- Report exempt fuel or tax reduced sales through the EFSR menu option.
- File and pay returns and amend previously filed returns.
- Make payments on account, including post-dated payments.
- View account balance and statement information.
- Authorize employees or accountants to file on your behalf.

- Receive notifications by email when a tax return should be filed. This replaces the paper forms usually sent in the mail.
- Submit a service request to update the mailing address or add a new business location.
- Submit a service request to receive tax information, interpretations or rulings related to your specific business activities.
- View and download up-to-date tax information promptly.
- Subscribe to receive email notifications when new and revised tax publications are available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Write: Ministry of Finance
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Telephone: Toll Free 1-800-667-6102
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