



**Department of Revenue
Alcohol and Tobacco Division
Informational Bulletin # 2010-02**

Effective July 1, 2010:

This informational bulletin explains the Department of Revenue's Policy concerning an increase in the discount rate allowed to Georgia licensed tobacco distributors who purchase cigarette tax stamps and the recovery cost of processing the request for purchase of cigarette tax stamps due to an increase in the cost of Georgia cigarette tax stamps.

The total cost of each tax stamp ordered by a licensed distributor will remain at current rates. There will be no change in the total cost to the licensed Georgia tobacco distributor.

The processing cost of 1.0% will be used to purchase the required volume of Georgia cigarette tax stamps by the Department for sale to distributors and for the enforcement of the Department's Regulations.

O.C.G.A. § 48-11-3 allows the Department to modify the discount rate for licensed distributors to be not less than two percent nor greater than eight percent. In accordance with that provision, the Department hereby establishes the allowed discount rate for licensed distributors of cigarettes to be four percent (4.0%), effective July 1, 2010.

This rate change is set forth in Emergency Rule 560-8-3-0.37-.07, as well as in the proposed amendment to Rule 560-8-3-.07 Cigarettes – Tax Stamping Methods and Discounts – Distributor.

The processing fee of 1.0% will be used to purchase the required volume of Georgia cigarette tax stamps by the Department for sale to distributors and for enforcement of the Department's Regulations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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