All New Louisiana Combined State and Local Sales Tax Return

We are excited to announce a new Sales Tax Return is in development for online filing on Parish E-File! Each physical location of your business entity will be able to report all State and Local sales and purchases activity not only from one centralized site but *in one uniform return*! File one combined return and Parish E-File will submit your State and Local Sales Tax returns to the taxing authorities for you!

Things you will need to know about the **Combined State and Local Sales Tax Return**:

- the new return will replace the single and multi-jurisdictional returns currently available in Parish eFile,
- your filing frequencies will need to be the same for the State and all Local authority accounts that will be included in the return,
- all State and Local sales information will be needed to complete the return,
- you will have the option to "not file" the State return, i.e., if you are filing a consolidated State return (Note: the State information will still be needed to complete the combined return, even if you are only submitting the local portion),
- the new combined return will replace the Sales Tax returns only (the separate Hotel/Motel returns will remain available),
- the current State return for consolidated filers, including the State Schedule B, will remain

To include all of your accounts in the **Combined State and Local Sales Tax Return,** you will first need to log into Parish E-File and add your physical location details, including the State and all Local account numbers associated with that physical location. *Note: if you do not have the appropriate account numbers, you will need to apply for numbers with the taxing authority prior to filing.* Parish E-File will assign a Master Location Number to each physical location of your business entity, which will house all of the account numbers for that location. This number is relative to Parish E-File only and does not take the place of your official Sales Tax account numbers.

Before the combined return becomes available for selection, you must ensure that the filing frequency for both State and Local taxing authority accounts match. If any account included in the combined return has a different filing frequency, you will be unable to proceed with filing. To update frequencies, navigate to the My Returns tab, Return Setup page, to access the Return Information Table. From there, you can edit the filing frequency for each account to either monthly or quarterly based on the most frequent existing Filing Status for that location. If any one of your accounts is set up as monthly, all must be monthly. Also, please contact the appropriate taxing authority(s) to request an update. The frequency changes must take effect before the combined return will be available for you to select and file.

To visit the official Parish E-File site and securely file your Louisiana State and Local Sales Tax return, you may use this link: Parish E-File.