

701—55.1(422) Notice of discrepancies.

55.1(1) *Notice of adjustment.* An employee of the department, designated by the director to examine returns and make audits, who discovers discrepancies in returns or learns that the income of the taxpayer may not have been listed, in whole or in part, or that no return was filed when one was due, is authorized to notify the taxpayer of the discovery by ordinary mail. The notice shall not be termed an assessment, and it may inform the taxpayer of the amount due if the information discovered is correct.

55.1(2) *Right of taxpayer upon receipt of notice of adjustment.* A taxpayer who has received notice of an adjustment in connection with a return may pay the additional amount stated to be due. If payment is made, and the taxpayer wishes to contest the matter, the taxpayer should then file claim for refund. However, payment will not be required until assessment has been made (although interest will continue to accrue if payment is not made). If no payment is made, the taxpayer may discuss with the employee who notified the taxpayer of the discrepancy, either in person or through correspondence, all matters of fact and law which the taxpayer considers relevant to the situation. Documents and records supporting the taxpayer's position may be required.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.25.