

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Revenue Tax Policy and Planning Division

Withholding by Professional Athletic Teams (LAC 61:I.1520)

Under the authority of R.S. 39:100.1 and R.S. 47:1511, 164(D), 295, 114, and 1602.1, and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, proposes to amend LAC 61:I.1520. The amendment changes the reference to the rate of withholding from a numerical rate to the rate imposed on individuals pursuant to R.S. 47:32.

The purpose of this proposed Rule is to align the withholding tax rate applicable to professional athletic teams with the individual income tax rate established in R.S. 47:32, so that the rate adjusts by operation of law and ensures consistent and simplified administration.

This proposed Rule is written utilizing plain language principles to ensure clarity and accessibility for all users. It has also been reviewed and tested for compliance with web accessibility standards.

Title 61

REVENUE AND TAXATION

Part I. Taxes Collected and Administered by the Secretary of Revenue

Chapter 15. Income: Withholding Tax

§1520. Withholding by Professional Athletic Teams

A-B.3. ...

C. Rate of Withholding. ~~Effective on or after January 1, 2022, the~~ The withholding tax rate under this Section shall be 4.25 percent computed at the rate levied on individuals pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 47:32 of the and applied to the compensation attributable to "duty days" spent in Louisiana.

D.-G.1.b. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Adopted in accordance with R.S. 39:100.1, R.S. 47:164(D), R.S. 47:295, R.S. 47:1511, R.S. 47:114 and R.S. 47:1602.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 30:91 (January 2004), amended LR 39:104 (January 2013), repromulgated LR 39:330 (February 2013), amended LR 48:507 (March 2022), amended LR 48:2766 (November 2022); amended by Department of Revenue, Tax Policy and Planning Division, 52:

Family Impact Statement

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on any family as defined by R.S. 49:972(D) or on family formation, stability and autonomy. Specifically, the implementation of the proposed amendment will have no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. The stability of the family.
2. The authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children.
3. The functioning of the family.
4. Family earnings and family budget.
5. The behavior and personal responsibility of children.
6. The ability of the family or a local government to perform this function.

Poverty Statement

This proposed Rule will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

The proposed Rule is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act. The agency, consistent with health, safety, environmental and economic factors has considered and, where possible, utilized regulatory methods in drafting this proposed Rule to accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing any anticipated adverse impact on small businesses.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed Rule will have no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. The staffing levels requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service.
2. The total direct and indirect effect on the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service.
3. The overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Any interested person may submit written data, views, arguments or comments regarding these proposed amendments to Morgan Newton, Attorney, Tax Policy and Planning Division, by email to morgan.newton@la.gov. All comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., July 27, 2026.

Public Hearing

Interested persons may submit a written request for a public hearing no later than July 10, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. Requests may be submitted via email to morgan.newton@la.gov and reference Withholding by Professional Athletic Teams. Pursuant to R.S. 49:961(B)(1), a public hearing will be held only if the statutory requirements are satisfied. If those requirements are met, the hearing will take place on July 28, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. in the River Room, located on the seventh floor of the LaSalle Building, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, to receive oral and written comments from interested persons. If the requirements have been met and a public hearing will be held, notice of the hearing will be posted under the respective rule topic on the Department's website at <https://revenue.louisiana.gov/tax-policy/rules-regulations>, under "Types," then "Nonemergency Rulemaking." A posted notice confirms that the statutory hearing requirements have been met and that the hearing will be held. If no notice appears, a public hearing will not be conducted.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, contact Morgan Newton at by email at LDRadarequests@la.gov or by phone at (225) 219-2780.

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Secretary