

ST-14-X Amended Chicago Soft Drink Tax Return Information and Instructions

General Instructions

Who must file Form ST-14-X?

You must file Form ST-14-X if you filed Form ST-14, Chicago Soft Drink Tax Return, and

- you want to correct your Chicago Soft Drink Tax return, either to pay more tax or to request a refund or credit for tax you overpaid; or
- you are making corrections to nonfinancial information on your return.

Do not file Form ST-14-X for amounts less than \$1.

You must file one Form ST-14-X for each reporting period you want to amend. For example, if you file Form ST-14 monthly, you must file one Form ST-14-X for each month you are amending. You cannot file one ST-14-X to amend several months. Likewise, if you file Form ST-14 on a quarterly or annual basis, you must file one amended return for each quarter or year that you want to amend.

Note: If you received a notice from us that your original return is not processable, we cannot process an amended return until you respond to the notice.

What is the deadline for filing this form?

The dates for filing to obtain a refund or credit for an overpayment of the Chicago Soft Drink Tax change semiannually on January 1 and July 1. If you file this amended return between January 1 and June 30 of this year, you may file a refund for the amounts you overpaid during the current year and previous 36 months. Beginning July 1, you may file a claim for credit for the amounts you overpaid during the current year and previous 30 months.

Note: We use the U.S. Postal Service postmark date as the filing date of a properly signed amended return.

If you are making an additional payment, there is no deadline; however, the longer you wait to pay, the more interest and, when applicable, penalty you will owe.

How do I get forms?

If you need additional amended returns, you may photocopy a blank return, or visit our web site at tax.illinois.gov, or call our 24-hour Forms Order Line at 1 800 356-6302

How do I get help?

Visit our web site at tax.illinois.gov or call weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 1 800 732-8866 or 217 782-3336. The number for our TDD (telecommunications device for the deaf) is 1 800 544-5304.

If you have a specific question about an amended return you have filed, call us at 217 782-7897 or write us at

SALES TAX PROCESSING DIVISION
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
PO BOX 19013
SPRINGFIELD IL 62794-9013

To what address do I mail my completed return?

Mail your completed return to:
CHICAGO SOFT DRINK TAX ADMINISTRATION
PO BOX 19034
SPRINGFIELD IL 62794-9034

Specific Instructions

Which steps of this form must I complete?

Everyone must complete Steps 1, 2, and 4. You must also complete **Step 3** if you are changing financial information.

Step 1: Identify your business

Write your Illinois account ID as it appears on your original Form ST-14. Also, write the reporting period for which you are filing the amended return. Next, write the name of your business as it appears on your original return.

Step 2: Mark the reason you are filing an amended return

Mark the reason that best describes why you are filing Form ST-14-X.

If you checked Reason 2a (sales made to another Illinois business for resale), you must also write the business' account ID on the line provided. If you sold soft drinks to more than one business, write each business' account ID on a separate sheet and attach it to your return.

If you checked Reason 2c (sales made to an exempt organization), you must also write the organization's tax-exempt "E" number on the line provided. If you made sales to more than one organization, write each organization's tax-exempt number on a separate sheet and attach it to your return. **Note:** The organization's tax-exempt number must have been in effect on the day you made the sale.

If you checked Reason 2e (other), please explain the reason for the tax exemption on the lines provided. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

If you checked Reason 6, you must write the correct account ID.

If you checked Reason 7, you must write the correct reporting period.

Check Reason 8 only if Reasons 1 through 7 do not apply. Please explain why you are correcting your original return on the lines provided. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Step 3: Correct your financial information

Complete all applicable lines when making corrections to the financial information on your return. If you do not complete all lines, we will use the most recent figures filed.

Drop amounts of less than 50 cents and increase amounts of 50 cents or more to the next higher dollar.

Column A

Lines 1 through 6: Write the figures from your most recent return. These figures may be from your original Form ST-14 or from any corrections you have made since you filed your original Form ST-14.

Column B

Lines 1 through 6: Write the corrected figures. If there is no change from Column A, write the figures from Column A.

Note: If you have an amount written in Column A that you are reducing to zero, write "0" in Column B. Leaving the line in Column B blank may delay the processing of your return.

Detailed instructions for certain lines in Step 3

Line 5

Complete this line **only if** you originally filed on time. If you filed timely, figure your discount at the rate of 1.75 percent (.0175) of the amount you paid on time.

If you are increasing the amount of tax due, you **may not** increase the amount of your discount **unless** the increased tax due is paid on or before the due date of the original return.

If you are decreasing the amount of tax due, you will need to refigure the amount of discount you are entitled to based on your new figures.

Line 7

Write the total amount you have paid. This figure includes the amount you paid with your original Form ST-14, any subsequent amended returns, and any assessment payments you have made for this liability period. Be sure to reduce the total paid by any refund of tax you have received for this liability period.

Line 8

If Line 7 **is greater than** Line 6, Column B write the difference on Line 8. The difference is the amount you are overpaid.

Line 9

If Line 7 **is less than** Line 6, Column B, write the difference on Line 9. This amount is your underpayment. Please pay this amount when you file the return.

Please write the amount you are paying on the line provided in the "Read this information first" section on the front of the return.

Step 4: Sign below

We cannot process this form until it is signed by the owner, officer, or other person authorized to sign the original return.

Penalty and Interest Information

If, on this amended return, you are increasing the amount of tax due, we will bill you for any additional penalty and interest that we calculate is due.

If, on this amended return, you are reducing the amount of tax due, we will recalculate any penalty and interest that is due and include the recomputed amounts in determining the amount you have overpaid.

You owe a **late filing penalty** if you do not file a processable return by the due date, a **late payment penalty** if you do not pay the amount you owe by the original due date of the return or were required to make quarter-monthly payments and failed to do so, a **bad check penalty** if your remittance is not honored by your financial institution, and a **cost of collection fee** if you do not pay the amount you owe within 30 days of the date printed on a notice or bill. For more information, see Publication 103, Penalties and Interest for Illinois Taxes. To receive a copy of this publication, visit our web site at tax.illinois.gov or call our 24-hour Forms Order Line at **1 800-356-6302**.