

# Alabama Department of Revenue

News Release

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## Alabama Tobacco Tax Returns Go “Paperless”

Montgomery—Alabama tobacco tax return filers will soon join the ranks of other business taxpayers in the way they file their monthly tax returns.

Beginning July 1, 2012, business taxpayers filing the *Monthly State Tobacco Tax Return by Tobacco Distributors* (Form TOB:OTP) and the *Monthly County Tobacco Tax Return* (TOB:TTCO-A) will be required to file their returns electronically.

Returns will be filed using the department’s free online filing system, My Alabama Taxes or MAT. Tax payments may also be made electronically using the MAT system. There are no filing or transaction fees that must be paid before a return is electronically filed or a tax payment is transmitted.

“The ADOR has worked diligently to expand its electronic filing platforms to include all taxpayers and tax types. The cost-saving advantages, as well as the filing and payment convenience and ease which electronic filing offers, benefit both the taxpayer and the department,” said State Revenue Commissioner Julie P. Magee. “We are proud to announce that our electronic filing program now includes tobacco tax.”

In February, the ADOR notified all Alabama tobacco distributors of the availability of the electronic filing program and the department’s plans to move exclusively to an electronic filing program, effective July 1, 2012.

**The first state return and state-administered local tobacco tax return required to be filed under the MAT system will be the June 2012 return due July 20, 2012.**

The ADOR processes over 170 state tobacco tax returns and 105 local state-administered tobacco tax returns each month.

For more information concerning tobacco tax return filings using the department’s My Alabama Taxes (MAT) system, taxpayers should contact the Tobacco Tax Section at 334.242.9627.

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