

Special Notice

Intended audience: the first person who possesses petroleum products in Washington.

March 1, 2019

State suspends petroleum products tax

On April 1, 2019, Washington's Petroleum Products Tax (PPT) is suspended until further notice. PPT is a tax on the first possession of a petroleum product in Washington.

How does this affect me?

If you are the first person possessing a petroleum product in Washington on or after April 1, 2019, you will not owe PPT.

Why is PPT suspended?

PPT revenue funds an environmental cleanup account (Pollution Liability Insurance Program Trust). When the account balance is above \$15 million, our department stops imposing PPT. If the account falls below \$7.5 million, our department will begin to re-impose the PPT. Future changes will start on the first day of a calendar quarter.

Note: If you file using the paper excise tax return, the line for PPT will be shaded out during the suspension period.

What if I purchase petroleum products after someone else paid the PPT?

After you purchase the products, you may see a line item for PPT on your sales invoice. This does not mean that you owe PPT. The seller is simply identifying that they already paid the PPT on the product you purchased; you are exempt from paying PPT. If you think the seller mistakenly listed the PPT on the invoice, you need to contact the seller.

Definitions:

Petroleum product includes plant condensate, lubricating oil, gasoline, aviation fuel, kerosene, diesel motor fuel, benzol, fuel oil, residual oil, and every other product derived from the refining of crude oil. Crude oil or liquefiable gases are not petroleum products (RCW 82.23A.010 and WAC 458-20-281).

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Possession is the control of a petroleum product, and includes both actual and constructive possession.

- **Actual possession** occurs when the person with control has physical possession.
- **Constructive possession** occurs when the person with control does not have physical possession

Control means the power to sell or use, or to authorize the sale or use by another.

Questions?

If you have questions, call 1-800-647-7706.