

**STREAMLINED SALES TAX PROGRAM  
(SST)**

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

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**A. INTRODUCTION**

- Date state became an SST member: October 2005
- Information on the Streamlined Sales Tax Program (SSTP) can be found at:  
[www.streamlinedsalestax.org](http://www.streamlinedsalestax.org)

**B. CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**C. PUBLICATIONS - WEBSITES**

- South Dakota Taxability Matrix (Required by Section 328 of SST Agreement)  
<http://www.streamlinedsalestax.org/index.php?page=online-taxability-and-best-practice-matrix>
  
- South Dakota Rates & Boundaries Databases (Required by Section 305 of SST Agreement) <http://www.streamlinedsalestax.org/index.php?page=alias-11>
  
- South Dakota Tax Information including Tax Publications, Forms and Laws:  
<http://dor.sd.gov/>

**D. REGISTRATION - STREAMLINED REGISTRATION, STATE REGISTRATION**

- Registration through Streamlined Registration System
  - a. Registration is with all SSTP full member states and with each associate or contingent member state you choose.
  - b. Options when registering:
    - i. You may choose to contact a Certified Service Provider (CSP) to calculate the sales tax due on your transactions, file your sales tax returns, and remit payment of this tax on your behalf to the SST states. (Model 1)  
If you anticipate using a CSP, please contact them prior to registering – the CSP can register for you.
    - ii. You may choose to use Certified Automated System (CAS) software to calculate your sales tax. (Model 2)
    - iii. You may choose to register through the system and use your own system to collect and file and pay tax directly to each state using the paper or electronic filing procedures each state offers. (Model N - No Certified System)

- iv. If you do not anticipate sales in a state and you indicate such on your registration, you will not be required to file returns in that state until such time you have sales. This option does not apply to taxpayers using a CSP.

SSTP Registration website: Copy and paste the following link to your web browser.  
[www.streamlinedsalestax.org/index.php?page=technology---registration](http://www.streamlinedsalestax.org/index.php?page=technology---registration)

- Registration directly with SD Department of Revenue.
  - a. You may register directly with any of the states, instead of using the Streamlined Registration system.
  - b. If you have nexus or a physical presence in SD, you are required to be license and you will need to complete a SD sales tax application to provide the state additional information on your company.
  - c. South Dakota registration website: <http://sd.gov/taxapp>

#### **E. FILING RETURNS - SER, EPATH, PAPER RETURNS, DUE DATES**

- Streamlined Electronic Return (SER)
  - a. Who can file a SER?
    - i. CSPs will file all returns using a SER. (Model 1)
    - ii. Taxpayers using a CAS will file all returns using a SER. (Model 2)
    - iii. Any taxpayer that registers through the Streamlined Sales Tax Registration system or directly with SD may file returns using a SER.
  - b. SER Schema and Technical requirements:  
Copy and paste the following link to your web browser.  
[www.streamlinedsalestax.org/index.php?page=schema-sets](http://www.streamlinedsalestax.org/index.php?page=schema-sets)
  - c. Part II of the SER: SD does not require
  - d. Transmission file size limit for SERs: 5MB
  - e. Testing SER
    - i. Contact for testing SER:  
Alison Jares  
Phone: 605-773-3311  
Email: [Alison.Jares@state.sd.us](mailto:Alison.Jares@state.sd.us)
    - ii. Testing of the SER is required for sellers and CSPs prior to filing a SER.
      - The CSP or CAS provider will test the SER for their systems.
      - Taxpayers not using a CSP or CAS must test their SER directly with the Department.
      - Testing will determine if proper data elements are used and if the SER transmits correctly.
    - iii. Testing Process:

- Establish an account with the Department.  
Send the following information to the Department at: [Bustax@state.sd.us](mailto:Bustax@state.sd.us)
        - Taxpayer SSTP Registration #, SD Tax Permit #, CSP ID or Company's FEIN
        - Requested Password
        - Contact Name
        - Email Address
      - You will be contacted when account is established.
      - Notify Department when you are ready to transmit a Test SER.
      - Send the SER in XML format to the Department. The Department will submit the SER as a test transmission. Submit the SER using the following Test URL:  
  
<https://apps.sd.gov/RV22Streamline/EFileService-Test.aspx>  
  
Review errors and acknowledgement for issues that need to be resolved.
      - Continue testing until transmission is successful.
- f. Minimal error codes - are included with Schema information. There are no additional state specific error codes.
- g. Acknowledgement System
  - i. Anticipated timing of acknowledgements: Within the next business day.
- h. Filing SER
  - i. Testing must be completed before you file a SER.
  - ii. You will be provided with the URL for filing or URL of website for uploading files and downloading Acknowledgements when the testing is completed.
- Electronic filing using EPath, South Dakota's online filing system.
  - a. Who can file using EPath
    - i. Streamlined Registrants that do not filing a SER.
    - ii. Taxpayers that registered directly with South Dakota.
  - b. To create an EPath account or see additional information on EPath go to:  
<http://sd.gov/epath>
  - c. Taxpayers can file a return using EPath anytime beginning the first day after the reporting period.
- Paper Returns
  - a. Paper returns are mailed to taxpayer at the end of each reporting period.
  - b. Taxpayers filing electronically, using a SER or EPath, will not receive paper returns.

- c. If you do not receive a return, you may print a blank return from the Department's website or request a return by calling 1-800-829-9188. URL for blank Tax Forms: [http://dor.sd.gov/Taxes/Business\\_Taxes/Forms/Sales\\_Tax\\_Forms.aspx](http://dor.sd.gov/Taxes/Business_Taxes/Forms/Sales_Tax_Forms.aspx)
- State Filing Due Dates – what is timely filed
  - a. Electronic Returns (SER or EPath) – by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month
  - b. Paper Returns
    - i. Monthly Filers - by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month
    - ii. All others - by the last day of the month

**F. PAYMENT - EFT, OTHER PAYMENT, DUE DATES**

- Who can pay by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)?
  - a. Any business that files a SER, including Model 1- files through a CSP, Model 2- uses a CAS system, or any licensee that files a SER.
  - b. Any taxpayer that has an EPath account.
  - c. EFT Payment Methods
    - i. ACH Debit
      - SER Filers - ACH Debit payment information is included on the SER. A SER may be filed to show return information only, payment only, or both return information and payment.
      - EPath Filers - ACH Debit banking information is entered when you schedule a payment.
    - ii. ACH Credit
      - Data requirements for seller or CSP initiated ACH Credit payments: [http://dor.sd.gov/Education/PDFs/ACH\\_Credit\\_Bank\\_Information.pdf](http://dor.sd.gov/Education/PDFs/ACH_Credit_Bank_Information.pdf)
- What form of payment does the state accept in emergencies:
  - a. Fedwire - ARSD 64:01:01:22.
  - b. Check - ARSD 64:01:01:23
- Prepayment requirements are not required for SD sales or use tax.
- Does the State accept Bulk Payments? Yes, you may make a bulk payment using a SER.
- Refunds of overpayments:
  - a. Contact the Department by calling 800-829-9288 or by Email [Bustax@State.SD.US](mailto:Bustax@State.SD.US) for information on refunds.
  - b. Refunds must be requested.
  - c. Taxpayers that file through a CSP (Model 1) that have overpaid may use the credit on their next return or the CSP may request a refund.
  - d. Taxpayer's that do not use a CSP, should use the credit on their next return and are not issued refunds unless the credit is not used within 12 months. The taxpayer must apply for the refund.
- State Payment Due Dates – what is timely paid

- a. All taxpayers that file and pay electronically using a SER or EPath – Payment is due by the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the last working day of the month. ACH Debit payments must be submitted 2 days prior to the due date to allow processing time.
- b. Monthly filers that file a paper return – Payment is due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month
- c. All others that file a paper return – Payment is due by the last day of the month

## **G. CONFIDENTIALITY LAWS**

**10-1-28.1. Confidentiality of return information --Definition of terms.** Terms used in §§ 10-1-28.1 to 10-1-28.5, inclusive, mean:

- (1) "Department," the Department of Revenue;
- (2) "Return information," any information collected, prepared or received by the department which relates to a return, including the nature or amount of a taxpayer's income, receipts, deductions, net worth, tax liability, or deficiencies, or any part of any written determination or background file documents relating to such information. The term does not include data in a form which cannot be associated with or otherwise identify, directly or indirectly, a particular taxpayer;
- (3) "Returns," all tax returns, tax reports or claims for refund which are filed with the Department of Revenue, except those returns or claims for refund filed under the provisions of chapters 10-28 to 10-38, inclusive;
- (4) "Secretary," the secretary of the Department of Revenue.

**10-1-28.2. Lists compiled by department confidential--Unauthorized disclosure as misdemeanor.** All lists of taxpayers, licensees, or applicants compiled by the Department of Revenue are confidential except licensees which were licensed under the provisions of chapter 10-47B, 32-6B, 32-6C, 32-7A, or 32-7B. It is a Class 2 misdemeanor to disclose any such list except to the extent necessary to carry out the official duties of the department.

**10-1-28.3. Return information confidential--Unauthorized disclosure as misdemeanor.** Returns and return information are confidential. It is a Class 1 misdemeanor to disclose such information except in accordance with §§ 10-1-28.4 and 10-1-28.5.

**10-1-28.4. Persons to whom return information may be disclosed--Purposes.** Returns and return information may be disclosed to the following:

- (1) The taxpayer who is required to submit the information to the department, or his designee appointed in writing;
- (2) Other states, in accordance with agreements executed pursuant to § 10-1-13.1;
- (3) Any agency, body, commission, or legal representative of the United States charged with the administration of the United States tax laws for the purpose of, and only to the extent necessary in, the administration of such laws;
- (4) Officers, employees or legal representatives of the Department of Revenue, but only to the extent necessary to carry out their official duties;
- (5) Officers, employees, or legal representatives of any other state agency or department or political subdivision of the state for a civil or criminal law enforcement activity, if the agency, department, or political subdivision desiring such information has made a written request to the secretary specifying the particular information desired and the law enforcement activity for

which the information is sought;

(6) Officers, employees, or legal representatives of the commission on gaming and the lottery commission for the purpose of, and only to the extent necessary for, the administration of chapters 42-7A and 42-7B.

**10-1-28.5. Disclosure of return information in judicial or administrative proceedings.** Returns and return information may be disclosed in a judicial or administrative proceeding:

- (1) If the information is directly related to the resolution of an issue in the proceeding; or
- (2) To the extent required by a proper judicial or administrative order.

**H. OTHER TAXES** - Information on other taxes administered by the department is available at <http://dor.sd.gov> or by calling 1-800-829-9188.

- In addition to the state and municipal sales and use tax. Some businesses may have the following tax liabilities:
  - a. Municipal Gross Receipts Tax
  - b. Tourism Tax
  - c. Motor Vehicle Leasing
  - d. Telecommunications Wireless Gross Receipts Tax
  - e. 911 Emergency Surcharge

When a taxpayer files using a SER these taxes will need to be reported using EPath or on a paper return.

- Businesses providing construction services or realty improvements may be subject to contractors' excise tax. These businesses must register directly with the Department.
- Special Jurisdiction Taxing District Codes  
South Dakota has Indian Country controlled by several Indian Tribes. Some of the Tribal Governments have an agreement with the State for collection of the Tribal Tax. Those Tribes and the codes for remitting sales on Indian Country controlled by those Tribes are:
  - a. Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe      408-4
  - b. Crow Creek Sioux Tribe          417-4
  - c. Oglala Sioux Tribe                411-4
  - d. Rosebud Sioux Tribe               412-4
  - e. Standing Rock Sioux Tribe        413-4