

**Nebraska Department of Revenue Property Assessment Division
County Treasurer procedures for Car Line and Air Carrier Tax Distribution**

The Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division, is responsible for the assessments, tax collection, and distribution of car line and air carrier tax monies which are certified to the State Treasurer's office. Each year, the State Treasurer transfers the car line and air carrier tax monies to the Nebraska county treasurers during April and August. Questions regarding electronic transfer of car line and air carrier money should be directed to the State Treasurer's Office.

During April and August of each year, the Property Assessment Division posts the car line and air carrier tax distribution information for each county on the Division's Web-site. The Division does not mail paper copy of the tax distributions to the counties.

Questions regarding the distribution for car line and air carrier taxes may be directed to the following staff:

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Car line taxes are distributed to the various political subdivisions based upon the ratio of railroad taxes levied in the county or subdivision compared to the state's total railroad taxes levied, pursuant to [Neb. Rev. Stat. §77-684](#). See "Specific Procedures for Car Line Distribution."

Air carrier taxes are distributed to the credit of the county's general fund proportionate to the amount the total property taxes levied in the county bears to the state's total property taxes levied, pursuant to [Neb. Rev. Stat. §77-1250](#).

Procedures to view web postings of Car Line & Air Carrier Tax Distributions:

- 1) Go to Property Assessment Division Web site at: www.revenue.ne.gov/PAD/.
- 2) Select left navigation topic, "**Property Valued by the State**":
http://www.revenue.ne.gov/PAD/prop_valued_by_state.html

Under section title "**Air Carriers and Car Line Companies**", select first item, "**Tax Distributions to County, Car Line & Air Carrier**":

http://www.revenue.ne.gov/PAD/central_assess/car_line_air_carrier_tax_dist.html

- 3) On this sub-screen, there are 4 choices:
 - **Air Carrier Tax Distribution Summary by County**
 - Car Line Tax Distribution Summary by County
 - **Car Line Tax Distributions for each County**
 - Procedures for Car Line & Air Carrier Tax Distribution

Select “Air Carrier Tax Distribution Summary by County” to view the county’s air carrier tax amount.

Select “Car Line Tax Distributions for each county” to view the county’s car line tax amount and distribution detail.

Specific Procedures for Car Line Distribution (detail printout) for each county:

1. From the web-site sub screen select “Car Line Tax Distributions for each County”, to view the county’s detail car line printout (PDF);
http://www.revenue.ne.gov/PAD/central_assess/car_line_tax_dist_by_county.html

The detail printout indicates the distributed amounts for the **second-half** car line tax monies to the various taxing subdivisions that had railroad taxes levied. The 2010 Certificate of Taxes Levied Report, as filed by the assessor, is the source document for calculating railroad taxes levied. *(For tax year 2010, there are 16 counties that do not receive car line tax because there are no state assessed railroad companies operating in the county).*

2. **For taxing subdivisions other than school districts**, look at the "tax rate" listed. If the tax rate represents more than one fund, distribute that particular amount of car line money further into other funds, e.g. general, sinking, etc. For example:

Subdivision	Tax Rate	Car Line \$ Received
County	.4153	\$2,500.00

To distribute the car line monies to the funds within the "county tax rate", determine the percentage each fund’s rate is of the total rate. Multiply the percentage by the dollars received. An example is provided below.

County General fund	.1983 divided by .4153 = 47.75%	x \$2500 = \$1,193.75
Road & Bridge fund	.1878 divided by .4153 = 45.22%	x \$2500 = \$1,130.50
Noxious Weed	.0292 divided by .4153 = <u>7.03%</u>	x \$2500 = \$ <u>175.75</u>
	100.00%	\$2,500.00

The same procedure, outlined above, is applicable for all the various taxing subdivisions such as cities, townships, fire districts, Natural Resource District (NRD), Educational Service Unit (ESU), Community Colleges, etc., that may have a general fund, sinking/building fund, bonds, or other funds that make up the tax rate shown.

3. **For school districts**, look at the tax rate listed and determine the appropriate funds that make up the total rate listed (e.g., general, special building fund, high school qualified capital purpose undertaking fund, or elementary qualified capital purpose undertaking fund). Determine the percentage each fund's tax rate is of the total school rate listed and calculate the amount of car line monies to be distributed to the individual funds, using the same procedure outlined for other political subdivisions.

For school district bonds, the amount of car line money is separate from the school districts.

In certain situations, a county may also have a Qualified Capital Purpose Fund Bond listed separately like other school bonds, due to previous school mergers where patrons from the dissolved district do not assume previous bonded debt of the receiving school district.

Note: The car line tax monies are for tax year 2010 collected during 2011. Therefore, tax distribution for school districts will be based on school districts in place for the 2010 tax year.

Unified School System: If the base school district is in a unified system, the amount calculated for the "general fund" must be further divided among all the schools within the unified school system. The school system's distribution factors, established when the levy is set, must be used to distribute this car line tax money the same as all other property taxes.

Learning Community System: A car line amount will be calculated for a Learning Community School, separate from the member base schools. The car line amount calculated for a Learning Community must be distributed to the funds applicable to the learning community's tax rate (e.g., general fund, special building, and elementary capital project). The car line amount calculated for a base school that is a member of a Learning Community must be distributed to the funds applicable to the member school district.

School Code: A six-digit uniform code has been established by the Nebraska Department of Education; the first 2 digits = the county number of where the school district is based; the last 4 digits = school district's number. For school districts, the base school code is listed, followed by the unified system code or learning community code, if applicable. For example:

School District	Base Code	Unified or Learning Community
Hastings 18	01-0018	
Orchard 49	02-0049	02-2001
Omaha 1	28-0001	00-9000
Learning Comm. Douglas & Sarpy	00-9000	

4. County treasurers shall not retain a collection fee for distributing car line and air carrier monies, per State Auditor's office.