

FAQ'S for Hosts using Airbnb

1. Q - When will Airbnb begin collecting and remitting Occupancy Tax ?
A - On March 1, 2017, Airbnb will begin collecting and remitting Occupancy taxes on behalf of all hosts for all bookings on the Airbnb platform from that date forward. Hosts will no longer be responsible for collecting such taxes and will not have an option to opt-out of collection by Airbnb.
2. Q - Who is responsible for paying Occupancy Taxes on bookings prior to March 1, 2017?
A - As in the past, each Host is responsible for collecting Occupancy Taxes and remitting to the Department of Finance. Any booking you have through Airbnb prior to March 1, 2017 will still need to be reported to the Department of Finance.
3. Q - Do I still need to register for Occupancy Taxes if Airbnb is collecting the tax?
A - If your rentals are booked exclusively through Airbnb, then you may, but are not required to, register for Occupancy Taxes. You will need to register and collect Occupancy Taxes on rentals booked through other methods or platforms.
4. Q - What if I book my home through other websites?
A - The collection and remittance of Occupancy Tax is required for all short-term rentals. Although Airbnb is handling the tax for bookings on their site, you are still required to collect and remit the tax for bookings made outside of the Airbnb platform.
5. Q - How do I report my Airbnb activity?
A - You should not be reporting your Airbnb activity to the Finance Department of Dutchess County. Airbnb will be remitting Occupancy Taxes to Dutchess County on your behalf.
6. Q - Where do I find information about the taxes Airbnb has remitted on my behalf?
A - You can view detailed information about you Airbnb bookings at any time from your Transaction History, including the gross amount you charged the guest for the stay, and the amount of taxes Airbnb collected and remitted on your behalf.
7. Q - Any further recommendations to Hosts?
A - While Airbnb has contractually agreed to collect HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) on your behalf, we strongly recommend that you maintain your books and records of all transactions running through the Airbnb platform.

For more information regarding Airbnb, please refer to [Airbnb .com Help Center](https://www.airbnb.com/help).

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