

701—78.7 (437B) Refunds.

78.7(1) A claim for refund of replacement tax may be made on a form obtainable from the department. All claims for refund should be filed with the director and not with the county treasurer. In the case of a refund claim filed by an agent or representative of the taxpayer, a power of attorney must accompany the claim. All claims for refund must be in writing.

78.7(2) A taxpayer shall not offset a refund or overpayment of tax for one tax year as a prior payment of tax of a subsequent tax year on the tax return of a subsequent year unless the provisions of Iowa Code section 437B.4(5) are applicable.

78.7(3) Refunds—statute of limitations. The statute of limitations with respect to which refunds or credits may be claimed are:

a. The later of three years after the due date of the tax payment upon which the refund or credit is claimed or one year after which such payment was actually made.

b. Ninety days after the due date of the tax payment upon which refund or credit is claimed if the tax is alleged to be unconstitutional.

78.7(4) No credit or refund of taxes alleged to be unconstitutional shall be allowed if such taxes were not paid to the appropriate county treasurer under written protest which specifies the particulars of the alleged unconstitutionality.

78.7(5) The taxpayer responsible for paying the tax, or the taxpayer's successors, are the only persons eligible to file claims for refund or credit of the tax with the director and are the only persons eligible to receive such refunds or credits.

78.7(6) The director will promptly notify the appropriate county treasurer of the acceptance or denial of any refund claim or credit. The county treasurer shall pay the refund claim or portion thereof accepted by the director.

78.7(7) A taxpayer has 60 days from the date of the notice of denial of a refund or credit, in whole or in part, to file a protest according to the provisions of rule 701—7.8(17A).

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