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Questions specific to this Technical Information Release should be directed to the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, Collection Division, 45 Chenell Drive, Concord, NH 03301 or (603) 271-3701.

Meals & Rooms Tax Returns Filing By Telefile

Effective July 1, 1998, RSA 78-A:8 was amended to allow any meals & rooms tax operator to choose not to file and pay electronically. Any operator that chooses not to file electronically shall forfeit the 3% commission allowed to be retained under RSA 78-A:7,III. However, this forfeiture shall be waived for any business with gross receipts under \$25,000 in the prior calendar year.

An operator currently filing by telefile may choose to file using a paper return. Written notification should be sent to the *Department of Revenue Administration, Collection Division, PO Box 454, Concord, NH 03302-0454.* This will allow the department to update its computer records.

A new operator may choose not to file electronically by crossing out the two line debit authorization and initialing at the end of line 2, on form CD-3, Registration & Application for a Meals & Rooms Tax Operator's License.

The form DP-14, Meals & Rooms Tax Return, shall be used by any operator who has chosen not to file electronically. Forms may be obtained by:

making photocopies of the form in the meals & rooms tax booklet, writing to the Document Processing Division, or calling the department's forms line 603-271-2192.