



State of Wisconsin
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Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Ben Brancel, Secretary

TO: Vehicle Tank Meter Operators

FROM: Kathy Knapp, Regulation and Safety Section

SUBJECT: Vehicle Tank Meter (VTM) Weights and Measures Law Changes

Wisconsin VTM Weights and Measures laws were changed 2009. VTMs are meters mounted on a vehicle used commercially to measure gasoline, kerosene, fuel oil, diesel fuel or alternate fuels.

Effective November 1, 2011 your company will need an annual license from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for all VTMs. A separate license is required for each meter. The annual license fee is \$40 per meter. **A license is not prorated or transferable between operators or meters.** You can find a copy of the law, Wisconsin Administrative Code s. ATCP 92.50, at:
http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/rsb/code/atcp/atcp_vol_2.html

Annual Licensing

1. The license period for VTMs is November 1st – October 31st. A \$40 annual license fee for each meter will be due October 31, 2011. The annual license fee will increase to \$60 for following years.
2. DATCP will send license applications to known meter operators. If you do not receive license application materials by October 1, 2011 you can download the application materials at:
http://datcp.wi.gov/Consumer/Weights_and_Measures/License_Applications/index.aspx

Meter Testing Requirements

1. Meter operators must have a Wisconsin licensed service company test every VTM for accuracy at least annually.
2. A test report for a test conducted after October 31, 2010 must accompany license application materials that are due October 31, 2011.
3. Meter operators should schedule testing as soon as possible for all meters that do not have current annual tests.
4. Operators need to test meters at least annually (within 12 months of the previous test) after October 31, 2011.
5. The operator, or the Weights and Measures service company on behalf of the operator, must send a test report to the department within 30 days after the test is completed.
6. A test report must be submitted to the department before a license can be issued for a new meter.

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7. Companies who are authorized to test meters are listed on the following website:
http://datcp.wi.gov/Consumer/Weights_and_Measures/Service_Company_Information/index.aspx

Surcharges

1. An operator must pay a license fee surcharge of \$200 if the operator is found operating a VTM without a license. Additional civil forfeiture penalties may also apply.
2. Operators must comply with testing and reporting requirements. An operator who fails to do so must pay a \$200 surcharge. Additional civil forfeiture penalties may also apply.

Reinspections

A \$95 reinspection fee will be charged for Weights and Measures inspectors re-testing inaccurate meters. Reinspection fees must be paid in full before the department will issue a license.

If you have questions, please contact Weights and Measures at (608) 224-4942, or email:
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