**701—6.8(421)** Tax return extension in disaster areas. If a natural disaster is declared by the governor in any area of the state, the director may extend for a period of up to one year the due date for the filing of any tax return and may suspend any associated penalty or interest that would accrue during that period of time for any affected taxpayer whose principal residence or business is located in the covered area if the director determines it necessary for the efficient administration of the tax laws of this state. The director will notify the public of any possible extensions of tax filings as well as possible suspensions of penalty and interest. Notification will be made through different means available to the director including, but not limited to, press releases, media information, and the department's Web site. Persons eligible for extension shall notify the director that they qualify and shall include a notation of the reason for the extension request on the tax return.

This rule is intended to implement 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2400.