

# FORM FGR-615 Instructions

## Fuel Tax and Petroleum Distributor Licensing Fee Tax Return

### General Information

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### Fuel Tax

#### Fuel Tax Rates

Fuel Tax is paid by retail sellers of the following:

- Heating oil, propane, kerosene, and other dyed diesel fuel delivered to a business or residence at the rate of \$0.02 per gallon
- Natural gas and coal at the rate of 0.75% (0.0075) of the retail sales
- Electricity, at the rate of 0.5% (0.005) of retail sales

#### Which deliveries must be reported?

Retailers with multiple locations in the state of Vermont must use their total combined sales from all locations. Out-of-state fuel retailers making deliveries into Vermont are required to pay the fuel tax on their Vermont sales.

#### Which deliveries are exempt?

The following sales by a fuel seller are *not* subject to the fuel tax:

- Sales for resale.
- Sales of heating oil, kerosene, or other dyed diesel fuel where delivery is taken at the pump of the fuel oil dealer.
- Delivery of fuel by a Vermont seller to an out-of-state address

#### Documenting Exempt Sales

Records must be maintained clearly identifying sales to customers claiming a purchase for resale.

The Fuel Tax is on the seller and not the customer. Act 134 of 2016 allows for itemization of the tax, starting January 1, 2017. Until then, fuel sellers cannot itemize the tax. However, they may include the following statement on their bills: **“The amount of this bill includes the Vermont Fuel Tax, originally enacted in 1990, for support of Vermont’s Low Income Home Weatherization Program.”** Additional information about itemization can be found on our website.

**Special Note:** Sellers of fuels shall be entitled to recovery of an increase in the fuel tax, from the effective date of that increase. The manner of recovery shall be approved by the Vermont Public Service Board. For further information, call the Vermont Public Service Board at (802) 828-2358.

### Petroleum Distributor Licensing Fee

A one cent per gallon Licensing Fee for heating oil, kerosene and other dyed diesel is imposed on every seller for the retail sale of heating oil, kerosene or other dyed diesel fuel delivered to a business or residence.

The revenue collected from this fee will be deposited into the petroleum cleanup fund to fund cleanup and restoration of contaminated soil and groundwater caused by releases of petroleum from storage tanks and to pay third party claims for compensation.

The Licensing Fee has been extended, and will now terminate on April 1, 2021.