

Sales Tax - Failure to File

What happens if I fail to file my sales tax return?

If you do not submit your state sales tax return on time or if it is not postmarked on or before the due date for the specific tax filing period for which the return is due, you must pay a 10 percent penalty of the tax due plus interest and penalty interest. Interest and penalty interest owed would be according to the current statutory rate. The taxpayer who fails to file also forfeits the service or vendor's fee for that period.

Failure to file a return at all can result in a non-filer notice being sent billing for estimated amount due. Further delay in filing the return will result in a "Warrant of Distraint," which gives the Department of Revenue the authority to seize your business and sell assets to satisfy your tax debt. An accurate return and payment should be filed to void the non-filer notice.

Even if a taxpayer had no taxable sales during a filing period, that taxpayer must still file a zero tax return. Zero returns may be filed on the regular paper sales tax coupon (return) or through the department's online [sales tax zero filing system](#).

See also [Penalty Interest](#).