



Department of
Taxation

Revenue Accounting Division

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August 8, 2011

Dear County Auditors:

This is the last settlement in which the enclosed Estate Tax Settlement Packet of forms and instructions will be mailed. Beginning with the February 2012 settlement, the forms will be made available on our website at least one week before the last date of the current settlement period. The web address is:

http://tax.ohio.gov/channels/government/Distribution_Estate_Tax.stm

Additionally, a reminder will be emailed the week they are made available. Should there be any questions or concerns, please contact Leslie Berning at (614)995-0985 or leslie_berning@tax.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leslie Berning", with a long, sweeping underline.

Leslie Berning



To: All County Auditors
From: Ohio Department of Taxation – Revenue Accounting
Date: August 8, 2011
RE: Instructions for the August 19, 2011 Semi-Annual Settlement of Estate and Inheritance Taxes as Outlined in the Ohio Revised Code, Sections 5731.46 & 5731.47

All estate, inheritance taxes and interest collections received and refunds issued by the county auditor **on or before August 19, 2011** are required to be included in this settlement. That is, all tax collections and refunds not included in any preceding settlement should be reported in the August 2011 settlement.

Make sure each and every form 33(D) through 33(K) are subtotaled. For the counties that have re-created these forms, make sure you separate the refunds and collections that are designated by 20/80 split, 30/70 split, 36/64 split and/or 50/50 split and put them on separate forms. Finally, all collections and refunds are to be listed in "date paid" order. This simple adjustment will expedite the audit.

The following forms are required to be completed and submitted to the Ohio Department of Taxation for the August 19, 2011 settlement:

Form E.T. 33 (B) - Summary of Settlement
Form E.T. 33 (D) - Collections for Dates of Death on or after January 1, 2002
Form E.T. 33 (E) - Collections for Dates of Death on or after January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001
Form E.T. 33 (F) - Collections for Dates of Death on or after July 1, 1983 to December 31, 2000
Form E.T. 33 (G) - Collections for Dates of Death on or before June 30, 1983
Form E.T. 33 (H) - Refunds for Dates of Death on or after January 1, 2002
Form E.T. 33 (I) - Refunds for Dates of Death on or after January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001
Form E.T. 33 (J) - Refunds for Dates of Death on or after July 1, 1983 to December 31, 2000
Form E.T. 33 (K) - Refunds for Dates of Death on or before June 30, 1983
County Auditor Salary Worksheet
County Auditor PERS Worksheet

Each form is enclosed in this mailing. If additional forms are needed, please feel free to copy them.

We are also requesting a breakdown of the Estate Tax Distributions made to each local entity for the current (August 2011) settlement period. We have enclosed instructions detailing the exact data we are requesting as well as an example of the format in which we need the data. Please adhere to the format prescribed in the instructions as closely as possible. Please forward the forms as well as any questions to:

Ohio Department of Taxation
Revenue Accounting Division
Attn: Leslie Berning
P.O. Box 183077
Columbus, Ohio 43218-3077
(614) 995-0985

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,
BUT NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31, 2011**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUMMARY OF SETTLEMENT ET 33 (B):

CALCULATING THE TOTAL GROSS AND TOTAL NET COLLECTIONS:

- 1.) Total all collections plus interest paid from forms ET 33 (D), (E), (F), and (G) and report on line #1 GROSS COLLECTIONS. **Please do not include REFUNDS.**
- 2.) Complete columns A, B, C, and D from the appropriate forms ET 33 (D), (E), (F), (G), (H), (I), (J) and (K) by reporting gross collections on line #2a, interest paid on line #2b and refunds on line #2c.
- 3.) Add together #2a gross collections, #2b plus interest paid minus #2c refunds and report on line #2d NET COLLECTIONS in columns A, B, C and D.
- 4.) Multiply column A's net collections by 50 percent, column B's net collections by 36 percent, Column C's net collections by 30 percent and Column D's net collections by 20 percent and report on line #3 under each of the appropriate columns.
- 5.) Add together all columns' net collections on line #3 and report on line #4.

S.B. 189, effective June 29, 2004, amends Sections 5731.47 and 5731.48 of the Revised Code to require both local governments and the state to share in the costs of administering the Ohio Estate Tax. The expenses incurred in administering the estate tax are shared by the local governments and the state in proportion to their respective share of gross estate tax revenues received. Consequently, local governments pay 80% of the fees and expenses incurred, with the state paying the remaining 20% of expenses.

The calculations of the TREASURER AND AUDITOR'S FEES are based on the gross collections plus interest paid ONLY and are therefore **BEFORE** refunds.

CALCULATING THE TREASURER'S FEE:

Pursuant to Section 321.27 O.R.C. the County Treasurer shall be allowed as fees:

- 1.) Three percent (3%) on the first \$100,000;
- 2.) Two percent (2%) on the next \$100,000;
- 3.) One-half of one percent (0.50%) on all additional sums.

If Gross Tax Plus Interest

Collected is:

\$100,000 or less

\$100,001 to \$200,000

\$200,001 and above

The County Treasurer's Fee Shall Be:

3% of the Gross Tax Plus Interest

\$3,000 plus 2% of excess over \$100,000

\$5,000 plus 0.50% of excess over \$200,000

- 4.) Report the 100% fee total in the appropriate column (100% expense) on line #5a.
- 5.) Multiply the calculated 100% Treasurer's fee by 20% to arrive at the state share of the fee and report in the appropriate column (State Share column) on line #5a.

CALCULATING THE AUDITOR'S FEE:

Pursuant to Section 319.54 (E) O.R.C. the County Auditor shall be allowed as fees:

- 1.) Four percent (4%) on the first \$100,000;
- 2.) One-half of one percent (0.50%) on all additional sums.

If Gross Tax Plus Interest

<u>Collected is:</u>	<u>The County Auditor's Fee Shall Be:</u>
\$100,000 or less	4% of the Gross Tax Plus Interest
\$100,001 and above	\$4,000 plus 0.50% of excess over \$100,000

- 3.) Report the 100% fee total in the appropriate column (100% expense) on line #5b.
- 4.) Multiply the calculated 100% Auditor's fee by 20% to arrive at the state share of the fee and report in the appropriate column (State Share column) on line #5b.

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SALARY - Section 5731.41 O.R.C.

The Department of Taxation (the employer) will reimburse **20%** of the total salary that the County Auditor received while acting as a Tax Commissioner Agent pursuant to Section 5731.41 O.R.C. **The salary expenses submitted should include those paid since the last settlement (February 2011).** Complete the enclosed County Auditor Salary Worksheet to indicate the County Auditor's salary expense. Report the auditor's salary expense in the State Share column on line #5c on the ET 33 (B). Most counties report six months at each settlement period.

THE COUNTY AUDITOR PERS - Section 5731.47 O.R.C.

The Department of Taxation (the employer) will reimburse **20%** of the allowable 14.00% of the gross earnings of the County Auditor. **The PERS expenses submitted should include those paid since the last settlement (February 2011).** Complete the enclosed County Auditor PERS Worksheet to indicate the PERS expense. Report the auditor's PERS expense in the State Share column on line #5d on the ET 33 (B). Most counties report six months at each settlement period.

OTHER FEES and EXPENSES- Section 5731.47 O.R.C.:

The Department of Taxation will reimburse 100% of any collections made on a county's behalf by the State Attorney General's office for dates of death before June 29, 2004 (report on line #5e). For dates of death on or after June 29, 2004, local governments will share in the State Attorney General's fees taken to make collection on certified debt in an 80/20 split (report on line #5f). The Estate Tax Division forwards form ET-851 outlining the procedures to be completed. A copy of this form is to be returned with all other settlement forms.

Delinquent real estate taxes on state owned property is also an approved expense reimbursed at 100%. These should be reported on line #5e, and original or duplicates of the tax bills indicating the delinquent amount must be included.

Please call Leslie Berning at 614-995-0985 with questions regarding this section or if any other types of fees and expenses need to be taken on line #5e and #5f.

CALCULATING THE TOTAL STATE SHARE OF FEES AND EXPENSES:

To arrive at the total state share of fees and expenses, add all fees and expenses reported in the State Share column for line #5a-f. Report this figure on line #6.

AMOUNT DUE STATE

To arrive at the amount due to the State of Ohio, subtract all fees and expenses reported on line #6 of the E.T. 33 (B) from total net collections reported on line #4.

Upon receipt of the settlement documents, the Ohio Department of Taxation will audit the forms and send to the Treasurer of State, a Certification (E.T. 33 (C)) for the correct amount that is due to the State of Ohio, as well as the Summary of Settlement (E.T. 33 (B)). The Department of Taxation will notify the County Auditor of the amount due to the State. Settlement checks should not be sent with the settlement documents. Upon receipt of the Certification, forward a check made payable to the Treasurer of State and forwarded to:

State Treasurer's Office
Revenue Management
P.O. Box 163458
Columbus, Ohio 43216-3458

DO NOT send checks to the Ohio Department of Taxation

If you have any questions or concerns about the settlement, contact Leslie Berning at (614) 995-0985.

E.T. 33 (B)

SUMMARY OF SETTLEMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF ESTATE AND INHERITANCE TAX COLLECTIONS

Through settlement date of August 19, 2011

FROM: The Auditor of _____ County, Ohio
Prepared By: _____ Phone No: _____

I hereby certify, that on _____ 20____, I settled with the Treasurer of this county pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 5731 ORC and I have provided below a true and accurate summary of the various amounts applicable to such settlement for audit and subsequent disposition by the Tax Commissioner.

Certified by: _____ Date Certified: _____

COMPUTATION OF ESTATE AND INHERITANCE TAXES PAYABLE TO THE STATE

1. TOTAL GROSS COLLECTIONS: \$ _____
Combine gross collections and interest paid from ET 33 (D), (E), (F) and (G)

	Column A Death Before 7/1/83	Column B Date of Death Between 7/1/83 -12/31/00	Column C Date of Death Between 1/1/01 - 12/31/01	Column D Date of Death ON or AFTER 1/1/02
2. Collections				
a) gross collections	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
b) plus interest paid	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
c) less refunds	\$ (_____)	\$ (_____)	\$ (_____)	\$ (_____)
d) NET COLLECTIONS	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
3. Multiply Collections: X 50% = \$ _____	X36% = \$ _____	X30% = \$ _____	X20% = \$ _____	X20% = \$ _____

4. TOTAL NET COLLECTIONS (Combine net collection totals at 50%, 36%, 30% and 20%)
100% EXPENSE

5. Fees and Expenses:
- a) County Treasurer's Fee, Sec. 321.27 ORC* \$ _____
 - b) County Auditor's Fee, Sec 319.54 (E) ORC* \$ _____
 - c) County Auditor's Salary (reported from the Auditor's Salary Worksheet)
 - d) County Auditor's PERS (reported from the PERS Worksheet)
 - e) Other Fees and Expenses: (Those that are not subject to the 80/20% adjustment; the State will pay 100% of expense)
 - f) Other Fees and Expenses: (Those that are subject to the 80/20% adjustment; the State will pay 20% of expense)

6. Total STATE SHARE of Fees and Expenses (Total the State Share column for line #5a through #5f):
7. Amount due to the state (Subtract line #6 from line #4):

To: Honorable Josh Mandel, Treasurer of the State of Ohio
Tax Commissioner's Certification

Pursuant to the provisions of CAMS Legislation amending Sec. 319.54 (E) O.R.C., this office has reviewed the required documentation pertinent to the settlement of estate and inheritance taxes and certifies the net amount due the State of Ohio is correct. As noted above the net amount is due and payable to Ohio's General Revenue Fund. A certificate for such amount is attached hereto.

Joseph W. Testa, Tax Commissioner

Certified by _____ Date certified _____
Leslie L. Berning, Fiscal Specialist

**AUGUST 2011 SETTLEMENT
AUDITOR SALARY EXPENSE WORKSHEET
FOR AUDITOR SALARY EXPENSES PAID
SINCE FEBRUARY 2011 SETTLEMENT**

MONTH/YEAR	AUDITOR SALARY EXPENSES
MONTH _____/YEAR _____	\$ _____
MONTH _____/YEAR _____	\$ _____
MONTH _____/YEAR _____	\$ _____
MONTH _____/YEAR _____	\$ _____
MONTH _____/YEAR _____	\$ _____
MONTH _____/YEAR _____	\$ _____
SUBTOTAL	\$ _____
SUBTOTAL X 20% = STATE PORTION OF THE AUDITOR SALARY EXPENSES (to be reported on the ET 33 (B), line 5c)	\$ _____

**AUGUST 2011 SETTLEMENT
PERS EXPENSE WORKSHEET
FOR PERS EXPENSES PAID
SINCE FEBRUARY 2011 SETTLEMENT**

MONTH/YEAR	PERS EXPENSES
MONTH _____/YEAR _____	\$ _____
MONTH _____/YEAR _____	\$ _____
MONTH _____/YEAR _____	\$ _____
MONTH _____/YEAR _____	\$ _____
MONTH _____/YEAR _____	\$ _____
MONTH _____/YEAR _____	\$ _____
SUBTOTAL	\$ _____
SUBTOTAL X 20% = STATE PORTION OF THE PERS EXPENSES (to be reported on the ET 33 (B), line 5d)	\$ _____

Dear County Auditor;

As the research and statistical arm of the Department of Taxation, the Tax Analysis Division is continually striving to make sure that the data we gather is accurate and useful to all interested parties. The data we are requesting below is published for the general public as well as legislators and others involved in tax policy. We want to publish this data as accurately as possible. In an attempt to achieve this goal we have developed a more concise form that is easier to understand and clearly defines the data we are requesting. Please follow the format prescribed below. Your cooperation in this ongoing endeavor is crucial and greatly appreciated.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE REPORTING OF LOCAL and OUTSIDE COUNTY ESTATE TAX DISTRIBUTIONS

Please submit a list of the municipal and township (NET) distributions that were made during this settlement period. An example of the format is shown below; please follow this format as closely as possible. The example shows the *(a) gross collections* (PLEASE DO NOT SEPARATE ADVANCEMENTS FROM THIS FIGURE) minus *(b) refunds* minus *(c) local share of fees and expenses* = *(d) net distribution*.

ONE COUNTY, OHIO				
Local Subdivision	<i>(a)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(c)</i>	<i>(d)</i>
	Gross Estate Tax Collections (advancements included)	Refunds	Local Share of Expenses Withheld from Distribution	Net Estate Tax Distribution
Somewhere City	\$4,300.00	\$1,000.00	\$125.00	\$3,175.00
Anywhereville	500.00	150.00	\$12.00	\$338.00

Also, include all distributions made outside your county using the same format as referenced above (see example below). **Clearly identify the locality in which those distributions were credited (municipality or township, as well as county).**

OUTSIDE COUNTY ESTATE TAX DISTRIBUTIONS				
Outside County Subdivision <i>(both COUNTY and SUBDIVISION)</i>	<i>(a)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(c)</i>	<i>(d)</i>
	Gross Estate Tax Collections (advancements included)	Refunds	Local Share of Expenses Withheld from Distribution	Net Estate Tax Distribution

