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TAX RATES

The **4Q17** tax rate matrix was finalized on December 5, 2017. Jurisdictions now have until March 1, 2018 (Wednesday) to verify or amend their tax rate data for the **1Q18** matrix. Currently two jurisdictions have entered new tax rates. To view current tax rate changes please visit:

<https://www.iftach.org/taxchangeq.php>

REMINDER!! Please keep your Contacts updated in your IFTA, Inc. profile on www.iftach.org to prevent emails being returned with a delivery failure notice. Contact data for group emails is also pulled from the Jurisdiction Communication Lists and it is imperative all emails on the JCLs are updated to ensure that all members receive important information by email from IFTA, Inc.

It is recommended that **all** membership review their Jurisdiction Communication Lists at this time. If your revised date is more than one year, but there have been no changes, please click to update your communication list so that the revision date shows for 2017. Thank you!

THE IFTA, INC. STAFF

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Upcoming IFTA Meetings

The **IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees** will be holding their first quarterly meeting of 2018 January 23 - 25 at the Hilton Phoenix/Chandler hotel in Chandler, Arizona. If there are any issues or items of concern that you would like for your Board to discuss please contact your jurisdiction's Board Liaison.

The **IFTA/IRP Audit Workshop** and the **IFTA Attorneys' Meeting** registrations are being received for these two important events. Please visit the IFTA, Inc. website to access these online registration forms. Registration will be open until **January 12, 2018**. Attendees are urged to secure their hotel accommodations as soon as possible.

NOTES from the BOARD

The IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees (Board) held its Fourth Quarter 2017 Board Meeting on October 24 – 25 in Chandler, Arizona. All nine Board members were in attendance. Also attending were the two new Board-elect members, Ms. Virginia Barnett (ON) and Mr. Scott Bryer (NH), both whose terms commence January 1, 2018.

The Board reviewed and approved the Second Quarter 2017 Board meeting minutes and Board Actions by Email as amended. These documents will be posted to the IFTA, Inc. website on the Board web page for viewing.

Ms. Lonette Turner, IFTA, Inc. CEO, offered several IFTA, Inc. updates including the IFTA Clearinghouse, website, funds netting, the status of the SOC II security audit and financial audit, investments, program compliance, and meetings update. The audits began in early November 2017. Ms. Turner also reported that the organization remains in excellent financial position. Referencing the 2018 meeting dates, it was noted that the Quarterly Board meetings have been contracted. Additionally, the 2018 Annual IFTA Business Meeting has also been contracted and the 2019 Annual IFTA Business Meeting was being reviewed at the time of the Board meeting.

Mr. Dennis Vanderslice (ARI Fleet), Chair of the IFTA Industry Advisory Committee (IAC), submitted a request for the Board to consider permitting industry participation on the IFTA Audit Committee (AC). It was noted that the AC charter states representatives on the committee will be selected from the IFTA membership, but that the Bylaws allows the committee to seek input from the IAC. The Board liaisons will contact Mr. Vanderslice regarding the current level of input and assistance currently offered by the committee.

The AC submitted an inquiry regarding the Alberta proposal for a study pertaining to the 3% audit requirement. To date, the committee had not received notice of what action the committee should take regarding this issue. The Board reviewed the suggestion submitted by Alberta and determined that the audit coverage issue would be referred to the AC following their completion on the training webinars and best practices. A risk based audit study will be added to the Strategic Plan.

Additional committee reports from the Clearinghouse Advisory Committee (CAC), Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) and the Annual Report Working Group (ARWG) were presented to the Board. During discussions, the Board moved to disband the ARWG based on the completion of its charge and the submission of its final report. Additionally, as the Dual Fuel Working Group (DFWG) was also disbanded based on the completion of its charge and the submission of its final report. The Board also discussed the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) which has had no activity for quite some time. It was the Board's position to disband the ITAC as well. As this committee is a Standing Committee, an amendments to the IFTA Bylaws will be presented to membership during the 2018 Annual IFTA Business Meeting to remove this committee.

During the LEC report, the Board approved the nomination of Ms. Barbara Arkwright (VA) as 2nd Vice Chair of the committee.

The Board reviewed the evaluations submitted for the 2017 Annual IFTA Business Meeting. A majority of the responses found that the presentations and presenters were excellent or good. Additionally, suggestions were offered for the 2018 Annual IFTA Business Meeting and recommended a longer Town Hall session.

Reporting on the status of the 2017 IFTA ballots, Ms. Turner informed the Board that the short track ballots were currently out for vote while the full track ballots are out for a second comment period. Identifying the IRP, Inc. ballots, Ms. Turner informed the Board that IRP ballot 412, regarding an electronic image of a cab card, passed. IRP ballot 411, regarding uncollectable accounts, did not pass. Additionally, IRP ballot 410, regarding inadequate records; unreported jurisdictions' assessment did not pass.

The Board members reported on their most recent regional conference calls with membership. It was the position of the regions that these calls were appreciated and valuable so that they could be updated on the quarterly Board meetings as well as discuss issues such as new legislative matters and other relative issues faced by the jurisdictions.

The Board approved the revisions to the Election Committee Best Practices Guide as well as the New Board Member Orientation Guide.

The Strategic Plan was also reviewed by the Board. The Board reviewed the Contingency Plan, the Succession Planning, and the Board Governance Training sections. During the First Quarter 2018 Board Meeting, the Board will participate in a Board Governance Training.

Following the conclusion of the Board meeting, Mr. Chuck Ulm (MD), Board President, thanked the Board members for their assistance during his tenure. Mr. Ulm also recognized the eight (8) years of service from Mr. Stuart Zion (CO). Both Mr. Ulm's and Mr. Zion's terms expire December 31, 2017.

Concluding the business discussions, the Fourth Quarter 2017 IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees meeting was adjourned.

2018 Ballot Timeline

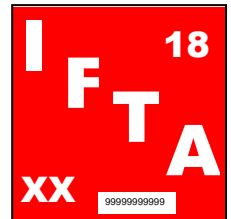
FULL TRACK BALLOTS	
DATE	ACTION
March 23, 2018	Ballot Proposals Due to IFTA, Inc.
March 30, 2018	Ballot Proposals Distributed for First Comment Period (45 days)
May 15, 2018	First Comment Period Ends
June 29, 2018	Deadline for Sponsors to Submit Changes to Ballot Proposals for ABM (45 days following the First Comment Period)
July 13, 2018	Ballot Proposals and Comments Distributed for Pre ABM Review
August 15-16, 2018	Open Discussion on Ballot Proposals at the 2018 Annual Business Meeting
October 1, 2018	Deadline for Sponsors to Submit Changes to Ballot Proposals for Second Comment Period (45 days following the ABM)
October 12, 2018	Ballot Proposals Distributed for Second Comment Period (45 days)
November 27, 2018	Second Comment Period Ends
January 11, 2019	Deadline for Sponsors to Submit Changes to Ballot Proposals for Vote (45 days following the Second Comment Period)
January 25, 2019	Ballot Proposals Distributed for Vote
March 26, 2019	Voting Period Ends
Short Track Ballots	
DATE	ACTION
March 23, 2018	Ballot Proposals Due to IFTA, Inc.
March 30, 2018	Ballot Proposals Distributed for First Comment Period (30 days)
April 30, 2018	First Comment Period Ends
May 30, 2018	Deadline for Sponsors to Submit Changes to Ballot Proposals for ABM (30 days following the First Comment Period)
July 13, 2018	Ballot Proposals and Comments Distributed for Pre ABM Review
August 15-16, 2018	Open Discussion on Ballot Proposals at the 2018 Annual Business Meeting
September 17, 2018	Deadline for Sponsors to Submit Changes to Ballot Proposals for Second Comment Period (30 days following the ABM)
October 1, 2018	Ballot Proposals Distributed for Second 30-Day Comment Period
October 30, 2018	Second 30-Day Comment Period Ends
November 30, 2018	Deadline for Sponsors to Submit Changes to Ballot Proposals for Vote (30 days following the Second Comment Period)
December 14, 2018	Ballot Proposals Distributed for Vote
January 14, 2019	Voting Period Ends



Ballot Update

Full Track Ballots
Voting Booth closes on **January 15, 2018**

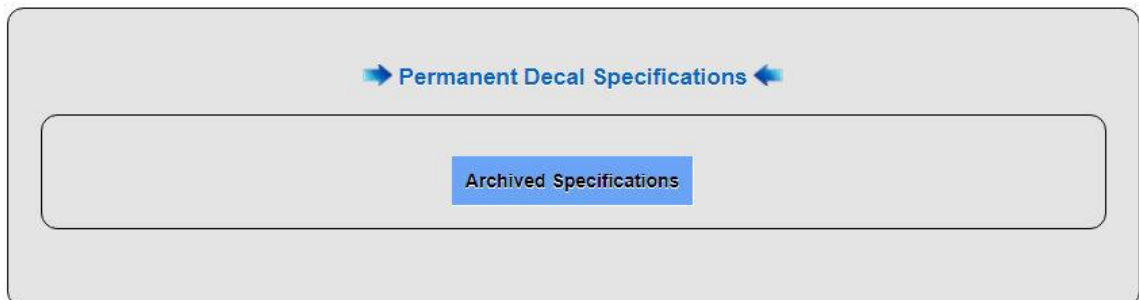
2018 IFTA Decals & Specifications



Just an FYI...you are NOT required to exchange decals with your fellow member jurisdictions. However, if you would like to see your 2018 IFTA Decal on the Carrier Information Page on the IFTA Inc. website, please submit one to Tom King, Webmaster at tking@iftach.org.

The Permanent Decal Specification can be found on the IFTA, Inc. website. Please log into the website and scroll down to Decal Specifications.

Decal Specifications



IFTA, INC. 2018 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - OFFICES CLOSED

January 1 **New Year's Day**
(Monday)



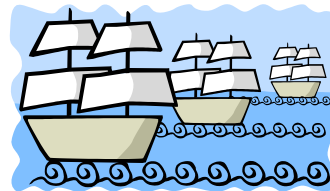
September 3 **Labor Day**
(Monday)



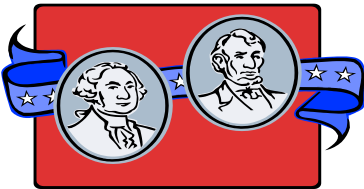
January 15 **Martin Luther King**
(Monday)



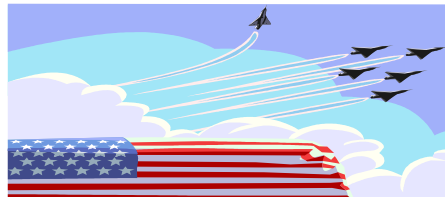
October 8 **Columbus Day**
(Monday)



February 19 **President's Day**
(Monday)



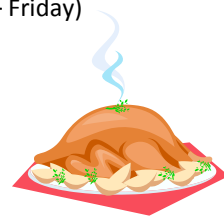
November 12 **Veterans Day (Observed)**
(Friday)



May 28 **Memorial Day**
(Monday)



November 22 - 23 **Thanksgiving**
(Thursday - Friday)



July 4 **Independence Day**
(Wednesday)



December 24 - 25 **Christmas Holiday**
(Monday - Tuesday)



CANADIAN 2018 NATIONAL HOLIDAYS - OFFICES CLOSED

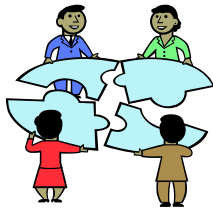
January 1 **New Year's Day**
(Monday)



August 6 **Civic Holiday (Provincial)**
(Monday)



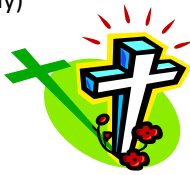
February 19 **Family Day (Provincial)**
(Monday)



September 3 **Labor Day**
(Monday)



March 30 **Good Friday**
(Friday)



October 8 **Thanksgiving Day**
(Monday)



April 2 **Easter Monday (QC)**
(Monday)



November 12 **Remembrance Day**
(Monday Observance)



May 21 **Victoria Day**
(Monday)



December 25 **Christmas Holiday**
(Tuesday)



July 2 **Canada Day**
(Monday Observance)



December 26 **Boxing Day (ON)**
(Wednesday)



IFTA, INC. WEBSITE

By: Tom King, webmaster (tking@iftach.org)

Reminder Send us your Sample Decals!

If you wish to have your jurisdiction's Decals for 2018 displayed on the IFTA, Inc. website please send them to me soon!

The Decals are displayed on the Carriers web page, the Decal shows up after they select their base jurisdiction. That's if we have a current Decal on file.

<https://www.iftach.org/carriers/>

So far about 15 jurisdictions have sent in their 2018 Decals.

You can scan and send your Decal to me tking@iftach.org or you can mail them to:

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IFTA Reports

On January 2, 2018 the following reports will be open for data entry on the secure area of the IFTA, Inc. website.

Annual Report

General Report

Audit Report

Biodiesel Information

Vehicle Exemptions

Fuel Exemptions

Distance Exemptions

Other Exemptions

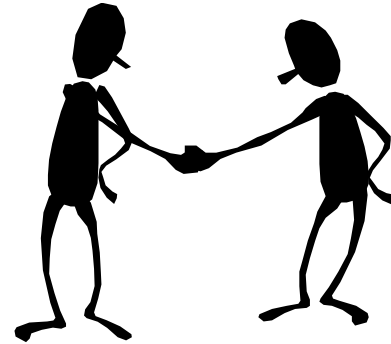
The Annual Report needs to be completed before March 1, 2018. The rest of the reports can be updated as needed throughout the year.

If you have any questions or issues email me at tking@iftach.org or call me at 480.226.0981.





IFTA *Comings and Goings*



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If your jurisdiction experiences any changes please be certain to visit the IFTA, Inc. website, login, and update your jurisdiction's communication list. If you need assistance with how to do this please contact Tom King at tking@iftach.org. The below jurisdictions have made changes to their Jurisdiction Communication Lists (JCL) since November 15, 2017:

British Columbia
Connecticut

Iowa
Kansas

Ontario
Quebec

Washington
West Virginia

Wisconsin





EVENTS

2018

**Motor Fuel Tax Section
Uniformity Meeting**
January 19 – 20
San Antonio, Texas

1Q IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
January 23 – 25
Chandler, Arizona

IFTA Attorneys' Meeting
February 13 – 14
Chandler, Arizona

IFTA/IRP Audit Workshop
February 13 – 15
Chandler, Arizona

FTA Compliance Workshop
(Government Only)
February 25 – 28
New Orleans, Louisiana

CVSA Workshop
April 8 – 12
Portland, Oregon

**FTA Motor Fuel Tax Section
Uniformity Meeting**
April 20 – 21
Portsmouth, Virginia

2Q IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
April 24 - 25
Chandler, Arizona

**Motor Fuel Tax Section
Pacific Region**
April 29 – May 1
Jackson, Wyoming

IRP Annual Meeting
April 30 – May 2
New Orleans, Louisiana

FTA Annual Meeting
June 3 – 6
Nashville, Tennessee

**Motor Fuel Tax Section
Southern Region**
June 10 – 12
Montgomery, Alabama

**Motor Fuel Tax Section
Midwestern Region**
July 10 – 12
Overland Park, Kansas

SEATA Annual Meeting
July 23 – 26
Boston, Massachusetts

**MultiState Tax Commission
Annual Meeting**
July 23 – 26
Boston, Massachusetts

Annual IFTA Business Meeting
August 15 – 16
Tempe, Arizona

MSATA Annual Meeting
August 19 – 22
Kansas City, Missouri

AAMVA Annual International Conference
August 21 – 23
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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NESTOA Annual Meeting

September 16 – 19
Baltimore, Maryland

WSATA Annual Meeting

September 23 – 26
Austin, Texas

Revenue Estimation and Tax Research Conference

October 6 – 10
San Diego, California

4Q IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting

October 23 – 24
Chandler, Arizona



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1Q IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting

January 29 – 30
Chandler, Arizona

FTA Compliance Workshop

February 10 – 13
San Diego, California

2Q IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting

April 23 – 24
Chandler, Arizona

FTA Annual Meeting

June 23 – 26
Indianapolis, Indiana

Annual IFTA Business Meeting

August 14 - 15
Raleigh, North Carolina

4Q IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting

October 22 – 23
Chandler, Arizona

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FTA Annual Meeting

June 14 - 17
Providence, Rhode Island

Annual IFTA Business Meeting

August 12 - 13
Tempe, Arizona