

Sales Tax Filing Updates

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- Amends ORC Sec. 5739.12 (A)(1)
 - Returns shall be filed electronically using OBG, Ohio Telefile, or any other electronic means prescribed by the tax commissioner (eForms).

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- Effective Date is 1/1/09
 - Monthly Filers: 1st required electronic filing is 2/23/09
 - Semi-annual filers: 1st required electronic filing is 7/23/09

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- Addition of ORC Sec. 5739.12 (A)(2)
 - Allows the tax commissioner to excuse a person from electronic filing and, upon approval, allow returns to be filed by paper.
 - Vendors can request to be excused from electronic filing by completing Form ST OOR, Opt Out Request Form for Electronic Filing of Sales Tax
 - Vendor will receive an approval or denial letter

Sales & Use Tax Electronic Filing Options



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Out through the red tape! **File your income tax return electronically** and receive your refund within days.



Sales tax vendors: Electronic filing becomes mandatory in 2009. Choose the **sales tax filing system** that best suits the needs of your business.



Businesses can use the **Ohio Business Gateway** to file electronically, register and make payments.

Sales Tax Electronic Filing

The way businesses file sales tax returns in Ohio is changing. Starting in 2009, all vendors – regardless of sales volume – will be required to file electronically rather than on paper.

The first mandatory electronic return is due Feb. 29, 2009 for monthly filers and on July 23, 2009 for semi-annual filers. But all businesses can get a head start by choosing to file electronically now.

For business owners, electronic filing cuts down on paperwork and postage costs. For state government, each electronic return saves a dollar or two in processing costs – and if you think about it, the taxpayer dollars saved are nearly years.

The Ohio Department of Taxation now offers three ways to file a sales tax return electronically. See below for the option that best suits the needs of your business.

Still not sure? Check out a [detailed, point-by-point comparison](#) of each sales tax filing method.



The **Ohio Business Gateway** is a one-stop shop for common state government transactions including the filing of sales tax returns. The Business Gateway empowers business owners by permitting electronic check and credit card transactions to be post dated until payment is actually due. And to make the filing of sales tax returns more efficient for businesses and practitioners, the Ohio Business Gateway is adding new file upload and full UST-1 filing capabilities that will cut down or eliminate on-line data entry.

The next generation of sales and use tax forms is **eforms**, through the Department of Taxation's innovative eForms technology, business operators can complete Adobe Acrobat versions of Ohio's universal sales and use tax forms, much as they would on paper. By using EForms, taxpayers have the option of making payment by credit card, electronic check, or paper check.

A tried and true method of electronic filing is by touch-tone telephone. If you are a small business owner with a regular (single county) vendor's license, Ohio's **TeleFile** system may be for you. TeleFile users may remit payment by credit card or electronic check. To access the sales tax TeleFile system, call **(800) 697-0440**.



Comparing Sales Tax Filing Options

	TeleFile	OBG	eForms
Registration Required?	No (but need TIN)	Yes	Yes
Methods of Filing	Submit data using a touch-tone phone keypad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 UST-1 via OBG 2 File Upload 3 Full UST-1 via file upload 	Key data into Adobe Acrobat for UST-1 or UUT-1. Form can be saved to computer and submitted to ODT
Methods of Paying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Credit Card 2 ACH Debit 3 ACH Credit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Credit Card 2 ACH Debit 3 ACH Credit 4 Paper Check w/ coupon Coming Soon! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Credit Card 2 ACH Debit 3 ACH Credit 4 Paper Check with payment coupon
Tax Practitioner Service	None	Coming Soon! File returns & make payment with single sign-on	File returns & make payment with single sign-on
Vendor Restrictions	Limited to single-county	None	None
Additional Services	Accelerated payments Cancel vendor accounts	Pay bills & assessments Accelerated payments Defer payments File amended return Obtain/cancel license	File amended return Defer payments Cancel vendor's license
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