



Sales Tax WebFile

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Introduction

Welcome to the North Dakota Sales Tax WebFile service! WebFile is a free web-based program for filing, paying, and viewing North Dakota sales and use tax returns. The purpose of this guideline is to explain the features and advantages of WebFile, instruct users how to register on-line and use the system, and provide instructions that explain each line of the sales and use tax return.

Eligible Users. Any business or individual that holds a valid North Dakota sales and use tax permit is eligible to WebFile. If you have not yet registered for a sales and use tax permit, you must apply and receive your sales tax permit before you register for WebFile. To apply for a sales and use tax permit, go to www.ndtaxdepartment.com and click on **Sales and Use** > **forms** on the left hand side of the page. Then click on *Sales/Use Tax Permit and Income Tax Withholding Application*.

Advantages of WebFile. The following WebFile features will help make filing your sales tax returns on-line easier and more efficient than paper:

- Availability: You can register for WebFile, file sales tax returns, and view previously filed returns 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Access: All returns that filed over the past six years, including returns filed on paper, are available to view on-line.
- Upload Capability: All return data, including local tax information, may be uploaded directly into WebFile in an XML format so you don't need to spend time keying data into your return. If you use a software product to generate your sales tax returns, check with your software vendor to see if an XML export feature is available.
- Electronic payment: Return payment may be submitted by ACH Debit, ACH Credit, credit card, or check. See payment methods below for a description of each method.
- Login ID: WebFile uses North Dakota's Login ID system, which allows you to use the same ID and password for other Internet services provided the Tax Commissioner's Office and other state agencies. The Login ID provides you the ability to identify and control which employees or outside professionals have access to your sales tax returns.
- Security: WebFile uses Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) encryption technology to ensure your information is secure and protected.
- Automatic calculations: All calculations are performed by the system to create error freereturns. In addition, by viewing the system, you will always know which returns have been filed and the due date of any returns that need to be completed. When you file and pay electronically, there will never be a question of if or when a return or payment was submitted.
- Paper and postage: All registration and return filing is completed on-line. There is no more paper to shuffle, no postage to pay, and no mail delays to worry about.



Payment Methods

When you file sales tax returns by WebFile, you have the following payment options:

- ACH Debit. This is an electronic funds transfer transacted between your bank and our office. You choose the date you want the money withdrawn, up to the due date of the return. The tax due is transferred from your bank account on that date. This option is particularly convenient because you get to choose when the money is withdrawn, and you don't have to contact your bank or write a check. Best of all, our office pays the bank transaction fees.
- ACH Credit. Like the ACH Debit, this is an electronic funds transfer enacted by your bank and our office. The difference is that with the ACH Credit method, it will be your responsibility to contact your bank and initiate each payment. You will be responsible for paying all transaction fees charged by your bank. Please contact your bank to inquire about any fees. If you select ACH Credit as your payment method, you must file a prenote in the proper format before you may submit a return.
- Check or Credit Card. Check or credit card is considered one payment method for registration purposes; however, if you select this option, you determine at the time of each payment if you want to send a check or pay by credit card. If you choose to pay by check, you will print a voucher after the return has been submitted on-line. Your check must be mailed with the voucher on or before the due date of the return. If you choose to pay by credit card, after you submit your return, you will click a link to take you to a secure web site (Link2Gov) that will accept your credit card information for payment. Link2Gov will charge your credit card a convenience fee of 2.49 percent of the liability paid.

Navigating and Entering Data in WebFile

As you navigate through the WebFile system and enter data, please remember these tips:

- Use the buttons provided in the application (i.e., Continue, Edit, Save, etc.) to navigate. All application buttons are located at the bottom of each page. Do not use your browser's back and forward buttons.
- For your convenience, a Main Menu link and Logout link are located near the top of each page. Although these links will help you navigate quickly, you should click the Save or Finish Later button at the bottom of the page to avoid losing any recently entered data before you use these links.
- Do not enter dollar signs (\$) or commas (,). All information regarding sales, nontaxable sales, and items subject to use tax are entered in whole dollars and without a decimal point (.). Data entered for local option taxes and adjustments should be entered in dollars and cents.
- When filing a return, you may save your data at any time and return later to complete and submit the return.
- At any time, you may use the Previous or Continue buttons to move forward and backward within a return to edit your work.
- You may change your selected payment method at any time, but a few restrictions apply. If you select ACH Credit, you must file a prenote and the Tax Commissioner's Office must approve your request before you may make an ACH Credit payment. If you have submitted a return before the due date and payment has not yet been made, the new payment method will not apply for the return already submitted and not yet processed/paid.

Registration Process

Registration for WebFile is a quick three-step process: (1) Obtain a North Dakota Login ID, (2) Register permit to obtain authorization code, and (3) Complete registration by entering the permit number and authorization code.

Each person (user) that accesses the WebFile system must obtain a North Dakota Login ID (Step 1). Each permit must be registered on-line (Step 2) to allow users access to information regarding that permit. And, each user must complete registration for each permit they need to access (Step 3).

After a permit is registered in Step 2, the Tax Commissioner mails an authorization code to the individual registering the permit and to the mailing address the Tax Commissioner has on file. This step prevents any unauthorized user from registering a permit that he or she should not have access to. When the registration is completed in Step 3, only the user that registered the permit in Step 2 may use the authorization code mailed by the Tax Commissioner's Office. Any authorized user may obtain another authorization code on-line so that an additional user can complete registration (Step 3) and obtain access to that permit.

In addition, any authorized user may terminate another authorized user's access to a permit by selecting the View Authorized Users option on the main menu. This option allows a retailer to remove access to the system for outside professionals or employees that no longer should have access.

Step 1: North Dakota Login ID (Go to http://www.nd.gov/tax/salesanduse/elecfiling/ and click Access WebFile)



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Step 2: Register Sales Tax Permit (Go to <u>http://www.nd.gov/tax/salesanduse/elecfiling/</u> and click <u>Access</u> <u>WebFile</u>)



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Important Note: After you complete Step 2, Register Sales Tax Permit, an authorization code will be mailed to you at the mailing address we have on file for the permit you are registering. When you register for WebFile, please allow sufficient time (we recommend two weeks) for the authorization code to reach you by mail prior to the next return due date. If you do not receive an authorization code before the next return due date, you will be required to file paper returns for the current period.

Step 3: Complete Registration (Go to http://www.nd.gov/tax/salesanduse/elecfiling/ and click Access WebFile)

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Main Menu

Once a user has completed registration for a permit, that user may access all the features of WebFile from the Main Menu. Please note that the user ID of the person logged onto the system, the permit number and business name of the permit currently selected is always displayed near the top of the screen. By viewing this information, any user who is registered to access more than one permit will know which permit's information is currently being accessed.



Main Menu – Continued Select Sales Tax Return

Select Sales Tax Return. Click on this option to obtain a list of all returns that are available to file. Then click on the desired action for the tax period you wish to work with. You can save your work at any point in the process and complete it at a later time.

Action

Click <u>Start</u> to open a sales tax return if you will manually key in the return data.

Click Upload if you will automatically transfer your data from an XML file. Click Edit to open and complete a return that you already started, but saved before submitting it. Click Pay Now to print a voucher or to pay by credit card. This option is available only after a return has been submitted and only if you are registered to pay by check or credit card. Click View if you have submitted a return but discover you need to edit the return or payment information.

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Returns you have filed (either electronically or on paper) for the past six years will be available to view or print



Main Menu – Continued Select Permit

<u>Select Permit</u>. Click on this option to obtain a list of all permits for which you have completed registration.

To obtain access to a permit on WebFile, a user must first complete registration for the permit. This feature provides a high level of security to the system. When a user clicks on <u>Select Permit</u>, the system lists every permit that the user has access to. If a user has only one permit, this option will not be available.

Any authorized user may provide access to another user by obtaining an authorization code online (see <u>View Authorized</u> <u>Users</u>).



Main Menu – Continued View Payment Information

View Payment Information. Click on this option to view the method of payment you previously selected. If your current payment method is ACH Debit, the payment information page also displays information about the bank account from which you have authorized payment.

To change your method of payment, click Edit. On the Edit Payment Information page, select one of the other payment methods. If you select ACH Debit, you will also be asked to provide information about the bank account you want to make your payment from. To submit the change, click Update.

Important note: If you select ACH Credit, you must file a prenote before you can pay by credit.





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Main Menu – Continued Register New Permit

Register New Permit. Select this option to register another sales tax permit to WebFile. If you are at the Main Menu, you have already completed registration for at least one other permit.

The registration process for additional permits is the same process you completed for the original permit.

- A. Enter the permit number you want to register.
- B. Based on the name and address displayed, verify you have selected the correct permit.
- C. Enter your e-mail address and select a payment method. If you selected ACH Debit, also enter your bank account information.
- D. Click Submit.
- E. You will receive a confirmation page.
- F. An authorization code will be mailed to the mailing address on file at the Tax Commissioners Office.
- G. If you have more permits to register, click the <u>Register</u> another permit to WebFile link.

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Main Menu – Continued View Authorized Users

View Authorized Users. Click this option to view all users that are authorized to access WebFile for this permit. By selecting this option any authorized user may delete existing users or obtain an authorization code for a new user.

To authorize another user to access this permit, click the Obtain an authorization code for a new user link. WebFile will display a new authorization code that you may give to another user. The new user will need to (1) obtain a North Dakota Login ID (if he or she does not already have one), $(2) \log$ on to the WebFile system, and (3) enter the permit number and authorization code at the Complete Registration option. These steps will provide access to the new user for all WebFile functions for this permit.

To discontinue access for an authorized user, select the <u>Remove</u> link next to the user's name. The user's name will be displayed. To remove access for the user, click the <u>Remove</u> button. If you decide not to remove access for the user, select the <u>Cancel</u> button.

Important note: If you are the only authorized user and you click the <u>Remove</u> link by your name and then confirm that action by selecting the Remove button, the permit will no longer be registered for WebFile because there will be no authorized users.





Filing a Sales Tax Return Review Taxpayer Information

To file a sales tax return, click the <u>Select Sales Tax</u> <u>Return</u> option on the main menu.

- A. If this is the first time you have selected this return period, click <u>Start</u> (to enter the data manually) or <u>Upload</u> (to automatically load data from an XML file). If you have already opened this return, click <u>Edit</u>.
- B. If you selected <u>Upload</u>, you will be asked to enter the path and name of the file you want to upload.
 Enter the path and file name and click Continue.

Or

If you select <u>Start</u>, the return will open to the *Review Taxpayer Information* section.

- C. *Taxpayer Address*. Please verify the postal and e-mail addresses are correct. To correct addresses: click the Edit button, enter the correct information, and click the Save button.
- D. *Ownership Change*. If the business has changed ownership, enter the name, address and phone number of the new owner.
- E. *Final Return*. If this is a final return for this permit, click the check box and enter the last day of business for this location.
- F. *Corporate Officers*. If any of the corporate officers have changed please click the check box.

Click <u>Continue</u> button to continue the filing process.



Filing a Sales Tax Return – cont. Sales, Nontaxable Sales, and Purchases Information

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- If all your sales are subject to 5 percent tax, your return will have one column. If you also collect tax at another rate, your return will have two columns.
- A. *Total Sales*. Enter total sales for the period, including nontaxable sales, in the first line. If you have no sales, enter zero.
- B. *Nontaxable Sales*. Enter the amount of nontaxable sales for each category listed.
- C. *Items Subject to Use Tax.* On the bottom line of the page, enter the total cost of purchases on which you owe <u>North Dakota</u> use tax. (Local use tax due will be recorded in the *Local Option Sales and Use Taxes* section.)

Click <u>Continue</u> button to continue the filing process.

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Items Subject To Use Tax

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Sales for resale or processing

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Filing a Sales Tax Return - cont. Local Option Sales and Use Tax

The North Dakota 1 percent hotel/motel tax and all city and county sales and use taxes are reported in this section.

A. Add/Remove Locations. The first time you file a return for this permit, none of the locations will display on this page. If you have ND hotel/motel tax or local taxes to report, click the Add/Remove Locations button to select ND hotel/motel tax or the name of each location you need to report. Select the appropriate box(es) and click the Continue button at the bottom of the page. The Local **Option Sales and Use** Tax page will be updated with the locations you selected.



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Filing a Sales Tax Return – cont. Local Option Sales and Use Taxes - cont.

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Filing a Sales Tax Return – cont. Sales Tax Adjustments

Sales Tax Adjustments. If the Tax Commissioner's Office has issued this permit a credit for overpayment of tax, enter the amount of credit here. The adjustment will reduce the amount of tax due with the return.

Click Continue button to continue the filing process

Important Note: Credits must be approved by the Tax Commissioner's Office. Unauthorized credits are subject to assessment and applicable penalty and interest.

Return Summary and Payment Information

Return Summary. This section of the page displays various subtotals and the total due with the return, which has been calculated based on the information entered.

Payment Information.

The payment information reminds you of the payment method you have selected for this permit. If your payment method is ACH Debit, you will also be asked to verify the payment amount to be withdrawn from your bank account and the payment date. You may change the payment amount to any dollar value; however, you will be subject to penalty and interest if the return is not paid in full. You may also change the payment date to any date up to the due date of the return.

Click <u>Continue</u> button to continue the filing process





Filing a Sales Tax Return -cont. **Review/Submit Return**

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	Crosby	116	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00		
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	Wilton	184	5.00	0.00	0.00	5.00		
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Filing a Sales Tax Return –cont. Confirmation

Confirmation. After you submit the return, the next page will display a confirmation number and a brief statement reminding you about the payment method you have selected and the action you must take, if any, to pay the balance due with the return.

If you pay by ACH Debit, payment will be withdrawn from the bank account you identified during registration.

If you pay by ACH Credit, you must contact your back to initiate payment.

If you pay by check, the payment information will instruct you how to print the voucher that must be mailed with your check.

If you pay by credit card, click on the <u>Link2Gov</u> link to submit credit card and payment information.

You may also view and print from this page the return you just submitted.



Form ST - Sales and Use Tax Return Instructions General Instructions

Filing requirement. Every permit holder must file a return for each reporting period even if no sales were made or not tax is due.

Due dates. All returns are due the last day of the month following the reporting period. If the normal due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the return is due the next business day. To avoid penalty and interest, the WebFile return must be submitted and payment must be iniatiated by the due date.

Payment. Payment is iniatiated: on the ACH Debit withdrawal date specified on the return, when the ACH Credit payment is issued by the payor's bank, when credit card payment is submitted on-line to Link2Gov, or when the U.S. Postal Service postmarks the envelope mailing the check and voucher.

Tax Periods. Permit holders are assigned a filing schedule of monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual. Reporting periods are identified by the four-digit year plus one character. Monthly periods are identified as A (January) through L (December) and other periods are identified as 1 (ending March 31), 2 (ending June 30), 3 (ending September 30), or 4 (ending December 31). For example 2005A is January 2005 and 20054 is the fourth quarter of 2005 or a longer period ending December 31, 2005.

Specific Line Instructions

Calculations. WebFile makes all calculations on the return. Just enter or upload the data and let the system do the work.

One or two-column format. If you are registered to report sales or purchase activity at only the state's 5 percent general tax rate, your Form ST return will have only one column. If you report activity at two different state rates, your return will have two columns. If you report at two different state rates, use Column B to report 5 percent activity. Column A is for sales and purchases taxed at all other rates (except for rental of hotel, motel and tourist court accomodations – see below). North Dakota's sales tax rates are:

- 2 percent sales of natural gas.
- 3 percent sales of new farm machinery, new farm irrigation equipment, and new mobile homes.
- 7 percent sales of alcoholic beverages, both on and off sale.
- 5 percent all other taxable sales of tangible personal property, admissions, amusements, taxable services (steam, communications), and lease or rental of tangible personal property.

Hotel, motel, and tourist court accomodation rentals. From July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2007, the leasing or renting of hotel, motel or other tourist court accomodations for periods of less than 30 consecutive days, **excluding** bed and breakfast accomodations, are subject to state sales tax of 6 percent. Gross receipts from these rentals are reported in Column B with 5 percent activity. The additional 1 percent tax is reported in the local option tax section of the return under local code 600 (ND Hotel/Motel).

Total Sales. Enter total sales (rounded to whole dollars) but do not include the tax charged or collected. Out-of-state businesses should enter North Dakota sales only. If you did not have any sales for the period, you must enter zero.

Nontaxable Sales. Itemize each type of nontaxable sales (rounded to whole dollars) in the subcatagories listed under the Nontaxable Sales heading.

Items Subject to Use Tax. Enter the purchase price (rounded to whole dollars) of taxable goods and services purchased by you for your own use but on which you did not pay sales or use tax. If none, enter zero. Taxable purchases include goods purchased from out-of-state suppliers; resale goods taken out of inventory for use; items given away; machinery, equipment, materials or supplies purchased by a contractor or other service provider.

Local Option Sales and Use Tax. Enter all local tax amounts (and the 1 percent ND Hotel/Motel tax) in dollars and cents. Enter the total amount of tax due for each city, county, and the ND hotel/ motel tax. For local taxes, the tax due is equal to the amount of local sales or use tax you should have charged on sales made within the local jurisdiction plus any local use tax due on untaxed goods or services subject to use tax because they were stored, used or consumed within the local jurisdiction. For the ND hotel/motel tax, the tax is 1 percent of the gross reciepts from leasing or renting of hotel, motel or other tourist court accomodations subject to the state's 6 percent tax rate. Do not deduct compensation from the tax reported. The WebFile system will calculate and deduct all elegible compensation.

Sales Tax Adjustments. Enter the amount of tax credit authorized in a letter from the Office of State Tax Commissioner. Unauthorized credits will be assessed and are subject to penalty and interest for late payment.

Out of Business or Cancelling WebFile Registration Out of Business

The sales tax law requires a permit holder that is going out of business to file a final sales tax return within 15 days. If the return for the final reporting period is not present in the WebFile system, contact the Tax Commissioner's Office. Code the return as a final by checking the Final Return box and entering the last day of business. The final return data is in the *Review Taxpayer Information* section of the return. Also, please complete the *Change in Ownership* section, if applicable. The final step when going out of business is to cancel registration (see below).

Cancel WebFile Registration

If you are going out of business or for any reason want to file paper sales tax returns, you must cancel your WebFile registration for each permit. To cancel complete the following steps:

- Login to the WebFile system.
- On the Main Menu, select View Authorized Users.
- In the Action column, click on remove. (**Important Note**: if there is more than one user, you must remove all other users before you remove your own user name.)
- On the Remove Authorized Users page, click the Remove button.

When you click on the Remove button for the last user, you will no longer be registered for WebFile and you will be returned to the Login ID page.

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