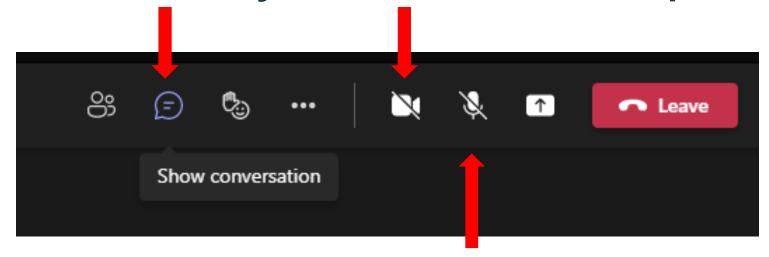


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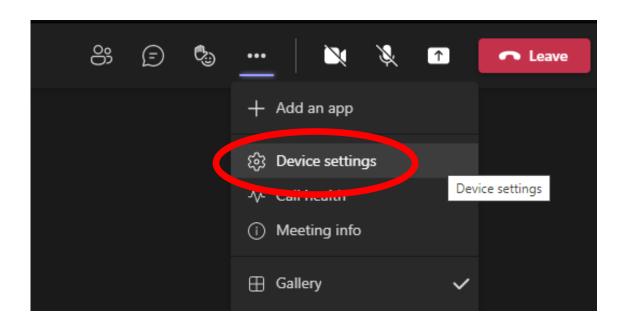
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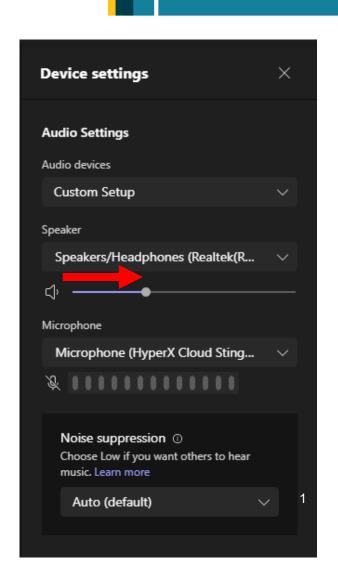
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Firearm and Ammunition Excise Tax



Webinar Objectives

- Discuss the application of the new Firearm and Ammunition Excise Tax (FET) on the sale of firearms, firearm precursor parts, and ammunition.
- Explain taxpayers' responsibilities regarding FET and what to expect when the new excise tax becomes effective.
- Provide information on future outreach and informational resources.
- Provide an overview and timeline of when regulations and rulemaking are expected to occur.



Get It in Writing!

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Overview

Assembly Bill 28, Gun Violence Prevention and School Safety Act.

- New Firearm and Ammunition Excise Tax beginning July 1, 2024.
- 11 percent (11%) of the gross receipts from the retail sale of firearms, firearm precursor parts, and ammunition.
- Funds various programs on gun violence prevention, education, research, response, and investigation.



Who Pays the Firearm and Ammunition Excise Tax?

Beginning July 1, 2024, the following entities licensed with the California Department of Justice are responsible for the excise tax:

- Firearms dealers
- Firearms manufacturers
- Ammunition vendors



Registration Requirements

Retail sellers of firearms, firearm precursor parts, and ammunition must be registered with us for the following:

- A sales and use tax account (seller's permit).
- Beginning July 1, 2024, a Firearm and Ammunition Excise Tax Certificate of Registration.



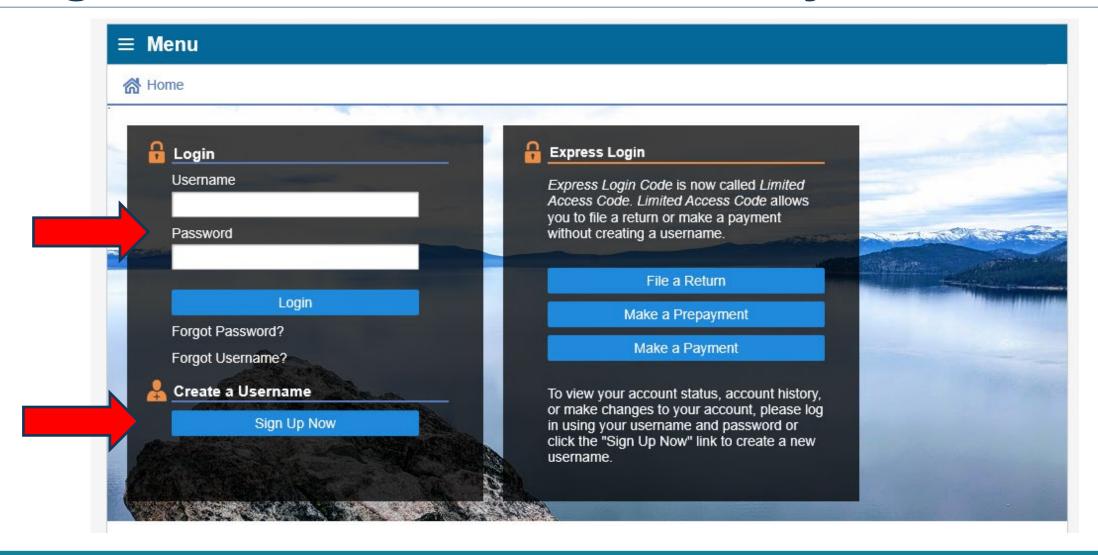
Firearm and Ammunition Excise Tax Certificate of Registration

In June 2024,

- One-time automatic registration.
- Notification was sent to those automatically registered.
- Those not automatically registered received a letter with instructions on how to register for a certificate.

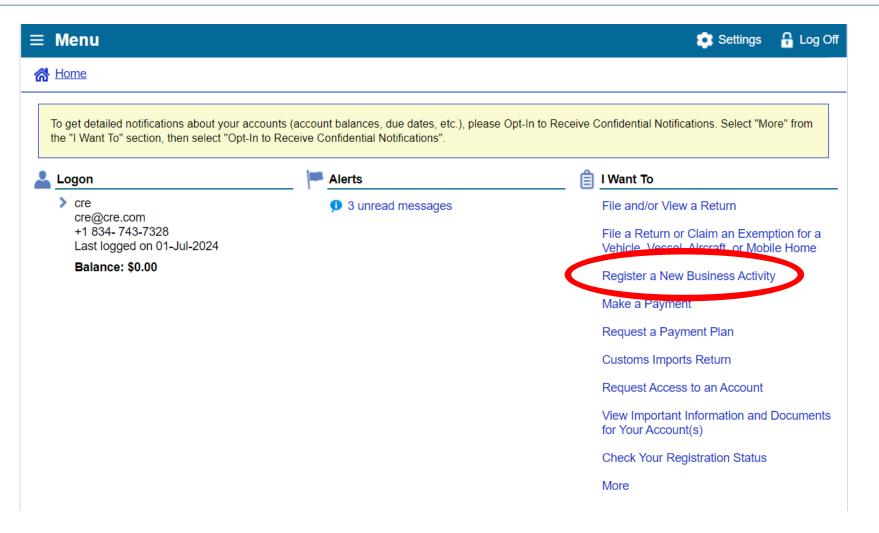


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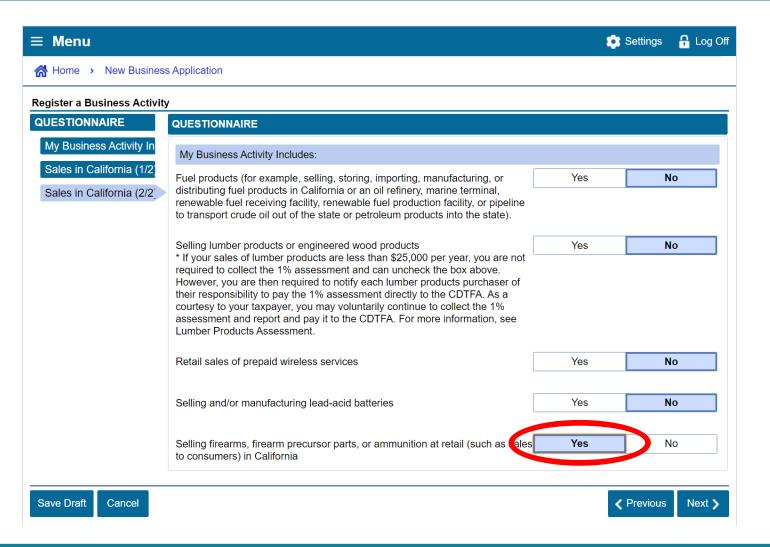


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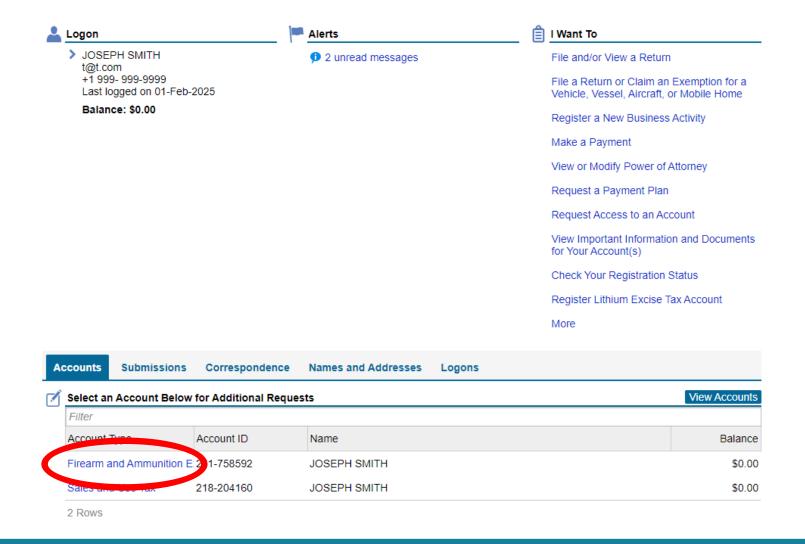


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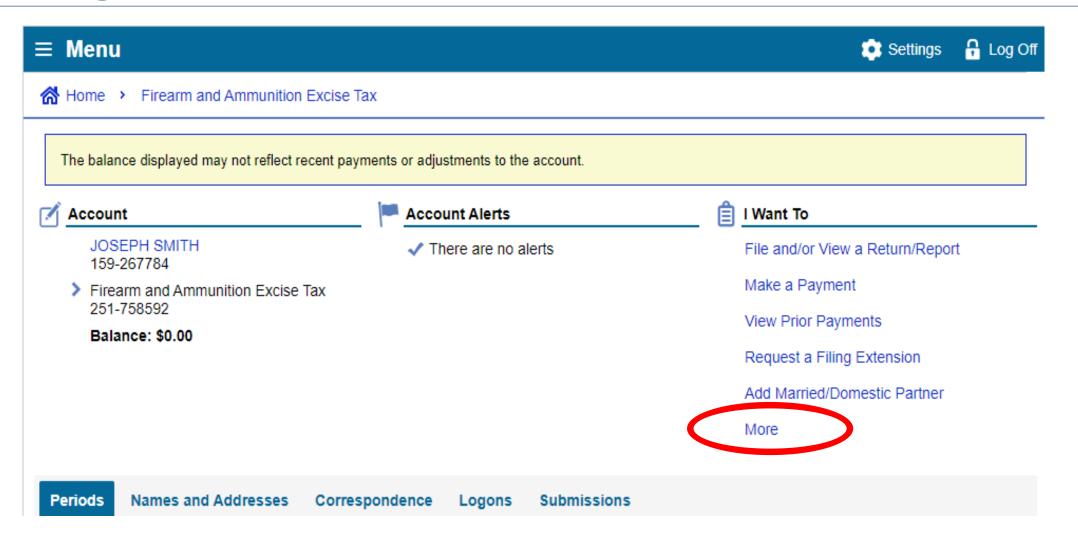


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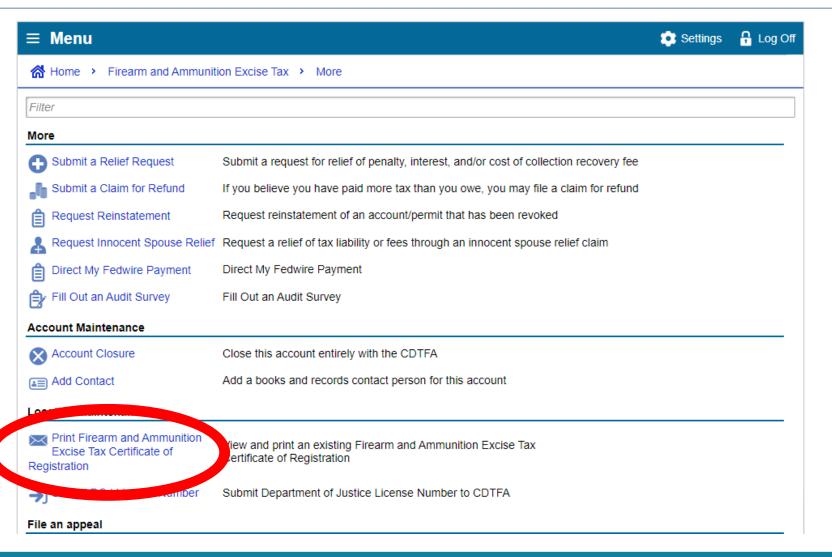


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FET Calculation

- The 11 percent (11%) excise tax is based on gross receipts from the retail sale of any firearm, firearm precursor part, or ammunition in California.
- There are two exemptions:
 - Retail sales to active or retired peace officers or any law enforcement agency.
 - Retail sales totaling less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in any quarterly period.



Gross Receipts

- In general, gross receipts from the retail sale of firearms, firearm precursor parts, and ammunition subject to sales and use tax are also subject to FET, unless a FET exemption applies.
- Reimbursement collected for FET is not subject to sales and use tax.



Gross Receipts—Tax Calculation Example

Selling price of a firearm	\$238.00
Merchant credit card fee	\$5.00
Subtotal	\$243.00
Sales tax due (8.5%* x \$243)	\$20.66
FET due (11% x \$243)	\$26.73

^{*} An 8.5% sales and use tax rate is used for demonstration only.



Recordkeeping

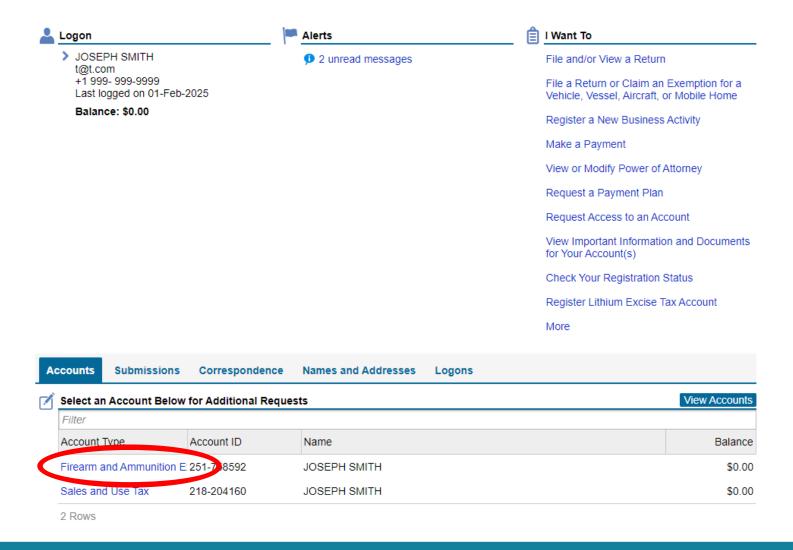
- Recordkeeping requirements for the firearm and ammunition excise tax program are the same as sales and use tax.
- Documentation should be maintained to support amounts reported on your return.
- Records must be kept to support any exempt sale.
 - New exemption certificate for sales to peace officers or law enforcement agencies.



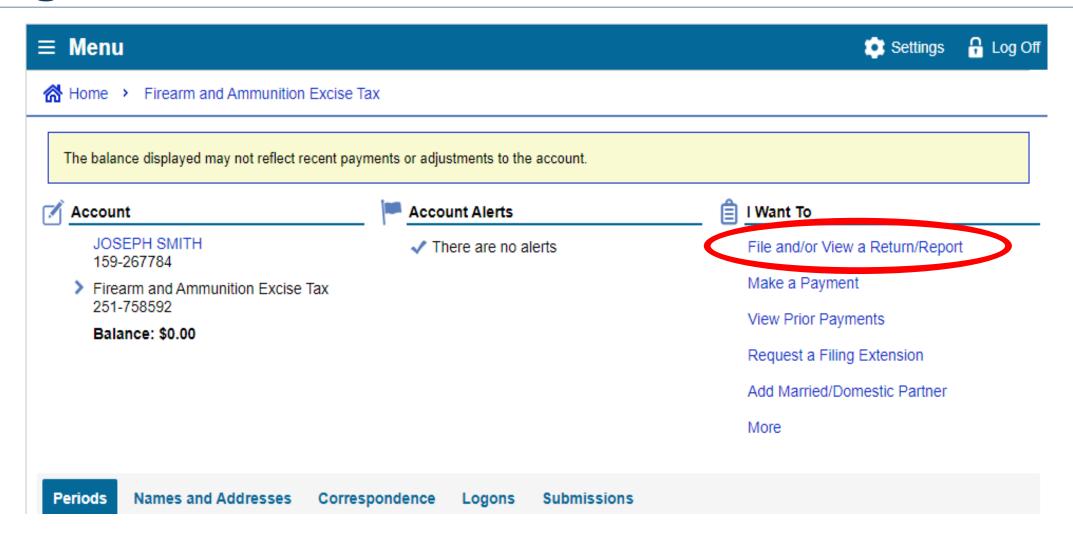
Firearm and Ammunition Excise Tax Return

- Online filing only.
- Quarterly filing basis only.
- First reporting period: July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024.
- First return and payment are due by October 31, 2024.

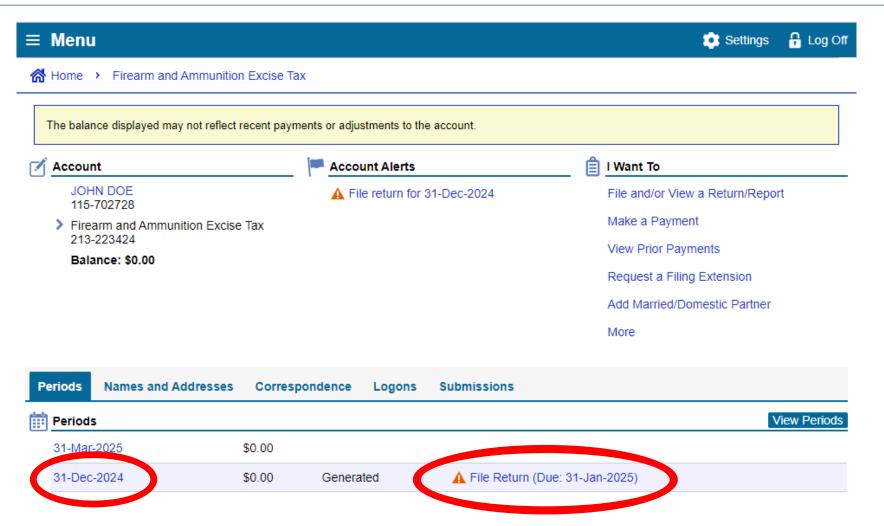




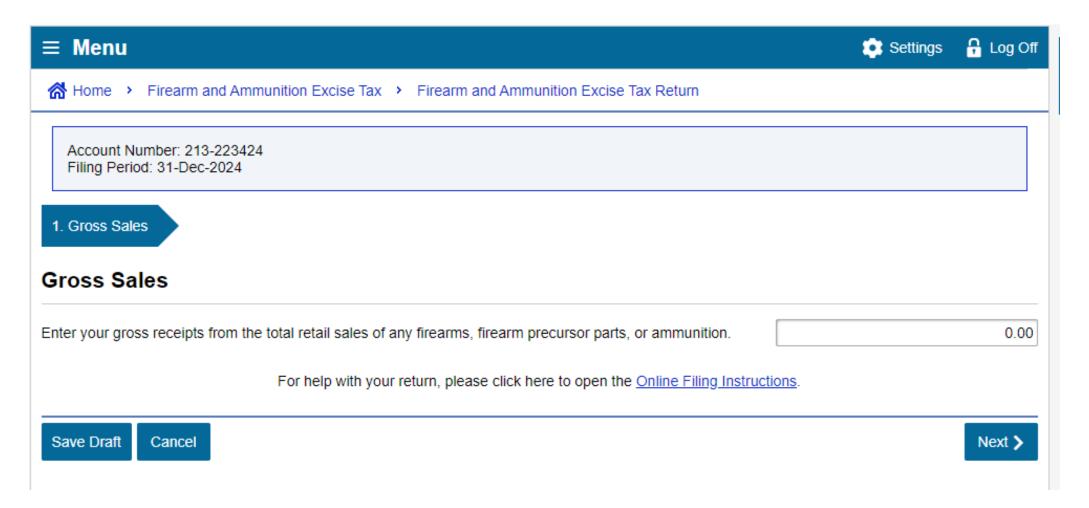




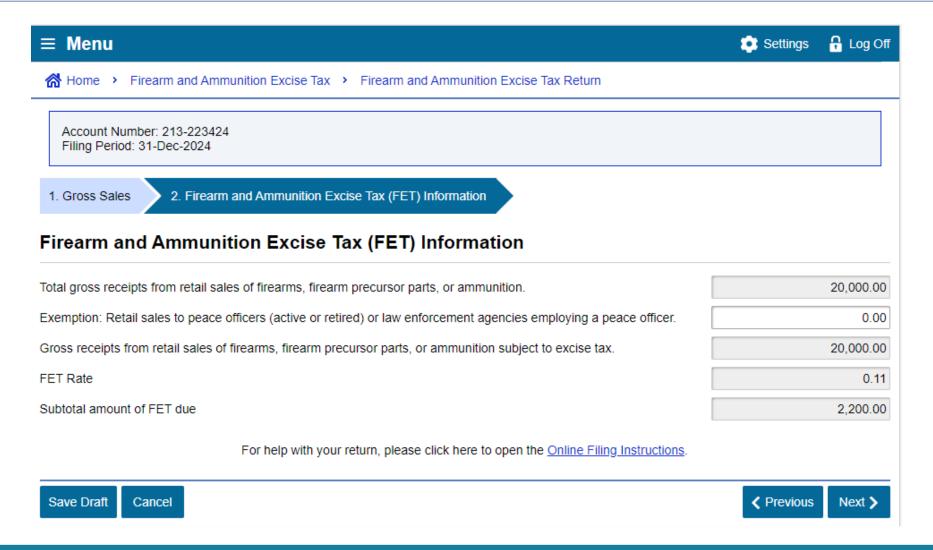




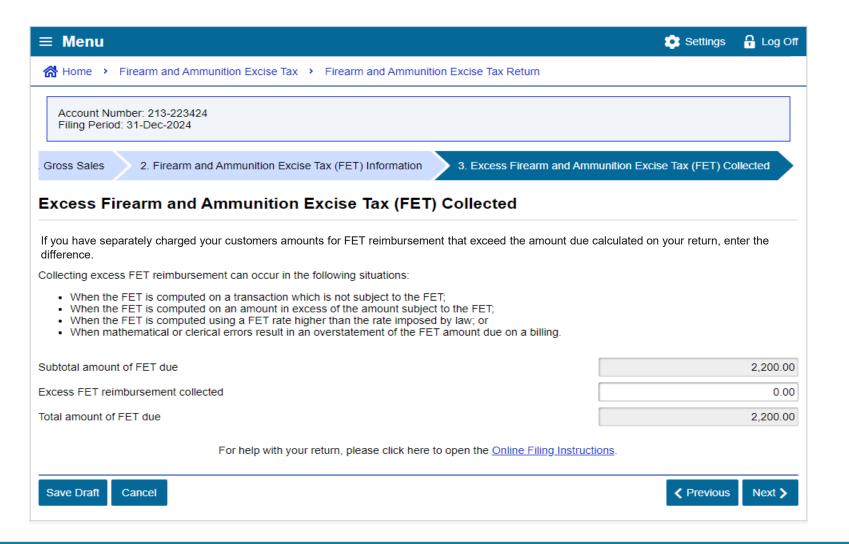




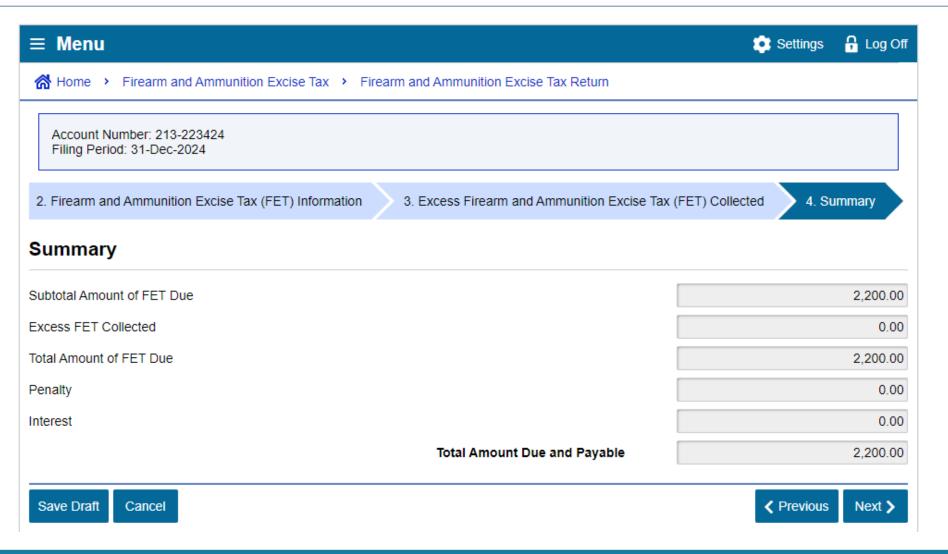




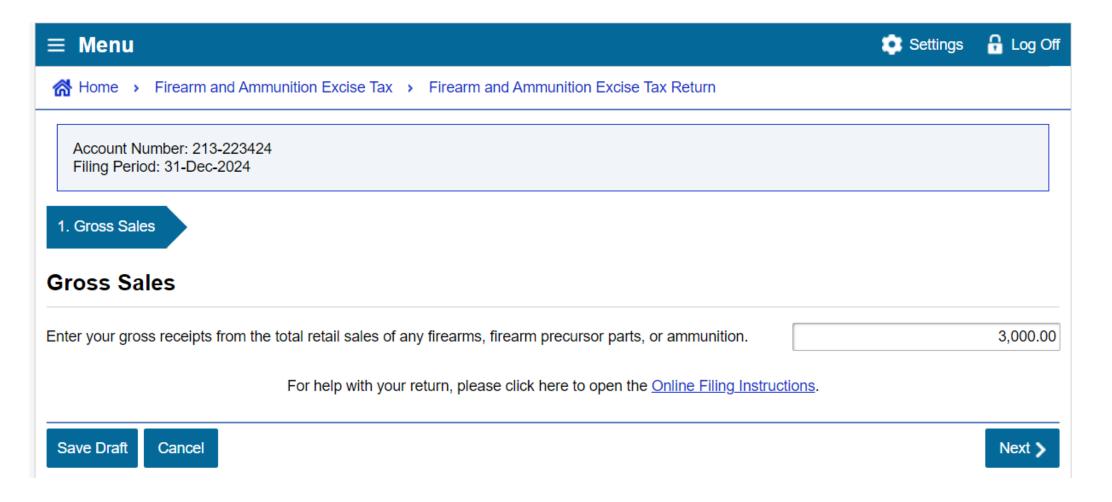




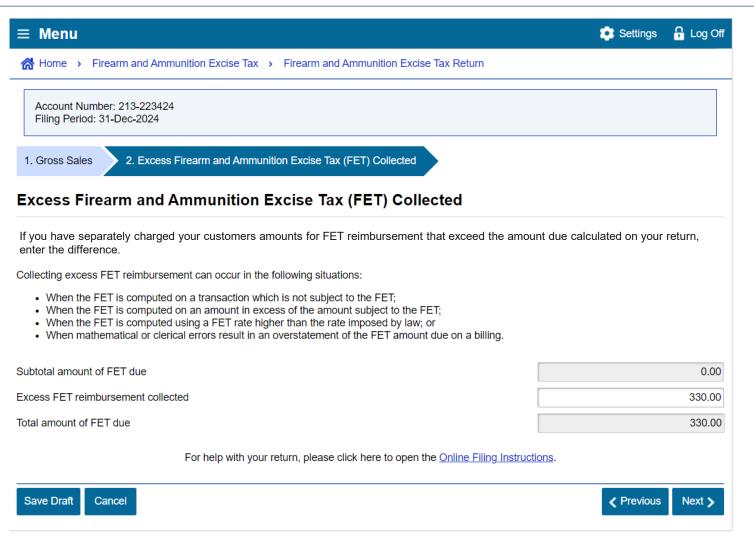




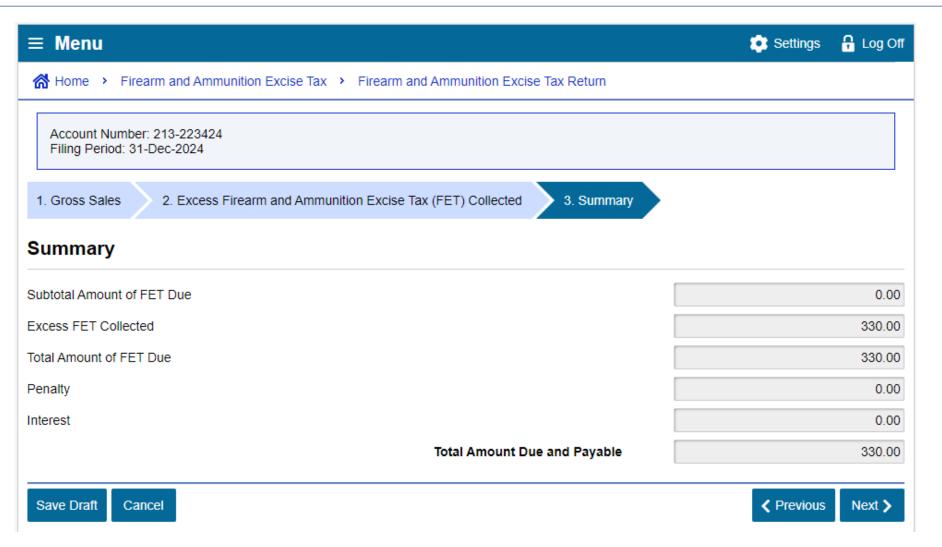














Upcoming Outreach Timeline

- Summer 2024
 - Special Notice: Calculating Firearm and Ammunition Excise Tax
 - Video Tutorial: How to File a FET Return
- Fall 2024
 - Special Notice: Return Filing Information



Firearm and Ammunition Excise Tax (FET) Regulations

Regulatory Process:

- We plan to propose new FET regulations to clarify the new statutes.
- Planned proposed regulations for:
 - Gross receipts
 - Exemption for active and retired peace officers
 - Exemption for quarterly retail sales of firearms, firearm precursor parts, and ammunition under the \$5,000 threshold
- Interested Parties meeting planned for fall of 2024.



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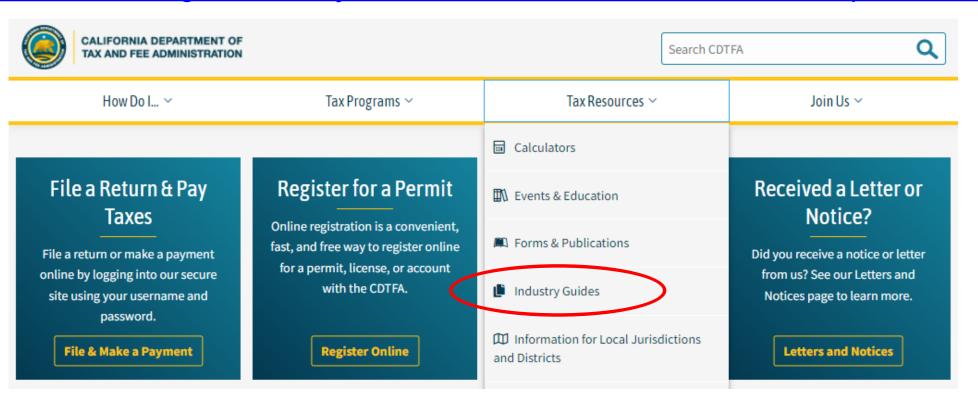
- Join the list of interested parties to be notified of the meeting by sending an email to:
 - <u>BTFD-BTC.InformationRequests@cdtfa.ca.gov</u>
- Attend the interested parties meeting.
- Submit comments on regulatory language.
- Final proposed regulatory language is submitted to the Office of Administrative Law to start the formal rulemaking.



Tax Guide for Sellers of Firearm and Ammunition Products

For more information, see our *Tax Guide for Sellers of Firearm and Ammunition Products* at:

www.cdtfa.ca.gov/industry/sellers-of-firearm-and-ammunition-products/





Industry & Tax and Fee Guides



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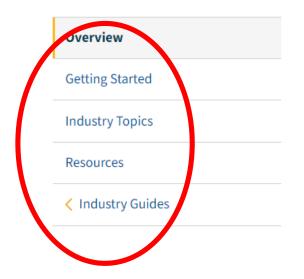
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Tax Guide for Sellers of Firearm and Ammunition Products



How to Use This Guide

Each section of this guide contains important information about retail sales (for example, sales to consumers) of firearms, firearm precursor parts, or ammunition in California.

- > The <u>Getting Started</u> webpage provides key resources related to registration, filing returns, making payments, account maintenance, and other important information.
- > The *Industry Topics* webpage provides helpful information on specific topics important to sellers of firearms and ammunition products.
- > The <u>Resources</u> webpage provides links to helpful information, including law and regulation information, publications, special notices, and access to assistance from our customer service representatives.

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- Customer service representatives can:
 - Walk you through the return preparation process
 - Walk you through the registration process
 - Answer general tax questions





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