

**701—254.3(453A) Examination of records.** Within three years after a return or report is filed or within three years after the report or return became due, whichever is later, the department shall examine it, determine the amount of cigarette or tobacco tax due, and give notice of assessment to the taxpayer. If no return or report has been filed, the department may determine the amount of tax due and give notice thereof. The period of examination and determination of the correct amount of tax is unlimited in the case of a false or fraudulent report or return made with the intent to evade tax, or in the case of a failure to file a report or return, or if a person purchases or is in possession of unstamped cigarettes. The three-year period of limitation may be extended by a taxpayer by signing a waiver agreement form provided by the department. The agreement must stipulate the period of extension and the tax period to which the extension applies and must provide that a claim for refund may be filed at any time during the period of extension.

Whenever books and records are examined by an employee designated by the director, whether to verify a return, report, or claim for refund or in making an audit, an assessment will be issued for any amount of tax due or a refund made for any amount of tax overpaid.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.15, 453A.28, and 453A.46 as amended by 2004 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2296.

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