

# Avalara Excise Platform CertCapture Integration

Manage fuel license and exemption certificates using CertCapture

## Business challenge

When calculating or filing indirect taxes, bulk fuel suppliers and distributors are challenged to ensure that their business partners provide the necessary proof for a tax exemption claim. If a valid fuel license or exemption document cannot be produced in an audit, the exemption will be denied, and the supplier or distributor will need to cover the taxes.

Avalara AvaTax Excise and Returns Excise both use the Avalara Excise Platform (AEP) to manage business partner, license, and exemption information. In addition, these products have built-in knowledge of the rules and rates which apply to over 1900 different fuel licenses or exemption claims. When business partner license and exemption information is provided, tax calculation and filing accuracy is ensured.

Managing license and exemption information so that it's always up-to-date is not easy. New customer documents need to be captured, expiration needs to be tracked, and document updates need to be solicited and verified. Document information has to be entered and updated in the AEP so that taxes will calculate accurately.

Customers may provide documents in hardcopy or electronic formats, so retrieving them several years later when required for an audit can be a challenge. The use of manual processes for managing, storing, and retrieving these documents is time consuming and error-prone, resulting in tax calculation inaccuracy and audit liability.





#### **KEY FEATURES**

- Automatic solicitation to update expiring documents
- Electronic document storage and fast retrieval
- Synchronization of business entity information
- Automatic update of license and exemption status
- **Easy access** from an excise transaction to the supporting document image

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## Solution

Avalara CertCapture automates the management of fuel licenses and exemption certificates. Built-in process support for document solicitation and collection reduces administrative effort. Customers enter their documents directly into the system, lowering management costs and avoiding transcription errors.

Fast and simple document collection enables sales controls without risk of lost sales. Exempt sales are only allowed after a valid certificate is captured. Through a direct integration with the AEP, manual status updates are eliminated along with their administrative costs and related errors. By ensuring the accuracy of license and exemption information, tax calculations and returns only allow an exemption when supporting documents have been captured and validated.

Centralized electronic storage makes it easy to retrieve tax documents when required for an audit. At the touch of a button in AvaTax Excise or Returns Excise the documentation required for an exemption can be displayed. By creating a tightly integrated workflow between certificate management and tax automation, both management productivity and tax calculation accuracy are ensured.

### **KEY BENEFITS**

- Lowers administrative costs required to manually solicit tax documents and maintain status
- **Eliminates risk** of using outdated documents to calculate taxes
- Avoids audit liabilities caused by missing or invalid documents
- Improves audit support through fast, guaranteed access to the document supporting an exemption

## **About Avalara**

Avalara helps businesses of all sizes achieve compliance with sales tax, VAT, GST, excise tax, and other transactional tax requirements by delivering comprehensive, automated, cloud-based solutions that are fast, accurate, and easy to use. Avalara's end-to-end suite of solutions are designed to effectively manage complicated and burdensome tax compliance obligations imposed by state, local, and other taxing authorities in the United States and internationally.

Avalara offers hundreds of pre-built connectors into leading accounting, ERP, ecommerce and other business applications. The company processes millions of tax transactions for customers and free users every day, files hundreds of thousands of transactional tax returns per year, and manages millions of exemption certificates and other compliance related documents. Avalara employs more than 700 people at its headquarters on Bainbridge Island, WA and in offices across the U.S. and in London, UK and Pune, India. More information at: www.avalara.com



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