

## **What you should know before completing Form 2248:**

1. Complete address and contact information for business.
2. Name and title of individual responsible for Reporting and/or paying Michigan taxes.
3. Monthly tax filing is required for voluntary EFT filers.
4. You must transmit \$0.00 for each tax you are registered for that has no liability in a reporting period.
5. Electronic payments must be initiated by 9 p.m. EST, one business day prior to the due date.
6. EFT filers no longer file monthly returns. The only return required is Form 165, *Annual Return for Sales, Use and Withholding Taxes* due February 28th each year.

Additional EFT information and filing requirements can be reviewed on Form 2437, *Questions and Answers About paying your Sales, Use and Withholding Taxes by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)*. Additional information is also provided on Form 2316 for accelerated sales and use tax filers, or Form 4285 for accelerated withholding tax filers.

# Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Debit Application

Issued under P.A. 122 of 1941. Filing is mandatory if you wish to pay by EFT.

Use this form to notify us that you intend to file electronically. You may begin electronic filing after you receive our approval and instructions from our vendor for remitting payments. Voluntary EFT filers will be required to transmit their tax monthly.

Taxpayer Name (Type or print clearly)			Taxpayer Identification Number —		
Address					
City		State	ZIP Code	Contact Person Telephone Number	
Contact Person				Contact Person Fax Number	

### Please indicate the type of tax(es) you will be paying by EFT:

Tax Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Withholding	<input type="checkbox"/> Michigan Business Tax Estimate	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Business Tax Annual	<input type="checkbox"/> Sales Tax	<input type="checkbox"/> Use Tax on Sales and Rentals	<input type="checkbox"/> Use Tax on Purchases
Tax Codes	(01100)	(02155)	(02671)	(04200)	(04400)	(04500)

### Authorization for EFT Debits

If you are interested in making electronic payments of sales, use, withholding and/or Michigan business taxes using the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) debit method, you must give written permission to access your bank account to withdraw the funds you authorize. Please do this by signing below.

*I authorize the State of Michigan and its authorized contractor to make variable withdrawals by electronic transfer from the designated financial institution and account. I understand that only the withdrawals I authorize will be made and that this process is protected by a password and a user code. I understand that I may cancel this authorization at any time by sending a written notice to the address noted below. I agree to comply with the National Automated Clearing House Association Rules and Regulations about electronic transfers as they exist on the date of my signature on this form or as subsequently adopted, amended, or repealed. Michigan law governs electronic funds transactions authorized by this agreement in all respects except as otherwise superseded by federal law. If multiple signers are required to authorize a withdrawal of funds, all must sign this form.*

Signature of Responsible Officer	Title	Date
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Please be aware of officer, member or partner liability as provided in Michigan Compiled Laws 205.27a(5):

"If a corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, partnership, or limited partnership liable for taxes administered under this act fails for any reason to file the required returns or pay the tax due, any of its officers, members, managers, or partners who the department determines, based on either an audit or an investigation, have control or supervision of, or responsibility for, making the returns or payments is personally liable for the failure....."

### CERTIFICATION

Corporations, partnerships, LLP's or LLC's must complete this section before this form can be processed. This officer, member or partner certification must be resubmitted when there is a change in the individual responsible for filing and/or paying Michigan taxes.

Please check the appropriate box:  New Application  Recertification - change in individual responsible for Michigan taxes

Signature of Corporate Officer, Partner or Member responsible for reporting and/or paying Michigan taxes		Date
Type or Print Name	Title	

All information requested above must be completed and accurate before your application is processed. Mail or fax the completed application to the Michigan Department of Treasury for approval. Once approved, you will receive a signed copy of your application and instructions for remitting electronic payments. Please allow 4 weeks for processing.

TREASURY USE ONLY	
Treasury Approval	Date

If you have any questions, contact the Michigan Department of Treasury at (517) 636-4730. You may fax this form to (517) 636-4356, or mail this form to: Sales, Use and Withholding Taxes  
Michigan Department of Treasury  
Lansing, MI 48909

## Questions and Answers About Paying Your Sales, Use, Withholding and Michigan Business Taxes by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

### 1. What is the difference between EFT credit and EFT debit?

In an EFT credit transaction, the taxpayer contacts its bank to initiate a transaction debiting its bank account and transferring the funds to the State's account for the amount due. An EFT debit transaction is similar to the EFT credit transaction, except the taxpayer notifies the State (or the State's contractor). The State, through its bank, then initiates the transaction through the ACH network to debit (withdraw funds from) the taxpayer's account.

### 2. Which taxes may be paid by EFT and how often should I file?

Michigan sales, use and withholding taxes, Michigan business tax, and Single business tax annual payments may be paid electronically. Once you voluntarily register to pay any of your sales, use, or withholding tax by EFT, you must remit all of your sales, use and withholding taxes by EFT.

EFT payments for Sales, Use and Withholding taxes are required monthly. Once registered for EFT, accounts currently required to file quarterly or annually will automatically be switched to monthly filing after receipt of your first EFT transmission.

**NOTE:** The exception is Accelerated Sales, Use and Withholding tax accounts. These accounts pay more frequently than monthly.

### 3. What notification is needed if I change banks?

EFT Credit filers supply their new bank with Form 2329, *Instructions for Payments of Michigan Sales, Use or Withholding Taxes Using EFT Credits*. Treasury recommends your new bank do a test transmission.

EFT Debit filers may change or edit their banking information by selecting the appropriate option when calling the Michigan Automated Tax Payment System (1-877-865-2860).

### 4. How do we add an additional tax to be paid by EFT?

EFT debit filers should complete and return Form 4515 as instructed. EFT Credit filers should refer to Form 2329 for a listing of the tax type codes to use in the transmission of the new tax type.

### 5. What is the due date for EFT tax payment?

The due date for monthly payment of tax is the 20th of the month following the tax period (the January payment is due February 20th). For timely receipt of payment, EFT Debit filers must complete their transaction by 9 p.m. ET, one business day prior to the due date. EFT Credit filers will need to contact their financial institution for their requirements.

### 6. What if the due date falls on a weekend or holiday?

If the due date falls on a weekend, state holiday, or banking holiday, the due date is the next business day.

**NOTE:** For a listing of specific state holidays, please refer to Form 3149, *Sales, Use and Withholding Tax Due Dates for Holidays and Weekends*.

### 7. How far in advance may I complete my payment data?

EFT Debit filers may schedule payments up to 90 days in advance of the settlement date. EFT Credit filers should consult their financial institution for further instruction.

### 8. When can I begin paying by EFT?

For EFT Debit, you must first complete Form 2248, *Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Debit Application*. You will receive transmission instructions along with your usercode and password from our contractor.

For EFT Credit, you must first complete Form 2328, *Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Credit Application*. You will then be notified to send a test transaction (a zero dollar transmission, correctly formatted). After a successful test you will receive written approval and you may begin paying by EFT.

**NOTE:** The certification section on Form 2248 or 2328 must be completed before the application is processed. This section must also be signed by the officer, member or partner responsible for filing and paying Michigan Sales, Use and Withholding Taxes. Fax the completed EFT Debit or Credit Application to (517) 636-4356.

### 9. What if I pay more than one type of tax?

A separate transmission must be made for each tax type. You may not combine sales and use tax payments into one lump sum transmission. A five-character tax code is used to identify the tax type. Following are the tax types

and codes that may be used to complete your transmission:

01100	Withholding
02155	Michigan Business Tax Estimate
02671	Single Business Tax Annual
04200	Sales Tax
04400	Use Tax on Sales & Rentals
04500	Use Tax on Purchases

#### 10. What if no tax is due?

A zero transmission must be sent for each type of tax that you registered for (this does not apply to Michigan Business Taxes). EFT credit filers may not be able to transmit a zero. Check with your bank. If you cannot transmit zero, transmit \$0.01 and subtract the credit from your next transmission.

**NOTE:** Accelerated Sales and Use tax accounts should refer to Form 2316, *Questions and Answers about Paying your Sales & Use Tax on an Accelerated Basis*.

#### 11. Am I still required to file a monthly paper return when I am transmitting my payment by EFT?

No. Once you begin to transmit electronically you no longer file monthly returns nor submit your monthly figures. The **only** return required is Form 165, *Annual Return for Sales, Use and Withholding Taxes* due February 28th each year.

#### 12. Can I send a check and return?

No. Once you have started filing by EFT a check and return should not be sent. If a check and return is received your account filing status could be changed. If you decide to no longer file by EFT please notify us.

#### 13. How is the discount on sales and use tax taken?

When making transmissions of sales tax and use tax on sales and rentals, reduce your payment by the amount of discount you are claiming. Total discounts taken for the year will be requested on Form 165, *Annual Return for Sales, Use and Withholding Taxes*. Any portion of Sales Tax or Use Tax on Sales and Rentals paid on or before the 12th of the month are discounted 3/4 of 1 percent. Taxes paid on or before the 20th are discounted 1/2 of 1 percent. The discount applies only to the first 4% collected, not on the entire 6%.

To take your discount on sales tax paid to the Secretary of State, file Form 92, *Vehicle Dealer Supplemental Report* as usual.

**NOTE:** Taxpayers required to file sales and use tax on

an accelerated schedule are limited to a discount of 1/2 of 1 percent on sales and/or use tax collected at the 6% rate.

#### 14. How are gas credits filed?

Continue to file Form 2189, *Gasoline Retailer Supplemental Report* and Form 429, *Gasoline Supplier and Wholesale Distributor Prepaid Sales Tax Report* as instructed on those forms.

#### 15. What are the due dates for Michigan Business Tax payments?

Quarterly payments for calendar year filers are due April 15, July 15, October 15, and January 15. Quarterly payments for fiscal year filers are due the 15th day of the first month after each quarter.

Annual payments are due the last day of the 4th month after your tax year ends.

For additional information visit [www.michigan.gov/businessstaxes](http://www.michigan.gov/businessstaxes) or call (517) 636-4657

#### 16. What if I hire or change a payroll service?

To register or change a payroll service provider for your account, submit a completed Form 3683, *Payroll Service Provider Combined Power of Attorney Authorization and Corporate Officer Liability (COL) Certificate for Business* found on Treasury's Web site. For questions regarding Form 3683, contact the Registration Customer Contact Section at (517) 636-4660.

**If you have questions concerning your account, completion of the application, or transmission of EFT payments, call the EFT Unit at (517) 636-4730. You may send a fax to (517) 636-4356 or send correspondence to:**

**Return Processing – EFT Unit  
Michigan Department of Treasury  
P.O. Box 30427  
Lansing, MI 48909**