

# GAS-1276 Instructions International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) Return

Include the company name, street address, city, state, zip code, and return period. Each licensee was assigned a North Carolina Department of Revenue Identification Number (NCDOR ID) upon licensing. The NCDOR ID will appear on all correspondence from the Department. Please use the NCDOR ID when referring to your account.

Fill in the appropriate circle(s) to indicate if the return being filed is 1) No activity, 2) an amended return, or 3) includes an address change. To close an account, complete Form NC-BN, Out-of-Business Notification, and submit it with the GAS-1276 for processing by the Excise Tax Division. This form is located at [www.ncdor.gov/taxes-forms/motor-carrier-tax-iftain/motor-carrier-tax-forms](http://www.ncdor.gov/taxes-forms/motor-carrier-tax-iftain/motor-carrier-tax-forms).

COMPLETE SCHEDULES A & B ON PAGE 2 BEFORE DETERMINING TAX LIABILITY OR (CREDIT) ON PAGE 1.

**\*NOTE: ALL CANADIAN LITERS MUST BE CONVERTED TO GALLONS. ONE LITER EQUALS .2642 GALLONS.  
ALL CANADIAN KILOMETERS MUST BE CONVERTED TO MILES. ONE KILOMETER EQUALS .62137 MILES.  
ALL MILES AND GALLON FIGURES SHOULD BE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST WHOLE NUMBER.**

## SCHEDULE A - MILES PER GALLON CALCULATION

The miles per gallon (MPG) figure will be used to determine the gallons of fuel consumed in each jurisdiction. Calculate the fleet MPG for the current reporting period for each product type listed. Divide the total miles traveled in all IFTA and non-IFTA jurisdictions (including total temporary trip permit miles) by the total fuel consumed in all jurisdictions. Round the number to the nearest two decimal places. Example: 5.768 rounds to 5.77.

## SCHEDULE B - SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

**Column (1) Jurisdiction** - In alphabetical order, indicate the member jurisdictions in which you operated during the period. Report each fuel type for each jurisdiction on a separate line. Miles traveled in jurisdictions that are not members of IFTA should be recorded as OT.

**Column (2) Product Type** - Only one product type per line is allowed. Enter the product type by abbreviations:

DI - Diesel	LN - Liquid Natural Gas	E8 - E85	EL - Electricity
GA - Gasoline	CN - Compressed Natural Gas	M8 - M85	HD - Hydrogen
GH - Gasohol	ET - Ethanol	A5 - A55	HT - Hythane
LP - Propane	MT - Methanol	BD - Biodiesel	

**Column (3) Total Jurisdiction Miles** - Enter the total miles traveled by jurisdiction for each product type. Total miles should include taxable and nontaxable miles. Be sure to report all miles for vehicles displaying IFTA decals, both interstate and intrastate operations. The sum of total miles in Schedule B, Column 3 should equal the sum of total miles reported in Schedule A.

**Column (4) Taxable Jurisdiction Miles** - Enter the total taxable miles traveled by jurisdiction for each product type. If you deduct tax exempt miles, it is your responsibility to provide records of proper exemption for future review. You must contact jurisdictions individually to determine exempt miles. Miles traveled while operating under a North Carolina IFTA temporary permit are taxable.

**Column (5) Taxable Gallons** - Enter the total taxable gallons of fuel consumed for each jurisdiction. To determine this figure, divide Taxable Jurisdiction Miles (Column 4) by the average MPG for that product type (Schedule A). Be sure to report all fuel for vehicles displaying an IFTA decal, both interstate and intrastate operations.

**NOTE:** Some jurisdictions have an additional surcharge. **This surcharge is computed on taxable gallons.** For each jurisdiction that requires a surcharge, copy the taxable gallons from Column 5 to a separate line including jurisdiction and product type. Multiply the gallons in Column 5 by the surcharge tax rate to determine the surcharge due and enter this amount in Column 9.

**Column (6) Taxpaid Gallons** - Enter gallons by product type that were bought at the pump and included the fuel tax at the time of purchase and withdrawals from bulk storage if the fuel is tax-paid. Include fuel purchased while operating under a North Carolina IFTA temporary permit or a North Carolina temporary trip permit. If you operated under a temporary trip permit issued by another jurisdiction, contact that jurisdiction for regulations on reporting fuel purchases while operating under the permit.  
**NOTE:** Some jurisdictions do not collect fuel tax at the pump. Do not report any purchases that did not include the fuel tax.

**Column (7) Net Taxable or (Credit) Gallons** - This figure is the difference between taxable gallons and tax-paid gallons. To calculate this difference, subtract Column 6 from Column 5. If Column 5 is greater than Column 6, you will owe additional tax. If Column 5 is less than Column 6, this figure should include parenthesis ( ) to indicate a credit is due.

**Column (8) Tax Rate** - Use the tax rate sheet (**Form GAS-1278**) to enter the tax rate by jurisdiction by product type.

**Column (9) Tax or (Credit)** - Multiply Column 7 by Column 8.

**Column (10) Interest Due** - If your return is late, you will be subject to interest for each jurisdiction on which tax is due (Column 9). For jurisdictions with surcharges, add the tax to or subtract the credit from the surcharge amount. If the result is a tax due, interest is calculated on this amount. To calculate the interest payment, multiply the TAX DUE (column 9) by the interest rate (converted to a monthly interest rate) by the number of months late. A partial month is considered a full month when determining the number of months late. The current interest rate can be obtained from the Department's website at [www.ncdor.gov/taxes-forms/ifta-annual-interest-rates](http://www.ncdor.gov/taxes-forms/ifta-annual-interest-rates). **DO NOT CALCULATE INTEREST FOR CREDITS.**

**Column (11) Total Tax or (Credit) Due** - Add the totals of Column 9 and Column 10 for each jurisdiction listed.

**SUBTOTALS** - Add the subtotals for each page and enter the total tax and total interest on Page 1, Lines 1 and 3.

**PAGE 1 - Computation of Tax or (Credit)**

**Line 1 Tax or (Credit) Due** - Enter the total tax or (credit) due from Schedule B, Column 9, all pages. If the amount on Line 1 is a (credit), fill in the circle to the left of the boxes to denote a credit amount. Do not use parentheses or dashes.

**Line 2 Penalty Due** - Returns are due on the last day of the month following the close of each quarter.

- a. If the return is late and no tax is due, a penalty of \$50 is due.
- b. If the return is late and tax is due, a penalty of \$50 **PLUS** 10% of the tax due or \$50, whichever is greater, is due.
- c. If the return is on time but underpaid, a penalty of 10% of the tax due or \$50, whichever is greater, is due.

**Line 3 Interest Due** - Enter the total interest due from Schedule B, Column 10, all pages.

**Line 4 Total Balance or (Credit) Due** - Add Lines 1 through 3.

1. If Balance Due - Mail the return and a check for the balance due to the North Carolina Department of Revenue, Excise Tax Division, 3301 Terminal Drive, Suite 125, Raleigh, NC 27604.  
***Any payment must be drawn on a U.S. (domestic) bank and payable in U.S. dollars.***
2. If (Credit) Due - Fill in the circle to the left of the boxes to denote a credit amount. Do not use parentheses or dashes. Mail the return to the North Carolina Department of Revenue, Excise Tax Division, 3301 Terminal Drive, Suite 125, Raleigh, NC 27604. Refunds less than \$1.00 must be requested in writing.

**Please include your signature, title, date, and telephone number.**

**Anyone who fails to file a return on time will be subject to a penalty of \$50.00 for each offense. This penalty is in addition to the penalty for failure to pay tax when due. In addition, your license plate(s) will be subject to revocation if returns and/or payments are not submitted to the Department.**

**MAIL TO:**

North Carolina Department of Revenue  
Excise Tax Division  
3301 Terminal Drive, Suite 125  
Raleigh, NC 27604

**QUESTIONS:**

Contact the Excise Tax Division at:  
Telephone Number (919) 707-7500  
Toll Free Number (877) 308-9092  
Fax Number (919) 250-7898