

# Natural Disaster Tax Relief Notice

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# Tax Filing Extensions: December 2023 Severe Storms & Tornadoes

# **Federally Declared Disaster Areas**

Under Tennessee law, the Commissioner is authorized to extend the deadline for filing a return whenever the IRS extends, for a group of taxpayers, a federal filing date. Under this authority, the state extension cannot exceed the federal extension.

#### **Franchise and Excise Tax**

Consistent with the IRS's decision to extend federal deadlines for those businesses located in a designated disaster area related to the December 9<sup>th</sup> storms, the Department of Revenue (the "Department") has extended the franchise and excise tax filing and payment deadlines to June 17, 2024. This extension applies to all taxpayers located in any disaster area designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"). Currently this includes Davidson, Dickson, Montgomery, and Sumner counties, but taxpayers located in areas later designated as disaster areas will automatically receive the same filing and payment extension.

This tax relief postpones the franchise and excise tax filing and payment deadlines that occur starting December 9, 2023. Affected businesses and individuals will have until June 17, 2024, to file returns and make any payments (including quarterly estimated payments) originally due during this period.

The Department will automatically apply these extensions to franchise and excise tax accounts of taxpayers with a primary address on record with the Department in the designated disaster area. Penalties and interest will not be applied to returns filed and payments made on or before this extended due date. These extensions will not alter due dates or extend due dates that otherwise fall after June 17,

2024. An affected taxpayer should contact the Department if it receives a late filing or late payment penalty notice from the Department.

# Sales and Use Tax, Business Tax, and Other Taxes

Although these extensions cannot be applied automatically, the Department will approve, on a case-by-case basis, extension requests from taxpayers who are unable to file returns for other taxes because of the impact of the December storms.

## **Requesting Extensions**

Requests should include the business name, entity ID or Tennessee account number, business location, and a brief description of the loss. We have set up a dedicated email account for expedited service of these requests: Revenue.DisasterExtension@tn.gov.

#### **Tax Practitioners**

Extensions may be granted if taxpayers' returns are prepared by a practitioner located in the designated disaster area who is unable to file returns or make payments for clients due to the severe storms and tornadoes. Affected tax professionals should contact the Department.

### **For More Information**

For more information visit <a href="https://www.tn.gov/revenue">www.tn.gov/revenue</a> or contact us at (615) 253-0600.

### References

Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-1-114

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