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# HST- What You Need To Know

### Will I be exempt from the HST?

- On July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) comes into effect in Ontario.
- First Nation status card holders will have to pay the 13% HST for the months of July and August only.
- Starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, First Nations status card holders will be exempt from the 8% provincial portion of the HST at the point of sale for eligible off-reserve purchases.
- Status card holders will be refunded the 8% provincial portion of the HST for July and August.
- As is current practice, purchases made on reserve remain tax free.

## **How do I get my money back for purchases made in July and August?**

- Status card holders can file a refund application with the Ontario Ministry of Revenue to get refunds for purchases made July 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010.
- Refund application forms may only be submitted between September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and must be accompanied by:
  - o Original receipts
  - o Photocopy of both sides of the Indian Status Card
- Refund application forms will be available after August 1<sup>st</sup> only!
- Refund application forms will be made available:
  - o At your Band Council Office.
  - o Online at the Ministry of Revenue website at [www.ontario.ca/taxchange](http://www.ontario.ca/taxchange)
  - o By calling 1-866-ONT-TAXS (1-866-668-8297)

## **Where do I fax, email or mail the refund application forms?**

This information will be found on the refund form.

## **Who should I contact if I have questions?**

For more information, call 1-800-337-7222 or 1-866-668-8297 or visit [www.ontario.ca/taxchange](http://www.ontario.ca/taxchange).