

Harris County Appraisal District News Release

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HCAD Offers Business Personal Property Rendition Help

Houston — The Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD) has begun the process of mailing personal property rendition forms to businesses known to have been operating in Harris County during 2017.

The appraisal district is offering free workshops to help business owners complete the required personal property rendition forms before the April 2 filing deadline. The deadline is usually April 1, but because that date falls on a Sunday this year, the deadline is extended until Monday, April 2.

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, you must file a rendition with the Harris County Appraisal District by April 2. A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable personal property you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business such as furniture and fixtures, supplies, raw materials, and business vehicles, vessels and aircraft.

Eight rendition workshops to provide one-on-one help have been scheduled throughout the county. Appraisal district staff will not do a presentation and instead will provide individual help. Participants can attend at any time during the scheduled hours and typically will be able to complete the process in about an hour. There is no charge to attend.

Workshops will be conducted at the following locations:

 Thursday, February 15 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 HCAD Offices, 13013 Northwest Freeway, Houston – 1st floor (more)

- Wednesday, February 21 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. HCAD Offices, 13013 Northwest Freeway, Houston – 1st floor
 Wednesday, February 28 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Cleveland Ripley Neighborhood Ctr., 720 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena
- Wednesday, March 7
 Alice M. Young Branch Library, 5107 Griggs Road, Houston
- Tuesday, March 13 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 Fallbrook Church, 12512 Walters Road, Houston
- Wednesday, March 21 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive, Houston
- Saturday, March 24
 8 a.m. to noon
 HCAD Offices, 13013 Northwest Freeway, Houston 1st floor
- Wednesday, March 28 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 HCAD Offices, 13013 Northwest Freeway, Houston 1st floor

"Those who attend these workshops will consult individually with appraisal district staff who will explain personal property taxation and rendition requirements, as well as answer questions about completing the rendition forms," said Roland Altinger, chief appraiser. "These sessions have been very successful in the past and have helped business owners complete their renditions on the spot."

All business owners are required to file renditions whether or not they have received notification. Businesses that fail to render or that render late are subject to a 10 percent tax penalty. Filing a fraudulent rendition carries a 50 percent penalty if found guilty.

State law permits business owners to obtain an automatic extension of the filing requirement by submitting a request in writing by the April 2 filing deadline. The extended deadline for such businesses would then be May 1.

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A rendition form is available on the appraisal district's website at <u>www.hcad.org</u> under the "Forms" tab along with information on the rules of the process.

Business owners with questions about the rendition requirements are encouraged to attend any of the workshop sessions or call the appraisal district's Information Center at 713.957.7800.

About HCAD

The Harris County Appraisal District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas established in 1980 for the purpose of discovering and appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes for each taxing unit within the boundaries of the district. The district has more than 1.8 million parcels of property to assess each year with a total market value of approximately \$575 billion. The appraisal district in Harris County is the largest in Texas, serving approximately 500 taxing units, and one of the largest appraisal districts in the United States. In 2017, the Houston Chronicle named the district a Top Workplace based on an independent survey of over 84,000 Houston-area employees. For further information, visit www.hcad.org.

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