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TAX RATES

Jurisdictions have until Thursday, June 1, 2017, to verify or amend their tax rate data for the **2Q17** matrix. Currently, no new tax rates have been entered. 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.

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!

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Upcoming IFTA Meetings

The **Annual IFTA Business Meeting** is currently being planned by IFTA, Inc. and the IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees. For registration information keep your eye on our website. If you have any issues or concerns that would be a good Town Hall topic, or regional breakout discussion, please forward these to either your Board Liaison or IFTA, Inc.

The **IFTA/IRP Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop** will be held September 26 – 28 at the Sheraton Salt Lake City hotel in Salt Lake City, UT. For more information regarding this IRP, Inc. hosted event you may visit either the IFTA, Inc. website or go directly to the IRP, Inc. website for event details. Registration opens in June on the IRP, Inc. website.

Sponsorship Opportunities

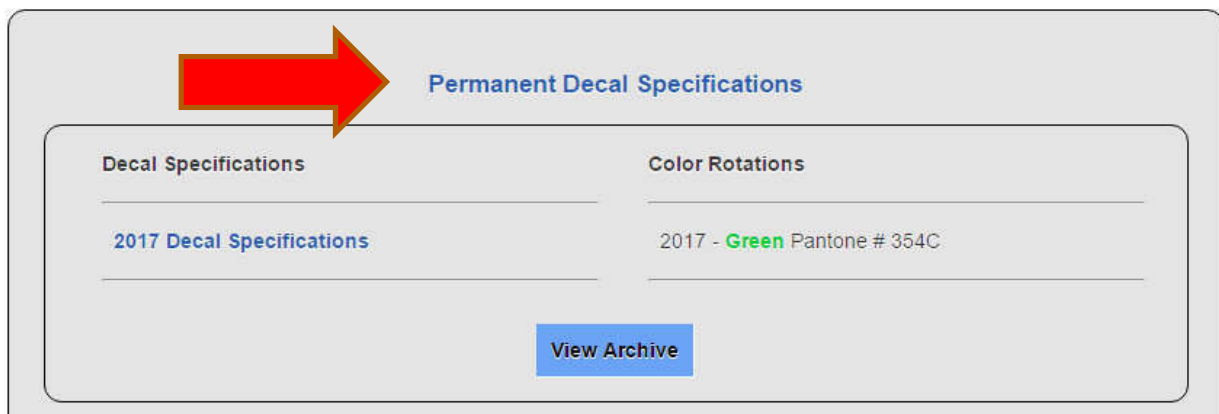
Sponsorship Opportunities are **available** for the **2017 IFTA Annual Business Meeting**. This opportunity affords your company the chance to intermix with our members and display your company's product. If you are a service provider to our member jurisdictions, or are a new company looking for a way to meet, greet, and interact with future clientele, we invite you to sponsor a Networking Event at our upcoming meeting. As always, we thank you for your continued support and look forward to your sponsorship.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Debora Meise, our Senior Director, at dmeise@iftach.org or by calling her at 480.748.5763.

Decal Specifications

Many of you have been asking about the 2018 Decal Specifications. Click on Permanent Decal Specifications top download the specifications.

Decal Specifications



Permanent Decal Specifications

Decal Specifications	Color Rotations
2017 Decal Specifications	2017 - Green Pantone # 354C

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NOTES from the BOARD

The IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees (Board) held its Second Quarter 2017 Board Meeting April 25 – 26. All nine Board members were in attendance. Mr. Chuck Ulm (MD), Board President, noted the absence of Ms. Lonette Turner, IFTA, Inc. CEO, due to personal reasons. All other IFTA, Inc. staff members were present for the meeting. In addition, Mr. Robert Pitcher (American Trucking Associations), Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) Steering Committee member, attended this meeting.

The Board reviewed and amended the 1Q17 Board Meeting minutes. The Board Actions by Email were also reviewed and approved as presented. These actions covered the time period of January through March 2017. During a review of the Consent Agenda the Board approved Mr. Douglas Glanert (IL) to the Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) and Mr. Ronald Johnson Jr. (GA) to the Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC).

Mr. Jason DeGraf, Information Services Director, reported that Oklahoma successfully completed their data testing and is currently finalizing banking requirements to become a fully participating member of the IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse. IFTA, Inc. has also received requests from Nevada for additional web services. IFTA, Inc. continues to work with the Clearinghouse Advisory Committee (CAC) to review data errors received with transmittal reports. There are still seven jurisdictions transmitting with data errors. IFTA, Inc. continues to inform membership of any found data errors by daily email notifications. Referencing daily demographic uploads it was noted that only one jurisdiction is not uploading daily.

Ms. Amanda Koeller, IFTA, Inc. Comptroller, provided an update regarding funds netting. She reported that, while Illinois issued paper checks for the last funds netting cycle, all members received their funds. Ms. Koeller announced that the Bank of Canada recently changed when the daily rate exchange is published. As a result Quebec has drafted a new ballot proposal to address this issue.

CAC Board Liaison, Ms. Cindy Arnold (NV), presented the committee request to extend Mr. Ron Hester's (ON), term as Chair. The Board approved the request and Mr. Hester's term was extended for another two-year term.

IFTA, Inc. Webmaster, Mr. Tom King, provided a demonstration of the IFTA, Inc. website and reviewed the changes that have been made. The security certificate was renewed so that all the information on the website is encrypted and secured. Tutorials are being drafted that will aid users to maneuver around the website as well as training manuals. The Board recommended a section on the home web page that identifies a training area so users can more readily identify where such manuals and tutorials are located.

Ms. Koeller informed the Board that IFTA, Inc. remains financially sound. Discussion was had regarding the sale of the building. It was noted that commercial real estate was in a downswing and that the contract with the realtor is subject for renewal June 1. The Board was not in favor of reducing the price of the building at this time.

The Board held a conference call with the IFTA committee chairs. Those present on the call represented the Agreement Procedures Committee (APC), Audit Committee (AC), CAC, DRC, IAC, LEC, Attorneys' Section Steering Committee (ASSC), Dual Fuel Working Group (DFWG), Electronic Credentials Working Group (ECWG), Program Compliance Review Committee (PCRC) and the Program Compliance Working

Group (PCWG). Mr. Ulm thanked all of the committee chairs and representatives for their participation and acknowledged all the work and time that the committee members volunteer.

Mrs. Debora Meise, Senior Director, provided an update on the Program Compliance Reviews. IFTA, Inc. continues to work with the PCRC and the PCWG on finalizing the 2016 Canadian reviews. Arizona's review has been completed and four other reviews in the Midwest region being reviewed in 2017 are currently underway.

Mr. Rick LaRose (CT), Board Liaison to the PCRC and PCWG, reported on the April meeting of the committee and working group. The purpose of the meeting was to review and update the Program Compliance Review Guide as a result of IFTA Full Track Final Ballot Proposal 3-2014. It is the intention of the committees to participate on the regional Board conference calls to update membership on the changes to the guide prior to the Annual IFTA Business Meeting. Additionally, they will reach out to their jurisdictional contacts following the business meeting to ensure that all membership is updated and understanding of the changes to the process and guide.

The IFTA Meeting update was offered by Mrs. Tammy Trinker, Office & Events Administrator. Reporting on the 2017 IFTA/IRP Audit Workshop, Mrs. Trinker informed the Board that 214 persons attended this workshop. Of this total 130 members represented 45 different jurisdictions and 74 attendees represented 52 industry or general public affiliations. Following the workshop, 46 surveys were received from the attendees with the majority indicating an excellent or good overall experience.

Two face-to-face committee meetings were held in Chandler, Arizona. In early February, the CAC met and the PCRC and PCWG met in early April.

The registration fees for the 2017 Annual IFTA Business Meeting were also reviewed. IFTA, Inc. has established these fees at \$455 for non-voting jurisdiction members, \$515 for public and private sector attendees, and \$800 for exhibitors. Sponsorship continues to be permitted at the meeting and those companies interested must contact IFTA, Inc. On-line registration will be available by May 19.

Reviewing future meeting events in 2018, Mrs. Trinker informed the Board that negotiations are underway for a local hotel to host the Attorneys' Meeting and IFTA/IRP Audit Workshop. Other local hotels will also be contacted regarding the hosting of the 2018 Annual IFTA Business Meeting. Discussion was had regarding the 2018 quarterly Board meetings. IFTA, Inc. will hold any negotiations until the Board has agreed upon the number of meetings and rotation for 2018.

Mrs. Meise reviewed the 2017 ballots with the Board. Currently, IRP, Inc. has three ballots for 2017. IRP proposed ballot 2017.01 regarding uncollectable accounts, 2017.02 references an electronic image of cab cards, and 2017.03 addresses inadequate records and unreported jurisdictions' assessments.

The five 2017 IFTA ballots include 01-2017 which addresses the display of decals for short-term motor vehicle rentals, 02-2017 requiring jurisdictions to record and upload serialized IFTA decals issued to carriers, 03-2017 references the conversion rate from Canadian to US dollars on transmittal reports, 04-2017 requires membership to upload full demographics data on a daily basis for each business day, and 05-2017 requiring jurisdictions to accept electronic images of IFTA licenses and temporary decals in place of paper, at the option of the licensee. All five IFTA ballots are full track ballots.

The Board reviewed the recent Regional Jurisdictional Board Liaison calls. It was opined that these calls were very important and highly attended. These calls also aid in fostering better relations between the Board and membership.

An in-depth review of the 2017 Annual IFTA Business Meeting preliminary agenda was also conducted by the Board. A pre-information packet is scheduled to be released to the IFTA, Inc. website in early May.

Mr. Josh Waitz, Chase Investments, presented the IFTA, Inc. portfolio. IFTA, Inc. has a diversified portfolio which continues to meet the requirements set by the Board. Mr. Waitz further observed that the portfolio is strong for the organization's goals and objectives.

The Board reviewed the Strategic Plan. In consideration of a Board Training Session, IFTA, Inc. was asked to research the possibility for this training during the 4Q17 Board meeting. Following the open discussions the Board went into a closed session for the purpose of reviewing the fiscal year budget for 2017-2018. At the end of their discussions in closed session, the Second Quarter 2017 IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees meeting was adjourned.

IFTA, INC. WEBSITE

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

Committee Updates

The Meeting Minutes for the following committees have been posted on their Committee Pages.

Audit Committee
Agreement Procedures Committee
Board of Trustees
Law Enforcement Committee

Message Board Update

I updated the software that handles file uploads on the Message Board. This update lets you name the link of the file you've uploaded. When you upload the file type in the name of what you want to call the file in the dialog box. If you have already uploaded files you can use this tool to rename those links also. Instructions with screen shots can be found on the Message Board.

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

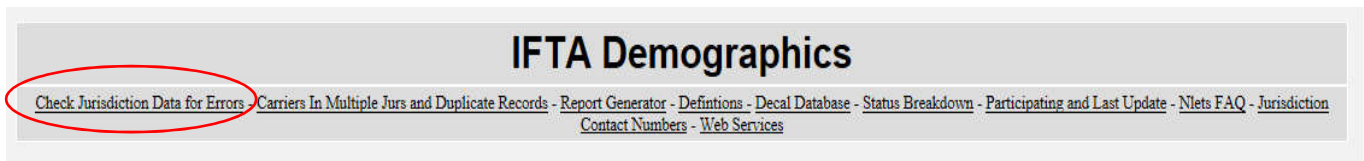
IFTA Clearinghouse Corner

Brenda Wells - IFTA Clearinghouse Advisory Committee Member

How's my data? New tools make it easy to ensure quality demographic data!

Demographic data is used by member jurisdictions as well as our law enforcement partners and is an integral part of ensuring safe travels for all by being timely, accurate, understandable, and easily retrieved. Standardization of critical data elements, those most important to users, is used to ensure uniformity for those who make decisions based on that data. Mandatory demographic data fields must meet the definition as outlined for a jurisdiction to be compliant with the IFTA Agreement, but even more critically, to ensure quality data for users. Click **Definitions, Demographic Definitions** to access the data field definition chart from the IFTA Demographics main page.

New tools are also available from the IFTA Demographics main page that make it easier than ever for jurisdictions to know if they have any nonconforming data in these mandatory fields. Click **the Check Jurisdiction Data for Errors** link to check them out!



These reports help determine if there is a data issue quickly and easily. The first four report options relate to a mandatory demographic data field(s). Simply look above the report name and see if your jurisdiction is listed. If your jurisdiction appears, then data conformity issues exist. Choose your jurisdiction from the drop down menu for the report needed and click **Search**. Results will display. **Please note - search results are limited to 1000 records so actual errors may be greater.** Your jurisdiction should also be receiving automatic email notifications when demographic data issues are noted. Full data uploads may help resolve errors. Please remember to coordinate any data upload changes with Jason DeGraf.

Accurate, timely, understandable, and retrievable data is **TRUSTED** data!

This tool will help you find incorrect data.

Jurisdictions with a Carrier ID Length Error
MSIDLlength NMIDLlength WAIDLlength

Check for TaxPayer ID's that don't meet the 9 Digit Minimum Length. Alabama - AL	Search
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Jurisdictions with Letters in the Carrier ID Number
NMIDLletters NYIDLletters OHIDLletters SKIDLletters WVIDLletters

Check for TaxPayer ID's that contain a letter(s) in the first 9 digits. Alabama - AL	Search
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Jurisdictions using an incorrect status type:
W1status

Check for Status Types that are not A, R, C or S. Alabama - AL	Search
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Jurisdictions using an incorrect date format:

Check for Status and Licensing date. Alabama - AL	Search
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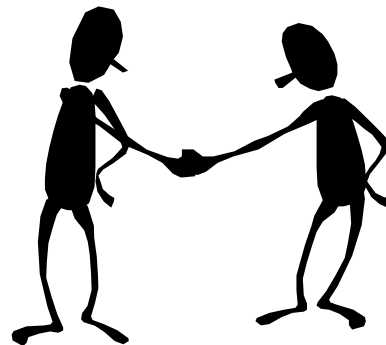
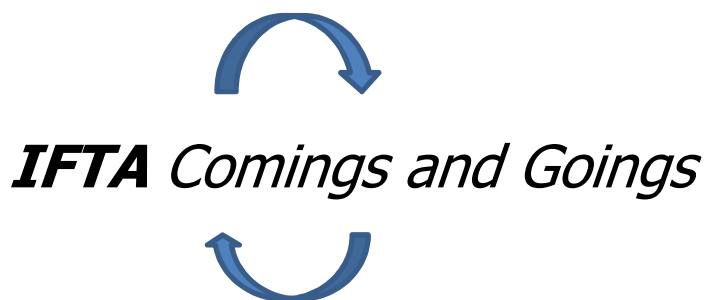
Check for Duplicate Names in a Jurisdiction. Duplicate names are not in error on the Clearinghouse. This search is just for reference. Alabama - AL	Search
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WELCOME MARIA!

Please give a warm welcome to our newest employee, Maria Coronado. As many of you know, Patricia Platt retired from her position as Program Compliance Administrator at the end of March of this year. Maria came to us as a temporary employee to help us through the transition time. She did a terrific job for us doing the things that needed to be done while others focused on making sure the program compliance reviews continued on as planned.

After a while, we knew that Maria could help us out on many things including the program compliance reviews. We no longer have the Program Compliance Administrator position. That position was changed to Membership Services Officer. Not only will be Maria be assisting on the program compliance reviews, but she will be assisting the membership with travel, committees, dues invoices, annual reports, etc.

We are sure you are going to find that Maria will provide excellent customer service and assistance where needed. Maria can be reached at mcoronado@iftach.org.



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 following jurisdictions have updated the Jurisdiction Communication List (JCL) in some manner since *April 15, 2017*. Please visit their JCL on the secure website to ensure that you are working with the most current information for these jurisdictions:

British Columbia
Vermont

Texas
West Virginia



EVENTS

2017

IRP Annual Meeting

May 16 – 18
Tempe, Arizona

Nlets Annual Business Meeting

June 20,- 21
Estes Park, Colorado

Annual IFTA Business Meeting

August 9 - 10
Chandler, Arizona

Motor Fuels Uniformity Meeting

September 21 – 23
Peoria, IL

Motor Fuels Annual Conference

September 24 – 27
Peoria, IL

IFTA/IRP Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop

September 26 – 28
Salt Lake City, UT

4Q IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting

October 24 - 25
Chandler, Arizona

2018

IFTA/IRP Audit Workshop

February 13 – 15
Chandler, Arizona

IFTA Attorneys' Meeting

February 13 – 14
Chandler, Arizona

CVSA Workshop

April 8-12, 2018
Portland, Oregon

AAMVA Annual International Conference

August 21-23, 2018
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

