

Wisconsin Department of Revenue
Electronic Real Estate Transfer Return
eRETR

New User Registration for **e**RETR Access
Government Offices

New User Registration



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Real Estate Transfer and Merger/Conversion

Section 77.22(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes provides that "...submission of a completed real estate transfer return and collection by the of the fee shall be prerequisites to acceptance of the conveyance for recording." All information on the transfer return is useful to the local assessor, other municipal and county officials and staff of the Department of Revenue who have a statutory responsibility in the administration of Wisconsin tax laws.

Select

- Assessors and Government Offices Access
- Real Estate Transfer Return Filing - [eRETR PE-500 and PE-500x](#)
- Merger/Conversion Report - [MC-500](#)

Resources

- Newsletters (Real Estate Transfer News)
- Parcel Formatting Rules By County
- Training/Help -- How to use the eRETR system

Law Links

- Chapter 73.14, Merger/Conversion Statutes
- Chapter 77, Real Estate Transfer Statutes
- Tax 15, Wis. Adm. Code: Transfer Fee Administrative Tax Code

Reports

- Collection Summary for Calendar Years: [2006](#) | [2005](#) | [2004](#) | [2003](#) | [2002](#) | [2001](#) | [2000](#)
- Summary of County eRETR filings: [2006](#)

Links to State Agencies and Professional Organizations

- Department of Commerce [Rental Weatherization Program](#)
- Department of Financial Institutions [Conversion FAQs](#) and [Merger FAQs](#)
- Department of Natural Resources [Forest Crop Law \(FCL\) and Managed Forest Law \(MFL\)](#)
- Wisconsin [Association of Assessing Officers](#)
- Wisconsin [Bar Association](#)
- Wisconsin [County Treasurers' Association](#)
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- Wisconsin [Register of Deeds Association](#)

Software Developers

- Directly send and receive eRETR data via [eRETR Web Services](#)
- eRETR [Project](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
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Equalization Section
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Madison, WI 53708-8971
Phone: (608) 266-2149
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[E-Mail Additional Questions](#)

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Instructions on WAMS, Log In and downloading [eRETR data](#)

Real Estate Transfer – Assessors and Government Offices Web Page



Click here to log-in to eRETR data

Instructions and link to Department of Adm. (DOA) for obtaining WAMS Id

You must have a WAMS ID to register for access to the eRETR system

Instructions on WAMS, Log In and downloading eRETR data

The screenshot shows the main content area of the website. The left sidebar contains a vertical menu with items: Businesses, Governments, Individuals, Practitioners, Contact Us, E-Services, Employment, En Español, FAQs, Forms, Links, News, Publications, Reports, and Training. The main content area is titled "Real Estate Transfer - Assessors and Government Offices" and is divided into sections: "All Users Select" (with links for Log-in to eRETR, Instructions for WAMS, and Self-Registration), "News" (with a link for Real Estate Transfer News), "Assessors" (with a link for eRETR Training/Help), "Real Property Listers" (with a link for eRETR Training/Help), "Register of Deeds" (with links for eRETR criteria, Paper PE-500 criteria, and amended PE-500x), and "Treasurers" (with links for Form P-520 Transmittal Spreadsheet, Form P-520 Treasurer's Transmittal Spreadsheet, and Electronic Funds Transfer instructions). Red arrows point from the text on the left to the "Practitioners" menu item, the "E-Services" menu item, and the "Publications" menu item.

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WAMS Log In

Wisconsin
Department of Revenue

Please log In

1. Enter your user name

User ID

2. Enter your password

Password

WARNING: This system is for authorized users only; system access is monitored. By using this system you expressly consent to this monitoring. Unauthorized use of, or access to, this system may subject you to criminal prosecution and penalties

3. Login

Login

If you have not obtained your WAMS User ID – get it here.

[Forgot your password? Is your account locked ? click here](#)

[Request a Wisconsin User ID and Password.](#)

Confidentiality Statement

Electronic Real Estate Transfer Return

Department of Revenue

RETR Confidentiality:

The real estate transfer returns filed under Sec. 77.22(1) Wis. Stats., both paper and electronic, are privileged information per Sec. 77.265 Wis. Stats. Assessors, assessment staff, and county officials shall maintain the confidentiality of the real estate transfer returns except as follows:

- 77.265 (2)** *The local assessor shall permit the inspection of all returns filed under this subchapter for property within any local unit of government for which property taxes are levied by the chief elected official, or a person designated by the official, of that unit upon the adoption of a resolution by the governing body of the unit directing the official to inspect the returns for the purpose of reviewing the basis upon which equalized values were established by the department of revenue under s. 70.57, and the official or designee shall maintain the confidentiality of the returns.*
- 77.265 (5)** *The department of revenue, county real property listers under s. 70.09 and local assessors and their employees and agents may use the returns.*
- 77.265 (7)** *In a condemnation proceeding or in an appeal of an assessment of real property, the property owners and the owners' agents may inspect the returns.*
- 77.265 (8)** *A county may use the returns to develop a tract index if the county does not reveal the social security numbers of any buyers or sellers.*

The following exceptions are typically processed through the Department of Revenue:

- 77.265 (3)** *The returns may be used in any proceeding involving the requisite amount of the fee.*
- 77.265 (4)** *The department of workforce development may use the returns under s. 106.50.*
- 77.265 (6)** *Governmental agencies acquiring real property for public purposes may use the returns.*

All other requests to view or access the real estate information provided here must be forwarded, in writing, to:

Real Estate Transfer Return Custodian of Documents:
ATTN: SLF Deputy Division Administrator
P.O. Box 8971, MS 6-97
Madison, WI. 53708-8971

A breach in the confidentiality of the real estate transfer return may lead to a review by the Secretary of Revenue or a Designee, per Sec. 73.09(7)(a) Wis. Stats., who may revoke the certification of any assessor, assessment personnel or expert appraiser for the practice of any fraud or deceit in obtaining certification, or any negligence, incompetence or misconduct, including making a fraudulent change in the assessment roll after it is opened for examination under Sec. 70.47(3) Wis. Stats.

I have read the above statutory references and agree that I have statutory authority to view the Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Return information contained on this website.

I agree

I do not agree

The electronic RETR and paper RETR (PE-500) are confidential.

To access the eRETR system, you **MUST** agree to maintain the confidentiality of the real estate transfer return.

New User Registration - Personal Information Input

Fill in your name, telephone number, and email address. Then check proper box to indicate your role. Only **one** box may be checked.

Click "Continue Interview"

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "RETR Government Officials—Welcome New User! - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows "http://localhost:9080/RETRWebApp/application?user=carol". The page header includes "Electronic Real Estate Transfer Return" and "Department of Revenue". A navigation bar contains a "Click for Help in filling out this form" link. The main content area is titled "Welcome! Complete this form in order to use eRETR's Government Officials Web Application". It contains a registration form with the following fields and options:

- Last name:
- First name:
- Telephone:
- Email address:
- What role(s) do you play? (Only one box may be checked):
 - Treasurer
 - Register of Deeds
 - Real Property Lister
 - Assessor
 - Assessment Staff
 - Revenue Staff

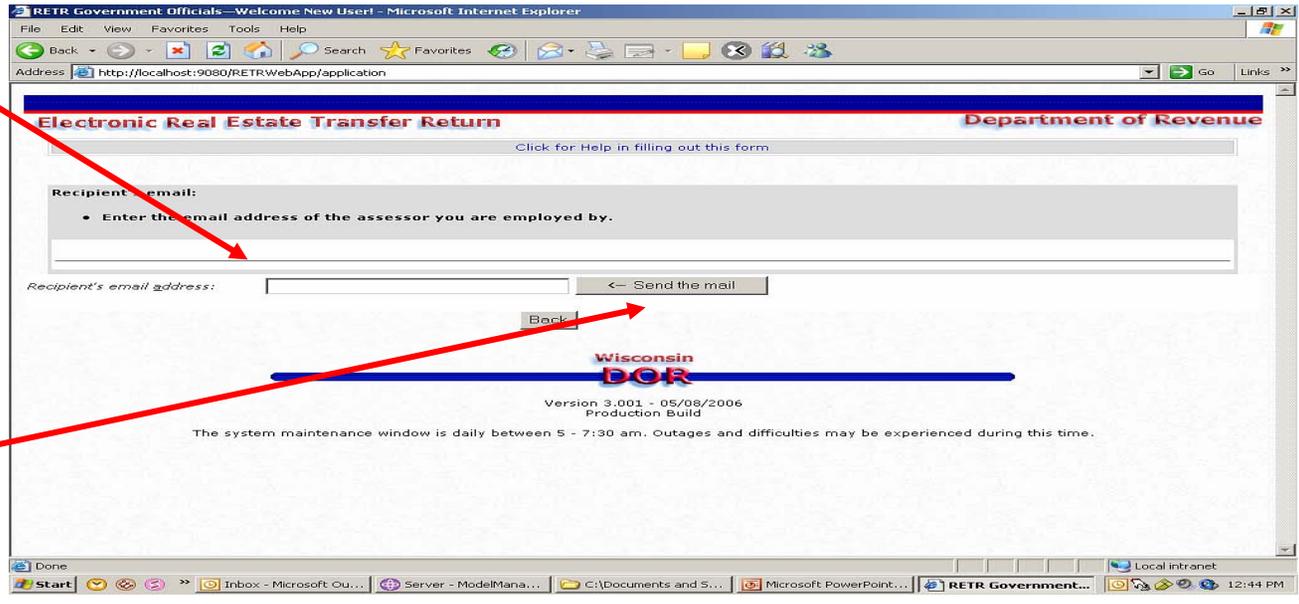
At the bottom of the form is a "Continue interview" button. Below the form is the Wisconsin DOR logo, version information (Version 3.001 - 05/08/2006 Production Build), and a maintenance notice: "The system maintenance window is daily between 6 - 7:30 am. Outages and difficulties may be experienced during this time." The browser status bar shows "Done" and "Local intranet".

Note: The e-mail address can be either a generic office e-mail that has multiple users or a single-user e-mail address that may have been used to obtain your WAMS Id.

New User Registration - Send

Enter the e-mail address of the person in your office who has been assigned the approval role. That person is the elected official for Register of Deeds and Treasurers. For all other offices, check with your supervisor.

Click "Send the mail"



The registration process is complete. You will receive an e-mail to notify you when you have been authorized to access the eRETR system.

