

State Tax Matters

The power of knowing. September 29, 2023

Sales/Use/Indirect:

Texas Policy Letter Addresses Taxability of Electronic Games and Downloadable Content, Virtual Currencies

Accounts (Comptroller) explains that existing state statutes, rules, and policy decisions provide that electronic games and associated content – including related virtual currencies – are subject to Texas sales and use tax as an amusement service regardless of whether access is purchased directly through a game's website or a redeemable card. According to the Comptroller, membership fees, subscription fees, or similar charges, "by whatever name called," for access to an electronic game or associated content are charges for membership or access to special privileges – and all are taxable as amusement services under Texas law. Please contact us with any questions.

URL: https://star.comptroller.texas.gov/view/202309029L

Chris Blackwell (Austin)
 Senior Manager
 Deloitte Tax LLP
 cblackwell@deloitte.com

Robin Robinson (Austin)
Senior Manager
Deloitte Tax LLP
rorobinson@deloitte.com

This communication contains general information only, and none of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited ("DTTL"), its global network of member firms or their related entities (collectively, the "Deloitte organization") is, by means of this communication, rendering professional advice or services. Before making any decision or taking any action that may affect your finances or your business, you should consult a qualified professional adviser.

No representations, warranties or undertakings (express or implied) are given as to the accuracy or completeness of the information in this communication, and none of DTTL, its member firms, related entities, employees or agents shall be liable or responsible for any loss or damage whatsoever arising directly or indirectly in connection with any person relying on this communication. DTTL and each of its member firms, and their related entities, are legally separate and independent entities.

About Deloitte

Deloitte refers to one or more of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited ("DTTL"), its global network of member firms, and their related entities (collectively, the "Deloitte organization"). DTTL (also referred to as "Deloitte Global") and each of its member firms and related entities are legally separate and independent entities, which cannot obligate or bind each other in respect of third parties. DTTL and each DTTL member firm and related entity is liable only for its own acts and omissions, and not those of each other. DTTL does not provide services to clients. Please see www.deloitte.com/about to learn more.

Deloitte provides industry-leading audit and assurance, tax and legal, consulting, financial advisory, and risk advisory services to nearly 90% of the Fortune Global 500® and thousands of private companies. Our professionals deliver measurable and lasting results that help reinforce public trust in capital markets, enable clients to transform and thrive, and lead the way toward a stronger economy, a more equitable society and a sustainable world. Building on its 175-plus year history, Deloitte spans more than 150 countries and territories. Learn how Deloitte's approximately 415,000 people worldwide make an impact that matters at www.deloitte.com.