



MAJOR TAXES ADMINISTERED BY THE WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

October 2005

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State General And Selective Sales Taxes

Brokered Natural Gas Tax (82.12.022)	Natural or manufactured gas consumed within the state which was not subject to public utility tax	3.852%	Paid by users on special brokered natural gas tax return
Cigarette Tax (82.24, 28A.47)	Sale, use, consumption, handling, or distribution of cigarettes	2.025 cents per package of 20 cigarettes	Distributors purchase tax stamps
Liquor Liter Tax (82.08.150) ¹	Sales of hard liquor (spirits)	\$2.44 per liter	Included in purchase price
Liquor Sales Tax (82.08.150) ¹	Sales of liquor and strong beer	Consumers, 20.5%; Class H, 13.7%	Included in purchase price
Refuse Collection Tax (82.18)	Services provided by refuse collection businesses	3.6%	Paid by refuse collection users
Rental Car Tax (82.08.020(2))	Retail car rentals	5.9%	Paid by rental car firms
Retail Sales Tax (82.08)	Selling price of tangible personal property & certain services purchased by consumers	6.5% (6.8% on sales and leases of new and used motor vehicles)	Paid by purchaser to retailer who forwards to Revenue
Tobacco Products Tax (82.26)	Sale, use, etc., of other tobacco products <i>(See Special Notice, May 25, 2005)</i>	Cigars less than 67 cents – 75% of selling price; cigars 67 cents or more – 50 cents per cigar	Paid by distributors
Use Tax (82.12)	Privilege of using tangible personal property on which sales tax was not paid, measured by market value	6.5% (6.8% on vehicles)	Paid by user to Revenue (to County Auditor for vehicles)

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State Gross Receipts Business Taxes

Business & Occupation Tax (82.04)	Gross income or proceeds of sales, or value of products for privilege of doing business	Major rates: retailing, 0.471%; manufacturing/wholesaling, 0.484%; services, 1.5%	Business reporting monthly, quarterly, or annually
Public Utility Tax	Gross operating revenue of public & privately owned public service firms (utilities)	Gas/sewer, 3.852%; water, 5.029%; urban trans., 0.642%; motor & railroad trans., 1.926%; power, 3.873%; all others, 1.926%	Business reporting monthly, quarterly, or annually

State Property Tax

State Property Tax Schools (84.52.065) ²	Assessed value of taxable real & personal property, adjusted to 100% true & fair value	Taxes due in calendar 2005: \$2.78 per \$1,000 of assessed value (local tax base)	Paid by levy for owners: 50% due April 30 and balance due Oct. 31
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State Excise Taxes in Lieu of Property Tax

Leasehold Excise Tax (82.29A)	Rental value of leased publicly owned property	State tax rate of 12.84% less local taxes up to 6%	Paid to lessors and sent to Revenue
PUD Excise Tax (54.28)	Privilege of producing energy by public utility districts	2.14% of gross revenues plus 5.35% of 1 st 4 mills per KWH	Paid annually by PUDs
Timber Excise Tax (84.33.041)	Stumpage value of timber at the time of harvest	Public lands, 5.0%; private lands, 1.0%	Paid quarterly by harvesters

Other State Taxes

Carbonated Beverage "Syrup" Tax (82.64)	Wholesale or retail sales of syrup used to make carbonated beverages	\$1.00 per gallon of syrup	Paid by in-state sellers of carbonated beverages to Revenue
Enhanced 911 Tax	Telephone lines, land and wireless <i>(See Special Notice, April 28, 2005)</i>	\$0.20 per line	Paid on telephone bills to telephone companies and forwarded to Revenue

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Other State Taxes (continued)

Telecommunications Relay Service	Telephone lines, land and wireless <i>(See Special Notice, April 28, 2005)</i>	\$0.10 per line	Paid on telephone bills to telephone companies and forwarded to Revenue
Washington Telephone Assistance Program	Telephone lines, land and wireless <i>(See Special Notice, April 28, 2005)</i>	\$0.14 per line	Paid on telephone bills to telephone companies and forwarded to Revenue
Estate and Transfer Tax (83.100)	Stand-alone state tax, effective May 17, 2005 <i>(See Special Notice, May 17, 2005)</i>	New Washington estate tax	Estates file within 9 months
Food Fish & Shellfish Tax (82.27.020)	Price paid by first commercial processor of food fish or shellfish	Chinook salmon, 5.62%; sockeye salmon, 3.37%; oysters, 0.086%; sea urchins/cucumbers, 4.92%; other, 2.25%	Paid by commercial fishermen & processors
Hazardous Substances Tax (82.21)	Value of certain chemicals and other products at time of first possession in state	0.7%	Paid by party first possessing substance in state to Revenue
Oil Spill Tax (82.23B)	Crude oil & petroleum products delivered at marine terminals within the state	\$.05 per 42 gallon barrel	Collected by marine terminal operators & paid to Revenue
Petroleum Products Tax (82.23A)	Wholesale value of petroleum products derived from crude oil at time of first possession in this state <i>(Temporarily not due – fund limit reached)</i>	0.5% (tax reimposed as of 7/1/2003 but terminated on 7/1/2004)	Paid by first possessor of petroleum products to Revenue
Real Estate Excise Tax (82.45.060) ³	Sales of real property	1.28% of selling price	Paid by sellers when affidavit is recorded
State Convention Center (67.40.090)	Accommodations in King County hotels with 60+ units	Seattle, 7%; the rest of King County 2.8%	Paid to retailer who forwards tax to Revenue

Major Local Government Tax Sources (yield is latest year available)

Baseball Sales/Use (36.100.090)	Sales in King County	0.017% ⁴	Calculated by Revenue
Food & Beverage (82.14.360)	Prepared foods and drinks (King County only)	0.5%	Collected by retailers and forwarded to Revenue

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Major Local Government Tax Sources (continued)

Football Sales/Use (36.102.070)	Sales in King County	0.016% ⁴	Calculated by Revenue
Hotel/Motel Tax (67.28.180)	Transient rental income	2.0% of sales tax (6.5%)	Reported by retailers; state reimburses cities and counties
Leasehold Excise Tax (82.29 A)	Rental value of leased publicly owned property	Up to 6%	Paid to lessors and sent to Revenue
Local Property Taxes (84.52 and others) ²	Assessed value of taxable real and personal property	Due in calendar year 2005: average local regular & special levy rate, \$9.09	Paid by owners: 50% due April 30 and balance due Oct. 31
Local Retail Sales & Use Taxes (82.14)	Same as state sales/use tax	City/county, 0.5-1.0%; Transit, 0.1-0.9%; Criminal Justice, 0.1%; Public Facilities, 0.1%; Juvenile Detention, 0.1%; High Cap. Transit, 0.4%; Rural counties, 0.08%**; Regional Centers, 0.033% ⁴ ; Pierce County Zoo, 0.1% Emergency Comm, 0.1% Public Safety, 0.1-0.3%	Retailers report sales by local code
Special Hotel/Motel Tax (67.28)	Transient rental income	Many cities and counties levy additional taxes ranging from 2.0% to 5.0%	Paid to retailers who forward tax to Revenue
Timber Excise Tax (84.33.051)	Stumpage value of timber at the time of harvest	Private and public lands, 5.0%	Paid quarterly by harvesters to Revenue

Notes:

- 1. Tax is administered by DOR & Liquor Control Board
- 2. Tax is administered by DOR, County Assessor and Treasurer

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- 4. Credited against state sales tax

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