

701—601.4(422) Payment of tax.

601.4(1) *Quarterly estimated payments.* Effective for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 1977, financial institutions are required to make quarterly payments of estimated franchise tax. Rules pertaining to the estimated tax are contained in 701—Chapter 604.

601.4(2) Reserved.

601.4(3) *Penalty and interest on unpaid tax.* See rule 701—10.6(421) for penalty for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 1991. See rule 701—10.7(421) for statutory exemptions to penalty for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 1991.

Interest shall accrue on tax due from the original due date of the return. Interest on refunds of any portion of the tax imposed by statute which has been erroneously refunded and which is recoverable by the department shall bear interest as provided by law from the date of payment of the refund, with each fraction of a month considered to be an entire month. See rule 701—10.2(421) for the statutory interest rate.

All payments shall be first applied to the penalty and then to the interest, and the balance, if any, to the amount of tax due.

601.4(4) *Payment of tax by uncertified checks.* The department will accept uncertified checks in payment of franchise taxes, provided such checks are collectible for their full amount without any deduction for exchange or other charges. The date on which the department receives the check will be considered the date of payment, so far as the taxpayer is concerned, unless the check is dishonored. If one check is remitted to cover two or more financial institutions' taxes, the remittance must be accompanied by a letter of transmittal stating:

- a. The name of the drawer of the check;
- b. The amount of the check;
- c. The amount of any cash, money order or other instrument included in the same remittance;
- d. The name of each financial institution whose tax is to be paid by the remittance; and
- e. The amount of payment on account of each financial institution.

601.4(5) *Procedure with respect to dishonored checks.* If any check is returned unpaid, all expenses incidental to the collection thereof will be charged to the taxpayer. If any taxpayer whose check has been returned by the depository bank uncollected should fail at once to make the check good, the director will proceed to collect the tax as though no check had been given. A taxpayer who tenders a certified check in payment for taxes is not relieved from the taxpayer's obligation until the check has been paid.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 422.

[Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 10/18/23]