

FOREST PRODUCTS HARVEST TAX

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM 201 (FP)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Who is the taxpayer?

The taxpayer is the owner of the harvested timber when it is first measured. The timber owner, as listed on the Notification of Operations from Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) is responsible for reporting and paying the tax (ORS 321.005 and ORS 321.550).

What if I did not harvest?

You are required to file a return even if you did **not** harvest timber during the year. Check the "NO HARVEST" box in the upper right corner on the front of the return. Sign, date, and mail your return to the Oregon Department of Revenue (DOR).

Is another party responsible?

If the ownership of the timber has been transferred to another party, check the box in the upper right corner on the front of the return. Attach a copy of the written agreement (contract) to the return.

The written agreement (contract) must be signed and dated by both parties and contain the name of the responsible party and the terms of the agreement.

Sign, date, and mail your return to the Oregon Department of Revenue.

What timber harvest is subject to tax?

All timber harvested from public and private forestlands statewide that can be measured in board feet or tons, and meets the requirements of utility cull or better, is subject to the tax. Also, logs chipped in the woods from public and private lands are subject to the tax. You must file a Forest Products Harvest Tax (FPHT) return.

Exempt timber not subject to tax:

Secondary products, other than chips, **manufactured in the woods** and produced from logs normally either left in the forest or burned as slash. **Examples:** shake or shingle bolts, fence posts, firewood, and arrow bolts.

What is the filing deadline?

January 31 for harvested timber that is **measured** between **January 1 and December 31** of the prior calendar year.

What records do I need to complete my return?

- Notification of Operations.
- Mill records showing total volume (net MBF) harvested, e.g., mill records and/or scale tickets.

Keep a copy of your return and all original records for at least six years from the date returns are due.

What if I'm filing an amended return?

You may send an amended return any time after the original filing date. An amended return claiming a refund must be filed within two years of the overpayment.

Check the "AMENDED RETURN" box in the upper right of the return. Complete the form as if an original return were being filed. Complete each box with the correct information, even if it is not being changed. Use the comments section on the back of the form to explain the reason you are amending.

Estimated tax

Owners who expect to owe Forest Products Harvest Tax in excess of \$1500 for the year **are required** to file an "Estimate of Timber Tax Liability" form with the Oregon Department of Revenue and make **quarterly** estimated payments. The forms and payments are due by **April 30, July 31, and October 31**. If you need estimated tax payment forms, call the Oregon Department of Revenue in Salem, at 503-378-4988.

Extensions

You may request an extension of time to file your return. You must make your request in writing and state the reason for the request. The request must be postmarked no later than the due date of the return. The department may grant up to 30 days from the due date, in which to **FILE THE RETURN**. This is only an extension to file. **It does not extend the time to pay**. When you file, attach a copy of your approved extension to the front of your return.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Please check the preprinted information on the return. If any items are inaccurate, print the correction under that item. **DO NOT white out any information on the return.**

The Business Identification Number (BIN) located at the top of your return is your account number. Please refer to this number on any correspondence or in phone calls.

Columns 1 through 7. For additional areas of harvest operation that are not already listed, enter the entire Notification of Operations number, Operator name, Landowner name, County, Township, Range, and Section.

If you have any additional Notification of Operations numbers that are not printed on the return, please attach a copy.

Measurement

Logs and chips must be reported in MBF. Products not measured in board feet must be converted to thousands of board feet (MBF). If needed, use the conversion table on the back of the return.

Column 8. Enter the net (and "adjusted gross") thousand board feet (MBF) volume of timber harvested for each Notification of Operations.

To convert board feet (BF) to MBF, divide by 1,000. **Round MBF to the nearest whole number.** For example:

$$26,499 \text{ BF} = 26.499 \text{ MBF} = 26 \text{ MBF}$$
$$26,500 \text{ BF} = 26.500 \text{ MBF} = 27 \text{ MBF}$$

Box 9. Total Volume. Add all the volumes from column 8. Be sure to include all volumes from column 8 from all pages of Form(s) 201A. Enter the total in box 9.

Box 11. Subtract box 10 (25 MBF exemption) from box 9 (total volume). Enter the result in box 11 (taxable volume). If zero or less, enter -0- in box 11. **Do not enter a negative <-> amount.** You still need to file a return.

Box 12. Multiply box 11 by the tax rate preprinted on the form. Enter the result in box 12.

Box 13. Enter any quarterly estimated payments or other prior payments.

Boxes 14 and 15. Subtract box 13 (prior payments) from box 12 (tax). If the result is positive, enter in box 14 (tax due with this return). If the result is negative, enter in box 15 (overpayment).

If you have an overpayment, the department will compute and pay interest on your refund, if applicable.

Late filing

Box 16. Compute penalty if you:

- Mail your tax payment after the due date (even if you have a filing extension).
- File your return showing a tax due (box 14) after the due date.

The penalty for filing or paying late is five percent of the unpaid balance of your tax. If you file more than three months late, the penalty is 25 percent of box 14.

For amended returns, you do not have to pay a penalty if **all** additional tax and interest are paid with your amended return.

Box 17. Compute interest: multiply the number of days late **times** the daily interest rate (printed on the form) **times** the amount in box 14.

For amended returns, compute interest from the original due date of the return.

Box 18. TOTAL PAYMENT. Add boxes 14, 16, and 17. Enclose this amount with your return. Sign, date, and mail your return to the Oregon Department of Revenue.

Questions?

For assistance with filing or amending your returns, contact the timber tax staff.

For general tax information:

.....www.oregon.gov/DOR/Timber

Telephone:

Salem 503-378-4988
Toll-free from Oregon prefix 1-800-356-4222

E-mail: Timber.Tax.Help@state.or.us

Asistencia en español:

Salem 503-378-4988
Gratis de prefijo de Oregon..... 1-800-356-4222

TTY (hearing or speech impaired; machine only):

Salem 503-945-8617
Toll-free from Oregon prefix 1-800-886-7204

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): Call one of the help numbers for information in alternative formats.

Mail all payments, forms, and correspondence to:

**Timber Tax Programs
Oregon Department of Revenue
PO Box 14003
Salem OR 97309-2502**

**Remember to sign and date your return before filing.
KEEP A COPY OF THE RETURN FOR YOUR FILE**