



Georgia Department of Revenue
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Annual Notice of Interest Rate Adjustment

Purpose: A Policy Bulletin is intended to provide guidance to the public and to Department personnel. It is a written statement issued to apply principles of law to a specific set of facts or a general category of taxpayers, superseding all conflicting documents and oral directives previously issued by the Department.

Effective Date: January 1, 2017.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 48-2-7, 48-2-35, 48-2-40; Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 560-3-2-.26.

Scope: This Policy Bulletin is being released to publicly announce the interest rate which will apply to interest-bearing refunds and past due taxes for the 2017 calendar year.

Summary:

For calendar year 2017, the annual interest rate will be 6.75%, accruing monthly.

Discussion:

1. In 2016, the General Assembly passed House Bill 960 which altered the way refunds and past due taxes accrue interest. Beginning July 1, 2016, the interest rate is equal to the bank prime loan rate as posted by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in statistical release H. 15 or any publication that may supersede it, plus 3 percent, to accrue monthly. Such annual interest rate will be determined for each calendar year based on the first weekly posting of statistical release H. 15 on or after January 1 of each calendar year. In 2016, the interest rate was 6.5%.
2. Interest-bearing refunds will accrue interest from the date of payment of the tax to the Department. Interest on past due taxes will accrue from the date the tax is due until the date the tax is paid.

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