

Important Notice

International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) Renewal 1999 Licenses and Decals

To: Law Enforcement Agencies
District Attorneys
Executive Officials of Municipalities
Judges, Magistrates, Town Justices and Village Justices

New IFTA licenses and decals for 1999 will be issued by the various IFTA member jurisdictions for use beginning December 1998. **The color of the 1999 IFTA decals will be green with white lettering.**

All 1998 IFTA licenses and decals will expire on December 31, 1998. However, in order to allow carriers ample opportunity for compliance, the 1998 IFTA licenses and decals may continue to be displayed through February 1999. The carriers must display a 1999 license and decals by March 1, 1999. Therefore, during the period December 1, 1998, through February 28, 1999, both the 1998 and 1999 IFTA licenses and decals will be valid.

On or after March 1, 1999, a carrier operating a qualified motor vehicle without a valid 1999 IFTA license and decals may be issued a citation under section 181 5(a)(1)(A)(ii) of the Tax Law.

The issuance of 1999 IFTA licenses and decals does not affect New York fuel use tax trip permits. These permits are valid for the 72-hour period shown on the permit.

Note: Generally, vehicles subject to the International Fuel Tax Agreement and the highway use tax must have both an IFTA license and decals and a HUT/AFC permit and sticker to operate in New York State. For information concerning exemptions from the highway use tax or from the fuel use tax, see Publication 529, *Guide for Law Enforcement Officials*. To get a copy of Publication 529, see *Need Help?* below.

Need Help?

Telephone Assistance is available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:25 p.m. (eastern time), Monday through Friday. **For business tax information and forms**, call the Business Tax Information Center at 1 800 972-1233. **For general information**, call toll free 1 800 225-5829. **To order forms and publications**, call toll free 1 800 462-81 00. **From areas outside the U.S. and outside Canada**, call (518) 485-6800.

Fax-on-Demand Forms Ordering System - Most forms are available by fax 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call toll free from the U.S. and Canada 1 800 748-3676. You must use a Touch Tone phone to order by fax. A fax code is used to identify each form.

Internet Access - <http://www.tax.state.ny.us>
Access our website for forms, publications, and information.

Hotline for the Hearing and Speech Impaired - If you have access to a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you can get answers to your New York State tax questions by calling toll free from the U.S. and Canada 1 800 634-2110. Assistance is available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. (eastern time), Monday through Friday. If you do not own a TDD, check with independent living centers or community action programs to find out where machines are available for public use.

Persons with Disabilities - In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, we will ensure that our lobbies, offices, meeting rooms, and other facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. If you have questions about special accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call the information numbers listed above.

Mailing Address - If you need to write, address your letter to: NYS Tax Department, Taxpayer Assistance Bureau, W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227.