

**CALIFORNIA CODES
REVENUE AND TAXATION CODE
SECTION 8651-8657**

8651. (a) An excise tax is hereby imposed for the use of fuel at the following rate per gallon:

- (1) Fourteen cents (\$0.14) during 1990, on and after August 1.
- (2) Fifteen cents (\$0.15) during 1991.
- (3) Sixteen cents (\$0.16) during 1992.
- (4) Seventeen cents (\$0.17) during 1993.
- (5) Eighteen cents (\$0.18) on and after January 1, 1994.

(b) If the federal fuel tax is reduced below the rate of fifteen cents (\$0.15) per gallon and federal financial allocations to this state for highway and exclusive public mass transit guideway purposes are reduced or eliminated correspondingly, the tax rate imposed by this section, on and after the date of the reduction, shall be increased by an amount so that the combined state and federal tax rate per gallon equals the following:

- (1) Twenty-nine cents (\$0.29) during 1990, on and after August 1.
- (2) Thirty cents (\$0.30) during 1991.
- (3) Thirty-one cents (\$0.31) during 1992.
- (4) Thirty-two cents (\$0.32) during 1993.
- (5) Thirty-three cents (\$0.33) on and after January 1, 1994.

(c) If any person or entity is exempt or partially exempt from the federal fuel tax at the time of a reduction, the person or entity shall continue to be exempt under this section.

8651.5. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 8651, on or after January 1, 1966 the excise tax imposed upon liquefied petroleum gas shall be at the rate of six cents (\$0.06) for each gallon of fuel used. All references in this code to Section 8651 shall be deemed, with respect to the rate imposed upon liquefied petroleum gas on or after January 1, 1966, to also refer to this section. Neither the tax imposed by this section nor the tax imposed by Section 8651 shall apply to the use of liquefied petroleum gas in a vehicle during any period of time for which the owner or operator of the vehicle has paid the annual flat rate fuel tax as provided in Section 8651.7.

8651.6. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 8651 and 8651.5, on or after January 1, 1971, the excise tax imposed upon natural gas shall be at the rate of seven cents (\$0.07) for each 100 cubic feet of compressed natural gas used, measured at standard pressure and temperature, and at a rate of six cents (\$0.06) for each gallon of liquid natural gas used. All references in this code to Section 8651 shall, with respect to the rate imposed upon natural gas on or after January 1, 1971, also refer to this section. Neither the tax imposed by this section nor the tax imposed by Section 8651 shall apply to the use of compressed natural gas or liquid natural gas used in a

vehicle during any period of time for which the owner or operator of the vehicle has paid the annual flat rate fuel tax as provided in Section 8651.7.

8651.7. (a) The owner or operator, except an interstate user, of a vehicle propelled by a system using liquefied petroleum gas, liquid natural gas, or compressed natural gas may pay the fuel tax for the use of those fuels by paying an annual flat rate fuel tax according to the following schedule:

Unladen weight	Fee
All passenger cars and other vehicles	\$ 36
4,000 lbs. or less	
More than 4,000 lbs. but less than	72
8,001 lbs.	
More than 8,000 lbs. but less than	120
12,001 lbs.	
12,001 lbs. or more	168

(b) The annual flat rate fuel tax described in subdivision (a) shall be an annual tax. The annual period shall be that period from the end of the month in which the tax was paid to the end of the month prior in the following calendar year. When an owner or operator elects to pay the annual flat rate fuel tax on more than one vehicle, the owner or operator may request that the board prorate the tax due on a vehicle added during the annual period, so that all vehicles have the same annual period. In the year a vehicle is added, the annual flat rate fuel tax for that vehicle shall be calculated by dividing the fee set forth in subdivision (a) by 12 and multiplying the resulting amount by the number of months remaining before the beginning of the next annual period.

(c) The board shall adopt an identification procedure for vehicles with respect to which the annual flat rate tax described in subdivision (a) of this section has been paid.

8651.8. (a) Notwithstanding Section 8651, the excise tax imposed upon ethanol or methanol containing not more than 15 percent gasoline or diesel fuels shall be one-half the rate prescribed by Section 8651 for each gallon of fuel used.

(b) All references in this code to Section 8651 shall be deemed, with respect to the rate imposed upon ethanol or methanol, to also refer to this section.