

WHEEL TAX REFUNDS

5-Jan-10	Raynelle Mueller, Grant County Treasurer, asks: For those of you who have a wheel tax, do you refund wheel tax fees if you have a refund of other fees....For example: Commercial plates turned in when heavy use of construction equipment is done for this season for that business. Pierre's attitude is that it is our money and they don't care how we handle it....SDCL 32-5A-7 states if licensed for less than 12 months, fees are prorated. We do that at the time of original licensing, but what about handling refunds?
Aurora	Aurora County refunds only the license fee.
Beadle	The only refunds in Beadle County are for commercial vehicle license fees...since going with the new system we no longer refund anything unless a customer is at the counter and they realize that they licensed vehicle in error and they no longer have that vehicle..customer has to catch it right away..if they come in next day it's too late. We have signs up in our office for the customers to see this, and so far we haven't had any problems with refunds.
Bennett	
Bon Homme	
Brookings	
Brown	
Brule	We do not refund the wheel tax in Brule County.
Buffalo	
Butte	Butte County does not refund the wheel tax either.
Campbell	
Charles Mix	
Clark	
Clay	
Codington	Codington County only refunds the license fee. We do not refund the wheel tax, waste fee or highway patrol fee.
Corson	
Custer	We usually don't refund wheel tax. If it is a vehicle that is licensed in error we will.
Davison	We don't refund wheel tax.
Day	Day County does not refund wheel tax, solid waste, or highway patrol fees.
Deuel	
Dewey	
Douglas	At this time we do not refund wheel tax, highway patrol, or waste fees.
Edmunds	
Fall River/Shannon	
Faulk	Faulk County does not refund the wheel tax.
Grant	
Gregory	
Haakon	
Hamlin	
Hand	
Hanson	
Harding	

Hughes	Only time we refund wheel tax is when it's a total refund. For example if someone has licensed something in error, they have two vehicles the same make and model, therefore it's an honest mistake our office will put in a refund request to the State that all fees be refunded including the wheel tax but other than that we do now. Now that we reassign plates we do not have a lot of refunds anymore.
Hutchinson	
Hyde	
Jackson	
Jerauld	
Jones	
Kingsbury	
Lake	
Lawrence	
Lincoln	
Lyman	
Marshall	
McCook	
McPherson	
Meade	
Mellette	
Miner	
Minnehaha	
Moody	
Pennington	
Perkins	Perkins County refunds the prorated fees.
Potter	
Roberts	In general, we do not refund wheel tax. The only time I have done it is when a customer licenses wrong vehicle and Pierre approves refund of the license fees. We give them the wheel tax back because we are turning around and collecting it again on the correct vehicle. This rarely happens now.
Sanborn	I do not refund wheel tax on a commercial vehicle. I think the only other refund I have done is when a Grandma brought in an old registration for her granddaughter and it ended up being the wrong vehicle. I did refund the wheel tax then because she called right away the next day and hadn't used it.
Spink	
Stanley	
Sully	
Tripp/Todd	
Turner	
Union	In that situation I would not refund the wheel tax because of the extra paperwork it creates for both my office & the auditor's office. Our cash receipting system (Tyler-Incode) will not allow us to do a negative transaction, so the auditor ends up having to do a manual entry to the journal/general ledger. If it was an error on our part, say we licensed the wrong vehicle even though they gave us the correct info, then I would do it, but I would say no otherwise. The other thing is, I would question if that statute applies to all fees, or just "license" fees. In my opinion, it would not apply to the wheel tax because it doesn't apply to the waste or highway patrol fee.
Walworth	Walworth County only refunds the license fees.
Yankton	Yankton County refunds the wheel tax; the only thing we do not refund is the waste and high patrol fees.
Ziebach	We are just now starting a wheel tax but I will not refund unless they no longer owned the car when licensing.