



# SPECIAL NOTICE

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## Does Your Business Include Lithium Extraction in California?

Beginning January 1, 2023, any person (producer) extracting lithium from geothermal fluid, spodumene ore, rock, minerals, clay, or any other naturally occurring substance in California must pay a lithium extraction excise tax. The new tax is based upon the cumulative number of metric tons of lithium carbonate equivalent extracted in California by a producer beginning from the date the first metric ton of lithium carbonate was extracted.<sup>1</sup> Each producer must register for a Lithium Excise Tax (LET) permit with us<sup>2</sup> and report and pay the tax due.

### Lithium extraction excise tax rates for calendar years 2023 and 2024<sup>3</sup>

Lifetime cumulative metric tons of lithium carbonate equivalent extracted by a producer:	Applicable tax rate (per metric ton extracted):
20,000 or less	\$400
Over 20,000 but not over 30,000	\$600
Over 30,000	\$800

### Obtain an LET permit

If you are currently extracting lithium in California or plan to begin lithium extraction, you may register for your LET permit through our online services at [onlineservices.cdtfa.ca.gov](http://onlineservices.cdtfa.ca.gov). If you do not already have a username and password with us, go to our online services page and select *Sign Up Now*.

### Reporting requirements

Your LET return and payment are due on or before the last day of the month following each reporting period. Producers extracting lithium in 2023 have a return due January 31, 2024. Thereafter, the reporting basis is quarterly.<sup>4</sup>

Returns must be electronically filed through our online services. Visit our Tutorials page at [www.cdtfa.ca.gov/services/#Tutorials](http://www.cdtfa.ca.gov/services/#Tutorials) for instruction on how to file your LET return.

### Legislation information

[Senate Bill 125](#) (Stats. 2022, ch. 63) enacted the Lithium Extraction Tax Law, which imposed the excise tax and created the Lithium Extraction Excise Tax Fund.

### For more information

If you have questions about the Lithium Extraction Excise Tax, please visit our online *Lithium Extraction Excise Tax Guide* at [www.cdtfa.ca.gov/taxes-and-fees/lithium-extraction-excise-tax.htm](http://www.cdtfa.ca.gov/taxes-and-fees/lithium-extraction-excise-tax.htm). You may also call our Customer Service Center at 1-800-400-7115 (CRS:711), then select the option for Special Taxes and Fees. Customer service representatives are available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific time), except state holidays.

<sup>1</sup> [Senate Bill 125](#) (Stats. 2022, ch. 63)

<sup>2</sup> Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) [sections 47010](#) and [47090](#)

<sup>3</sup> R&TC [section 47010\(a\)](#)

<sup>4</sup> R&TC [section 47070\(b\)](#)