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**HAWAI'I STATE TAX DEPARTMENT MAKES IT EASIER FOR BUSINESSES TO
COMPLETE GENERAL EXCISE TAX FORM**

HONOLULU- The State Department of Taxation announced today that starting January 5, 2009, taxpayers will find it easier to complete the General Excise (GE) periodic tax return Form G-45 electronically or to use the web-fillable version of this form. Both new versions will perform math calculations for the taxpayer. Taxpayers only need to fill in the necessary information and the program will automatically perform the calculations. This new feature eliminates more than 90 percent of the errors made by taxpayers, is simple, and is free.

- To file the Form G-45 electronically, go to www.hawaii.gov/tax and click on "E-Services." Unless already registered, users will need to register by clicking on "Register to E-file". Some additional benefits gained from filing electronically include: the G-45 is filed immediately; immediate confirmation that the tax return was filed; the ability to view filing history; calculation of late penalty and interest for late filings; 24/7 tax return filing, with live assistance from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday thru Friday (excluding State holidays); and the site is secure.
 - Taxpayers may also pay their GE taxes using an electronic check at no cost. Taxpayers using a credit/debit card will be assessed a credit/debit card processing fee.

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- To complete the web-fillable Form G-45, go to www.hawaii.gov/tax and click on "Forms." Next click on "Alphabetical List." Next click on "G." Scroll down to the Form G-45 entry and click on "General Excise / Use Tax Return (Rev. 2008 – Calculated)." For instructions on how to use this fillable form, click on the green "Help" button in the upper right corner of the form. After printing, mail the completed forms to the State Department of Taxation, P. O. Box 1425, Honolulu, HI 96806-1425.

Reminder: taxpayers will no longer receive their GE tax booklets in the mail automatically as in previous years and are encouraged to use the Tax Department's on-line services. However, for those taxpayers who do not have computers or prefer not to use on-line services, GE tax booklets may still be ordered by calling 808-587-4242 or toll free at 1-800-222-3229.

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