

# Information Bulletin

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## THE FUEL TAX AND ROAD USE CHARGE ACT

### INFORMATION FOR BORDER FUEL DEALERS AND FUEL TAX COLLECTORS REGARDING THE GASOLINE COMPETITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This bulletin provides information on reporting and filing for assistance under the Gasoline Competition Assistance Program. It is a general guide and not a substitute for the legislation.

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#### **A. GASOLINE COMPETITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Gasoline Competition Assistance Program provides assistance on taxable gasoline and propane sales made by fuel dealers located along the Alberta border and in Flin Flon, Creighton and Denare Beach. No assistance is provided for diesel or aviation fuel. Also, no competition assistance is provided for propane that may be sold to Fuel Tax Exemption Permit holders.

The level of assistance is based on the tax rate differential between Saskatchewan and Alberta or Manitoba, as the case may be, and the shortest distance as measured by a public road between the fuel dealer and the nearest competition in the neighbouring province. There are five zones in which assistance is provided:

#### **Temporary Measures**

The Alberta government recently announced that it intends to stop collecting fuel tax on gasoline, diesel, and dyed diesel. To provide consumers relief from high fuel prices, Saskatchewan has **temporarily** added clear and dyed diesel in the existing Gasoline Competition Assistance Program. Effective April 8, 2022, the program will provide temporary assistance on clear and dyed diesel sales made by fuel dealers located along the Alberta border. The temporary assistance will be in place while the Alberta government provides temporary relief from high fuel prices and will be reviewed quarterly.

Location of Fuel Dealer	Level of Assistance	Fuel Type	Amount (¢/l)				
			Prior to May 31/19	May 31/19 to Apr 1/22	Apr 1/22 to Apr 7/22	Apr 8/22 to Sept 30/22	Effective Oct 1/22
<b>Zone A:</b> <i>Lloydminster/Onion</i>	100% of Alberta tax differential	Gasoline	n/a	2.0¢	15.0¢	15.0¢	10.5¢
		Diesel	n/a	n/a	n/a	15.0¢	10.5¢
		Dyed Diesel	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.0¢	3.0¢
		Propane	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Zone B:</b> <i>Up to 24 km from Alberta competition</i>	50% of Alberta tax differential	Gasoline	n/a	1.0¢	7.5¢	7.5¢	5.25¢
		Diesel	n/a	n/a	n/a	7.5¢	5.25¢
		Dyed Diesel	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5¢	1.5¢
		Propane	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Zone C:</b> <i>&gt;24 km to 56 km from Alberta competition</i>	25% of Alberta tax differential	Gasoline	n/a	0.5¢	3.75¢	3.75¢	2.625¢
		Diesel	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.75¢	2.625¢
		Dyed Diesel	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.75¢	0.75¢
		Propane	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Zone D:</b> <i>Flin Flon/Creighton</i>	100% of Manitoba tax differential	Gasoline	1.0¢	1.0¢	1.0¢	1.0¢	1.0¢
		Propane	6.0¢	6.0¢	6.0¢	6.0¢	6.0¢
<b>Zone E:</b> <i>Denare Beach</i>	50% of Manitoba tax differential	Gasoline	0.5¢	0.5¢	0.5¢	0.5¢	0.5¢
		Propane	3.0¢	3.0¢	3.0¢	3.0¢	3.0¢

**B. CARD LOCK, KEY LOCK OR BULK PURCHASES**

The assistance on fuel delivered by bulk fuel dealers is based on the assistance level that applies to the zone where the fuel is delivered and stored.

For gasoline, diesel, or dyed diesel that is picked up at a card lock or key lock facility, the level of assistance is based on the zone in which the fuel is intended to be used.

If you have any questions on determining the level of assistance, you may contact the Ministry of Finance at the information shown at the end of this bulletin.

To apply for assistance, please complete and submit a [Bulk Dealer/Cardlock Application for Gasoline Competition Assistance](#), including your purchase invoices with the applications. Submit a separate application for each assistance rate if there is more than one rate to be used for the same product within the claim period.

**C. SERVICE STATION DEALERS**

The level of assistance for service station dealers is calculated on their purchases of gasoline, diesel, dyed and diesel and propane from suppliers and the zone in which the dealer is located. Zones B and C are determined by measuring the distance using public highways from the location of the service station to the nearest Alberta competitor.

To qualify for assistance, fuel dealers must provide Finance with their business name and address, name of their fuel supplier and location. For Zones B and C, the distance from their nearest Alberta competition must also be provided.

To apply for assistance, please complete and submit a [Fuel Retailer Application for Gasoline Competition Assistance](#), including your purchase invoices with the application using a separate application for each assistance rate if there is more than one rate to be used for the same product within the claim period. Alternatively, licensed remitters may make an internal adjustment on their monthly fuel tax return, submit details of the adjustment and provide a credit directly to their fuel dealer. The option chosen must be used consistently for each location.

#### **D. PROPANE**

Propane dealers may only claim the competition assistance allowance on taxable propane that is sold for use in an internal combustion engine. No assistance is provided for propane that is sold tax free.

To apply for assistance for bulk deliveries, please complete and submit a [Bulk Dealer/Cardlock Application for Gasoline Competition Assistance](#).

To apply for assistance for retail sales of propane (as outlined above in sections B and C), please complete and submit a [Fuel Retailer application for Gasoline Competition Assistance](#).

#### **E. BULK FUEL DEALERS**

The assistance provided to bulk fuel dealers on their fuel deliveries is calculated on their sales. Assistance is available to bulk dealers on fuel sales to end use consumers, if delivered to a location within one of the eligible zones. Sales to retail service stations are not eligible as the retail service stations would claim the GCAP on these sales. The amount of assistance also depends on the distance that their customer is from the nearest fuel dealer in Alberta or Manitoba. For example, if the customer's fuel storage facilities are within 24 km of the nearest fuel dealer in Alberta, then the Zone B assistance rate applies. If the customer's fuel storage facilities are between 24 km and 56 km from the nearest fuel dealer in Alberta, then the Zone C assistance rate applies.

Bulk fuel dealers located outside an eligible zone and delivering fuel to a customer who is located within one of the zones are eligible for assistance based on the applicable rate for that zone in which the fuel is delivered to the customer's storage facilities.

Bulk fuel dealers who may be eligible for assistance should submit a report to Finance showing the names of their customers and the distance each customer is from their nearest Alberta or Manitoba fuel dealer based on the delivery location. Bulk fuel dealers must also report any new customers eligible for competition assistance and their delivery location before claiming competition assistance for that customer. Bulk fuel dealers may contact their supplier to determine if they will provide credits instead of having to apply directly to Finance for assistance.

To apply for assistance, bulk fuel dealers must submit a [Bulk Dealer/Cardlock Application for Gasoline Competition Assistance](#). Submit a separate application for each assistance rate if there is more than one rate to be used for the same product within the claim period.

## F. **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 or tax reduced fuel 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  
Revenue Division  
PO Box 200  
REGINA SK S4P 2Z6

**Telephone:** Toll Free 1-800-667-6102  
Regina 306-787-6645

**Email:** [sasktaxinfo@gov.sk.ca](mailto:sasktaxinfo@gov.sk.ca)

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