FORM TA-1 INSTRUCTIONS (REV. 2024)

# HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR PERIODIC TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX RETURN (FORM TA-1)

#### **CHANGES YOU SHOULD NOTE**

Act 17, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024 – This act amends the definition of "transient accommodations" to include shelters. Transient accommodations includes vehicles equipped with or advertised as including sleeping accommodations.

# INTRODUCTION

The transient accommodations tax (TAT) is levied on the gross rental or gross rental proceeds derived from furnishing transient accommodations. The TAT is also levied on the share of gross rental proceeds received by transient accommodations brokers, travel agents, and tour packagers who enter into arrangements to furnish transient accommodations at noncommissioned negotiated contract rates. The rate is 10.25%.

A "transient accommodation" is a room, apartment, house, condominium, beach house, hotel room, suite, shelter, or similar living accommodation furnished to a transient person for less than 180 consecutive days. Transient accommodations includes vehicles equipped with or advertised as including sleeping accommodations.

"Gross rental or gross rental proceeds" includes amounts paid to you in the form of cash, goods, or services as compensation for furnishing a transient accommodation without any deductions for costs incurred in the operation of the transient accommodation. Gross rental or gross rental proceeds also includes amounts received for entering into arrangements to furnish transient accommodation and amounts received for mandatory resort fees. The gross rental or gross proceeds do not include the items shown at the top of the "SCHEDULE OF TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX EXCLUSIONS, EXEMPTIONS AND DEDUCTIONS" (under Section 237D-1) on page 6 of these instructions.

The transient accommodations tax on time share occupancy (TSO tax) is levied on the occupant of a time share vacation unit at the rate of 10.25% on the unit's fair market rental value. The time share plan manager shall be liable for, and pay to the State, the TSO tax.

"Fair market rental value" is defined as an amount equal to one-half of the gross daily maintenance fees that are paid by the owner and that are attributable to the time share unit located in Hawaii. Gross daily maintenance fees include maintenance costs, operational costs, insurance, repair costs, administrative costs, taxes, other than transient accommodations taxes, resort fees, and other costs including payments required for reserves or sinking funds. Amounts paid for optional goods and services such as food and beverage services or beach chair or umbrella rentals shall be excluded from fair market rental value.

The TAT returns (Form TA-1) must be filed on a periodic basis depending on the amount of TAT or TSO tax you have to pay during the year. You must file **monthly** if you will pay more than \$4,000 in TAT or TSO tax per year. You may file **quarterly** if you will pay \$4,000 or less in TAT or TSO tax per year. You may file **semiannually** if you will pay \$2,000 or less in TAT or TSO tax per year. When changing your filing period, please complete Form BB-1.

Taxpayers filing more frequently than is required are filing returns that cannot be properly tracked. To address this the Department of Taxation will change the required filing frequency of taxpayers who file more frequently than is required.

Form TA-1 is due with payment on or before the 20th day of the calendar month following the close of the filing period.

The Department requires taxpayers whose TAT liability exceeds \$4,000 for the taxable year, to file returns electronically.

Taxpayers whose liability for the TAT exceeds \$100,000 per year are required to pay the tax by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

If a payment is being made with Form TA-1, make your check or money order payable to "Hawaii State Tax Collector." Write "TA," the filing period, your Hawaii Tax I.D. No., and your daytime phone number on the check. Attach your check or money order where indicated on the front of Form TA-1.

**Protective Claim** — A protective refund claim is a claim filed to protect a taxpayer's right to a potential refund based on a contingent event for a taxable period for which the statute of limitations is about to expire. A protective claim is usually based on contingencies such as pending litigation or an ongoing federal income tax audit or an audit in another state. For more information see Tax Facts 2021-2.

#### **IMPORTANT!!!**

Write "TA," the filing period, your Hawaii Tax I.D. No. and your daytime phone number on your check so that it may be properly credited to your account. If you do not have any gross rental or gross rental proceeds and do not have any fair market rental value and the result is no TAT and TSO tax liability, enter "0.00" on line 11. Please note that this periodic return must be filed.

To correct a previously filed Form TA-1, file an amended return on Form TA-1.

Forms, instructions, and publications are available on the Department's website at **tax.hawaii.gov** or you may contact a customer service representative at:

Voice: 808-587-4242

1-800-222-3229 (Toll-Free)

Telephone for the Hearing Impaired:

808-587-1418

1-800-887-8974 (Toll-Free)

Fax: 808-587-1488

Mail: Taxpayer Services Branch

P.O. Box 259

Honolulu, HI 96809-0259

# FILLING IN YOUR FORM TA-1 (PERIODIC RETURN)

NOTE: The bold circled numbers on the sample form correspond to the steps in the instructions.

#### **ABOUT THIS FORM**

Form TA-1 is designed for electronic scanning that permits faster processing with fewer errors. To avoid delays:

- 1. Print amounts only on those lines that are applicable.
- 2. Use only a black or dark blue ink pen. Do not use red ink, pencils, felt tip pens, or erasable pens.
- 3. Because this form is read by a machine, please print your numbers inside the boxes like this:

1234567890X

4. Do NOT print outside the boxes.

- 5. Do NOT use dollar signs, slashes, dashes or parentheses in the boxes.
- 6. We recommend that you print a new form from our website (tax.hawaii.gov) each time you need it. The form's QR code is necessary to process the return. Excessive photocopying of a photocopy will degrade the QR code, and the QR code will become unreadable.
- 7. Please use a color printer and print in color.

## THE TOP OF THE TAX RETURN (fig. 2.0) (fig. 2.1)

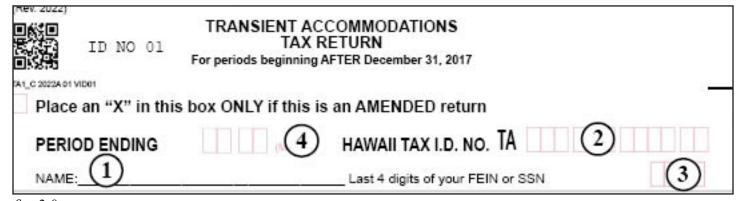


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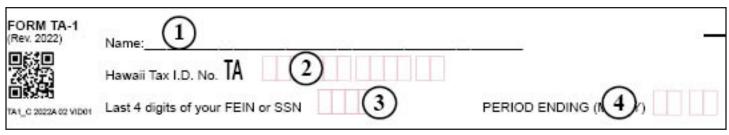


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**STEP 1** — Write your name (taxpayer's name) in the area provided on the top of page 1 and of page 2.

**STEP 2** — Enter your Hawaii Tax I.D. No. in the area provided on the top of page 1 and of page 2.

**STEP 3** — Enter the last 4 digits of your FEIN or SSN in the area provided on the top of page 1 and of page 2.

**STEP 4** — For "PERIOD ENDING" at the top of page 1 and of page 2, enter the filing period information with the appropriate

numeric (two digit) month and year for the last month of the filing period (e.g., Month of January 2025 = 01-25; Quarterly Period of January through March 2025 = 03-25; Semiannual Period of January through June 2025 = 06-25).

**AMENDED RETURNS** — If you are filing an amended return, put an "X" in the box at the top of the return on page 1 indicating that the return is an amended return.

### **COMPUTING THE TAXES** (fig. 2.2) (fig. 2.3) (fig. 2.4)

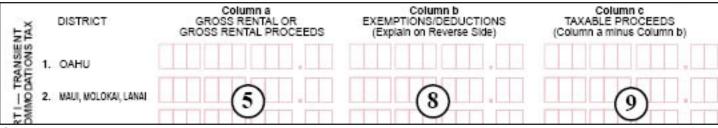


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**STEP 5** — Column a, lines 1 through 4 of Part I. Enter the total gross rental or gross rental proceeds during the period covered by the return.

Please note that if you have gross rental or gross rental proceeds attributable to transient accommodations in more than one taxation district, you must report them separately according to the taxation district in which the transient ac-

commodations are located. For example, if you have gross rental proceeds attributable to transient accommodations on the island of Oahu and on the island of Maui, the total gross rental proceeds attributable to Oahu must be reported on line 1 and the total gross rental proceeds attributable to the transient accommodations on Maui must be separately reported on line 2.

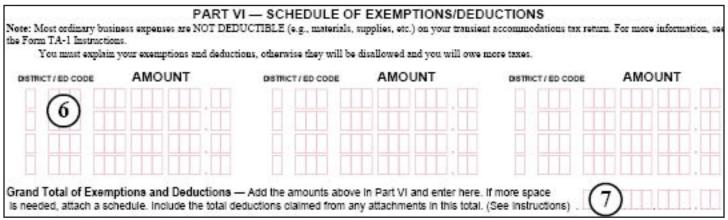


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STEP 6 — Turn to Part VI on the reverse side of Form TA-1, "SCHEDULE OF EXEMPTIONS/DEDUCTIONS." Fill in the amount and description of the exemptions or deductions being claimed for each taxation district. Each exemption or deduction must be separately listed. For each exemption or deduction you claim: (i) In the "DISTRICT" column, enter the number that represents the Tax District where the income was earned (1 for Oahu, 2 for Maui, 3 for Hawaii and 4 for Kauai); (ii) in the "ED CODE" column enter the code for the type of exemption or deduction being claimed. The allowable exemptions and deductions, along with the code number for each, are listed in the "SCHEDULE OF TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX EXCLUSIONS, EXEMPTIONS, AND DEDUCTIONS" (under Section 237D-3) on page 6 of these instructions.

**NOTE:** Deductions allowed on your net income tax returns, such as operating expenses and management fees, are **not** deductible on the transient accommodations tax return.

**STEP 7** — Add the amounts of exemptions/deductions that are separately listed and enter the result on the "**Grand Total of Exemptions and Deductions**" line in Part VI. If you do not have any exemptions or deductions, enter "0.00."

**STEP 8** — Enter the total amount of exemptions and deductions in each district in Column b of Part I.

**STEP 9** — Subtract the amounts in Column b, if any, from the amounts in Column a and enter the results in Column c. Column c is your "TAXABLE PROCEEDS."

144			TOTAL FAIR MARKET RENTAL VALUE
SHAR	5.	OAHU DISTRICT5.	(10)
TIME	6.	MAUI, MOLOKAI, LANAI DISTRICT	9
AT II	7.	HAWAII DISTRICT	
PA	8.	KAUAI DISTRICT 8.	
-TAX TION	9.	TOTAL AMOUNT TAXABLE. Add Column c of lines 1 through 4 and lines 5 through 8. Enter result here (but not less than zero)	(11)
PARTIII -	10. 11.	Tax Rate 10. TOTAL TAXES DUE. Multiply line 9 by line 10 and enter the result here. If you did not have any activity for the period, enter "0.00" here	x0.1025

fig. 2.4

**STEP 10** — Part II is to be completed **only** by time share plan managers to report total fair market rental values and TSO tax due for the periodic filing period.

Report the total fair market rental value during the period for all resort time share vacation plans represented by you on lines 5 through 8. To obtain the total fair market rental value, add the amounts from line 31 on each of the Forms TA-42, "Time Share Occupancy Worksheet — Calculation of Total Fair Market Rental Value." Please note that if you have time share vacation plans in more than one taxation district, you must report the total fair market rental value separately

according to the taxation district in which the time share properties are located.

**STEP 11** — Add lines 1 through 4 of Column c and lines 5 through 8. Enter the total on line 9, the "TOTAL AMOUNT TAXABLE."

**STEP 12** — Multiply the amount on line 9 by the amount on line 10 (0.1025) and enter the result on line 11. This is the "TOTAL TAXES DUE." (**NOTE: Line 11 must be filled in**. If you have no taxes due, enter "0.00" on line 11.)

#### **AMENDING THE RETURN** (fig. 2.5)

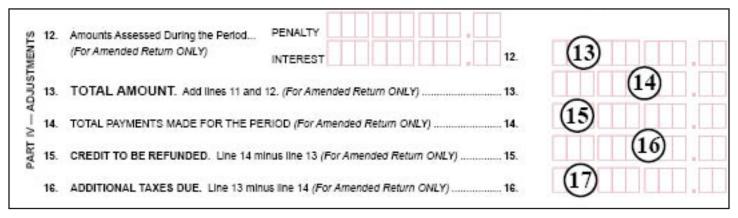


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If you file your Form TA-1 and later become aware of any changes you must make to reported gross rental or gross rental proceeds or exemptions/deductions, you may file an amended return on Form TA-1 to change the Form TA-1 you already filed. Do **NOT** file an amended Form TA-1 if the Transient Accommodations Tax Annual Return & Reconciliation, Form TA-2, has already been filed for the tax year. When filing an amended return, each entry that was correctly reported on the original Form TA-1 also must be entered on the appropriate line. Otherwise, a figure of -0- will be used in place of each unreported number. For amended returns, complete steps 13 through 18 below. (NOTE: If you are not filing an amended return, skip steps 13 through 18 and go to step 19.)

**STEP 13** — As of the date the amended return is filed, enter on line 12 the amounts of penalty and/or interest assessed for the period. Penalty and interest are generally assessed because the original return was filed after the filing deadline, or because the taxes due were not paid in full by the filing deadline.

**STEP 14** — Add the amounts on lines 11 and 12 and enter the result on line 13 "TOTAL AMOUNT."

**STEP 15** — Enter on line 14 the total amount of taxes, additional assessments, and penalty and/or interest paid, less any refunds received for the period. Include payments made with the original periodic return, as well as any supplemental payments made after the original periodic return was filed. (**REMINDER**: Payments are applied first to recover costs in-

curred by the Department, then to any interest due, then to penalties, and finally, to taxes.)

**STEP 16** — If line 13 is **less than** line 14, subtract line 13 from line 14, enter the result on line 15 "CREDIT TO BE REFUNDED," and skip to step 22.

**STEP 17** — If line 13 is **more than** line 14, subtract line 14 from line 13, enter the result on line 16 "ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE."

# FINISHING THE TAX RETURN (fig. 2.6) (fig. 2.7)

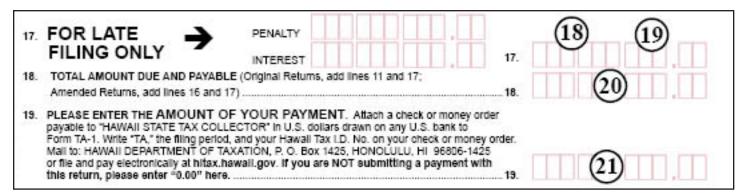


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STEP 18 — If the amended Form TA-1 is being filed after the due date of the original Form TA-1, and there is an amount entered on line 16, enter on line 17 the amount of any penalty and/or interest now due. On a timely filed original Form TA-1, a penalty of 20% of the tax due will be assessed if any tax remains unpaid after 60 days from the prescribed due date of the original Form TA-1. This penalty is applicable to amended Forms TA-1 for timely filed original Forms TA-1. Interest at the rate of 2/3 of 1% per month or part of a month shall be assessed on unpaid taxes and penalties assessed beginning with the first calendar day after the date prescribed for payment, whether or not that first calendar day falls on Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

**STEP 19** — Late Filing of Return (**NOTE**: If you are filing an amended return, skip this step and go to step 20.) The penalty for failure to file a return on time is assessed on the tax due at a rate of 5% a month, or part of a month, from the due date to the filing date, up to a maximum of 25%.

Interest—Interest at the rate of 2/3 of 1% a month, or part of a month, shall be assessed on the unpaid taxes and penalties beginning with the first calendar day after the date prescribed for payment, whether or not that first calendar day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

After computing the penalty and interest amounts, enter the results in the "PENALTY" and "INTEREST" parts of line 17. If you are unable to compute the penalty and interest, leave

the parts of line 17 blank. The Department will compute them for you and send you a bill.

**STEP 20** — Add the amounts on lines 11 and 17 and enter the result on line 18, "TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE." (**NOTE**: If you are filing an AMENDED RETURN, add the amounts on lines 16 and 17 and enter the result on line 18.)

**STEP 21 — NOTE**: If you are **not** submitting a check with your return, enter "0.00" on line 19.

Write the "AMOUNT OF YOUR PAYMENT," including any penalty and interest, on line 19. Attach your check or money order for this amount payable to "Hawaii State Tax Collector" in U.S. dollars drawn on any U.S. bank where indicated on the front of the return. Write "TA," the filing period, your Hawaii Tax I.D. No., and your day-time phone number on your check or money order. Send your check or money order and the return to:

Hawaii Department of Taxation P.O. Box 1425 Honolulu, HI 96806-1425

**Do not send cash**. Form TA-1, including an amended return, can also be filed and payment made electronically at **hitax.hawaii.gov**.

INTHE	CASE OF A CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP,	THIS RETURN MUST BE SIGNE	D BY AN OFFICER, PARTNER OR MEM	BER, OR DULY AUTHO	RIZED AGENT.
(	22)	TITLE	DATE	DAYTI	ME PHONE NUMBER
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**STEP 22** — Sign your tax return. The sole proprietor, a partner or member, corporate officer, or an authorized agent must sign the tax return, state his/her title, write the date the return is signed, and write a daytime contact phone number.

# SCHEDULE OF TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX EXCLUSIONS, EXEMPTIONS, AND DEDUCTIONS

(**NOTE**: All section references are to the Hawaii Revised Statutes)

Section 237D-1: Gross rental or gross rental proceeds do not include:

- The amount of transient accommodations taxes passed-on, collected, and received from the consumer.
- (2) The amount of general excise taxes passed-on, collected, and received from the consumer.
- (3) Charges for guest amenities, including meals, beverages, telephone calls, laundry, and service charges. (Section 18-237D-1-03(c), Hawaii Administrative Rules)
- (4) Accounts charged off as worthless for income tax purposes by an accrual basis taxpayer. (Section 18-237D-1-03(e), Hawaii Administrative Rules)

Division of gross rental or gross rental proceeds:

Where transient accommodations are furnished by an operator through an arrangement with a transient accommodations broker, travel agency, or tour packager at noncommissionable negotiated contract rates and the gross rental or gross rental proceeds are divided between the operator and the transient accommodations broker, travel agency, or tour packager, the TAT shall apply to each operator and transient accommodations broker, travel agency, or tour packager with respect to that person's respective portion of the proceeds.

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ED Code	following are exempt from the Transient Accommodations Tax:	on 237D-3: Th	Section
130	Health care facilities including all such facilities enumerated in Section 321-11(10).	(1	
150	School dormitories of a public or private educational institution providing education in grades kindergarten through twelve, or of any institution of higher education	(2	
140	Lodging provided by nonprofit corporations or associations for religious, charitable, or educational purposes; provided that this exemption shall apply only to the activities of the religious, charitable, or educational corporation or association as such and not to any rental or gross rental the primary purpose of which is to produce income even if the income is used for or in furtherance of the exempt activities of such religious, charitable, or educational corporation or association	(3	
180	Living accommodations for persons in the military on permanent duty assignment to Hawaii, including the furnishing of transient accommodations to those military personnel who receive temporary lodging allowances while seeking accommodations in Hawaii or while awaiting reassignment to new duty stations outside the State.	(4	
120	Low-income renters receiving rental subsistence from the state or federal governments and whose rental periods are for durations shorter than sixty days	(5	
160	Operators of transient accommodations who furnish accommodations to full-time students enrolled in an institution offering post-secondary education. The director of taxation shall determine what shall be deemed acceptable proof of full-time enrollment.	(6	
170	This exemption shall also apply to operators who furnish transient accommodations to students during summer employment.		
100	Accommodations furnished without charge such as, but not limited to, complimentary accommodations	(7	
190	Accommodations furnished to contract personnel such as physicians, golf or tennis professionals, swimming and dancing instructors, and other personnel to whom no salary is paid or to employees who receive room and board as part of their salary or compensation.		
110	Accommodations furnished to foreign diplomats and consular officials who are holding cards issued or authorized by the United States Department of State granting them an exemption from state taxes.	(8	