

# Liquor-by-the-Drink Tax Notice

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# Liquor-by-the-Drink Price Schedule

#### **New LBD Price Schedule Available**

Everyone licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises must file a liquor-by-the-drink (LBD) price schedule of the alcoholic beverages that they offer for sale. The Department of Revenue has worked with industry taxpayers to simplify and modernize the price schedule, which is available on the Department's website. Taxpayers must file an initial price schedule with the filing of their first LBD tax return and at least annually thereafter, in the same month they began filling for LBD tax.<sup>1</sup>

Taxpayers may amend the price schedule during the year if they need to report significant changes occurring during the year.

# The New Price Schedule Is Simplified

In the past, the price schedule required a list of every individual drink the taxpayer sold as well as detailed information about each drink. The taxpayer was also required to file an amended price schedule with the Department each time there was any change in drink prices.

The new report requests basic information from the taxpayer, including the pour and selling price information. The pour and selling price information is no longer required to be submitted on a per drink basis, with detail about each drink. Instead, taxpayers may group different drinks with the same selling price and pour size together.

# In Addition to Submitting the Price Schedule Report, Taxpayers May Submit Either Their Own Records or Use the New Standard Price Schedule Form

All taxpayers must submit a Price Schedule Report. Taxpayers also must submit pour and selling price information in one of two ways.

First, the taxpayer may provide the information from its own records and point-of-sale system, such as a product mix report.

Or, if the taxpayer cannot generate the required information from its system, then the Department has a Standard Price Schedule Form that the taxpayer can complete and submit.

## How to Submit the New Price Schedule<sup>2</sup>

Taxpayers must submit the price schedule electronically through their Tennessee Taxpayer Access Point (TNTAP) account. This is done by:

- 1) selecting the "Liquor-by-the-Drink Tax" account:
- 2) under "Recent Periods," selecting the period that says "Multiple Returns";
- 3) selecting "File Now" by the Standard Price Schedule Form;
- 4) entering all required information for the electronic Price Schedule Report;
- 1. Updated to clarify the initial price schedule is filed with the filing of the first LBD tax return and annually thereafter, in the same month.
- 2. This section was changed to reflect the current requirement to electronically file the LBD price schedule through TNTAP.

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- 5) selecting yes or no if a Price Schedule file is being uploaded; and
- 6) entering the information manually or selecting "Add" to attach a document.

# More Desk Audits Will Be Conducted, Requiring Less Work from Taxpayers

The Department will use the information provided by the taxpayer to calculate average pour sizes and prices. These averages may be used to conduct desk audits, which are less time consuming for the auditor and frequently eliminate any need to contact the taxpayer for any additional information.

## **For More Information**

Visit <u>www.tn.gov/revenue</u>. Click on Revenue Help to search for answers or to submit an information request to one of our agents.

## References

TENN. COMP. R. & REGS. 1320-04-02-.05(1); TENN. COMP. R. & REGS. 1320-04-02-.06