

**Minnesota Distributors  
Cigarette Tax Monthly Return**

You must file this return even if no stamps were received during the month.  
Due on or before the 18th day of the month following the end of the reporting month.

Check if amended:

Print or Type	Licensee			FEIN
	Street		<input type="checkbox"/> Check if New Address	Minnesota Tax ID Number
	City	State	ZIP Code	Period of Return (mo/yr)

Stamps Purchased/Use Tax Due	1 Stamps purchased		
	Date	Invoice #	Net Amount Due
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

Total net amount due ..... **1** \_\_\_\_\_

**2** Use Tax due since last return filed (*attach schedule showing your computation*) ..... **2** \_\_\_\_\_

**3** Add lines 1 and 2 ..... **3** \_\_\_\_\_

**4** Advance payments. Enter total net amount paid (*attach copy of checks*) ..... **4** \_\_\_\_\_

**5** Credit carryforward. (*If line 11 of the preceding month's CT201 is a credit, enter that amount here; otherwise leave blank*) ..... **5** \_\_\_\_\_

**6** Other credits. (*Complete only if instructed by the department*) ..... **6** \_\_\_\_\_

**7** Credits. (*Enter any credits requested this month; attach copy of Form CT109A or Manufacturer Affidavit*)

Advance Payments and Credits	A	B	C	D	E	F	
	Date of Affidavit	Affidavit Number	Manufacturer	20s (# of stamps)	25s (# of stamps)	Tax Value (see line 7 instructions)	
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$

**Total Tax Values** ..... **7** \_\_\_\_\_

**8** Add lines 4 through 7 ..... **8** \_\_\_\_\_

**9** Monthly Cigarette Tax (*subtract line 8 from line 3; if line 8 is more than line 3, contact us*) ..... **9** \_\_\_\_\_

**10** Monthly Cigarette Fee (*from CT201-F, line 21*) ..... **10** \_\_\_\_\_

**11** Monthly Little Cigar Tax (*from CT201-LC, line 9*) ..... **11** \_\_\_\_\_

**12** AMOUNT YOU OWE (or credit carryforward) (*add lines 9, 10 and 11*) ..... **12** \_\_\_\_\_

Check payment method:  Electronic payment  Check (make payable to Minnesota Revenue)

*I declare that this return and supporting schedules are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Attach schedules and mail to Minnesota Revenue, Mail Station 3331, St. Paul, MN 55146-3331.  
Phone: 651-556-3035. Email: cigarette.tobacco@state.mn.us

# Form CT201 Instructions

## Before you File

### You Need a Minnesota ID Number

Your Minnesota Tax ID Number is the seven-digit number you're assigned when you register with the Department of Revenue. Generally, this is the same as your Sales and Use Tax or Minnesota employer's Withholding Tax number.

You must include your Minnesota Tax ID Number on your return so that any payments you make are properly credited to your account.

If you don't have a Minnesota ID number, you must apply for one. Apply online at [www.revenue.state.mn.us](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us) or call 651-282-5225 or 1-800-657-3605.

## Due Date

All Cigarette and Tobacco Tax returns and payments are due on the 18th day of the month following the end of the reporting month. You must file a return even if there is no tax liability for that month.

The U.S. postmark date is considered the filing date (postage meter marks are not valid). When the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, returns and payments made electronically or postmarked on the next business day are considered timely.

## Filing Reminders

### When Completing Your Return

- **Enter your name**, address, FEIN, Minnesota Tax ID Number and tax period on each form.
- **Use the attachment sequence numbers when assembling.** Numbers are in the top right corner of each form under the form number.

## Keep Good Records

You must keep complete and accurate records at each licensed location, including:

- itemized invoices of cigarettes or other tobacco products held, purchased, manufactured, brought in or caused to be brought in from outside Minnesota, or shipped or transported to retailers in Minnesota; and
- sales of cigarettes or other tobacco products made, except sales to the ultimate consumer.

For cigarettes, the records must show names and addresses of purchasers, inventory of all stamps affixed and unaffixed, all cigarettes on hand at the close of each period, and any other documents related to the purchase, sale or disposition of cigarettes.

Save all books, records and other documents for at least 3½ years. We may ask to inspect your records or inventory at any time during normal business hours.

## Amending Your Return

If you are filing an amended return, be sure to check the box at the top of the form.

## Electronic Payment Requirements

If you owe \$10,000 or more in tax during the last 12-month period ending June 30, you're required to make payments electronically the following calendar year. You must also pay electronically if you're required to pay *any* Minnesota business tax electronically, such as Sales and Withholding Tax.

Failure to pay electronically when required will result in a penalty being assessed. The penalty is 5 percent of each payment that should have been remitted electronically, but was remitted by some other means.

## Electronic Payment Options

- Go to [www.revenue.state.mn.us](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us) and log in to e-Services.
- If you don't have Internet access, call 1-800-570-3329 to pay by phone.

For both methods, you'll need your user name, password and bank routing and account numbers. When paying electronically, you must use an account not associated with any foreign banks.

After you authorize the payment, you'll receive a confirmation number. You can cancel a payment up to one business day before the scheduled payment date, if needed.

**ACH credit method and Fed Wire.** If you use other electronic payment methods, such as ACH credit method or Fed Wire, be sure to check with your bank or Fed Wire representative to find out when to initiate the payment in order for it to be received on time. Some banks require up to three business days to transfer funds. Additional instructions for making a payment by ACH credit are available on our website or by calling 651-282-5225 or 1-800-657-3605.

## Penalties and Interest

You'll be billed penalty and interest charges if you don't pay or file your taxes on time.

**Late payment.** The penalty for not paying on time is 5 percent of the unpaid tax for each 30 days the payment is late (or any part of 30 days) up to 15 percent.

**Late filing.** If you also do not file your return on time, a late-filing penalty is added to the late-payment penalty. The late-filing penalty is 5 percent of the unpaid tax.

The maximum penalty for paying and filing late is 20 percent.

**Criminal penalties** may also apply if you knowingly file a false or fraudulent return, or intentionally don't file to avoid paying tax.

**Interest.** You'll be charged interest on the unpaid tax plus penalty from the date the tax was due until it is paid in full.

## Information and Forms

Website: [www.revenue.state.mn.us](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us)

Email: [cigarette.tobacco@state.mn.us](mailto:cigarette.tobacco@state.mn.us)

Phone: 651-556-3035

We'll provide information in other formats upon request to persons with disabilities.

## Line 7 Instructions — Credits

Using the date of the affidavit and the table below, find the appropriate tax rate based on the number of stamps per pack. For each credit claimed, multiply the appropriate rate by the number of stamps provided in column D or E. Enter the result in column F.

You must attach a copy of your Form CT109A, *Distributor Affidavit*, and/or Manufacturer Affidavit for each credit.

Date of affidavit	Rate for 20s	Rate for 25s
Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2019	\$3.628	\$4.5350
Jan. 1, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2018	\$3.614	\$4.5175
Jan. 1, 2017 – Dec. 31, 2017	\$3.59	\$4.4875
Jan. 1, 2016 – Dec. 31, 2016	\$3.543	\$4.42875
Jan. 1, 2015 – Dec. 31, 2015	\$3.426	\$4.2825
Jan. 1, 2014 – Dec. 31, 2014	\$3.342	\$4.17750
July 1, 2013 – Dec. 31, 2013	\$3.323	\$4.15375
Jan. 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013	\$1.592	\$1.9900