



TURNOVER TAX.

This brochure contains information about the turnover tax.

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What is turnover tax

Turnover Tax is a tax that is levied on the business' turnover/sales that are generated by entrepreneurs through the delivery of goods and services.

Who is considered taxpayer for the turnover tax

Taxpayer are:

- Entrepreneurs living or residing on one of the islands St. Maarten, Saba or St. Eustatius
- Entrepreneurs who are not living or residing on one of the islands, but are delivering goods and/or services to the islands

An entrepreneur is anyone who operates a business or a profession. Not only sole-proprietorships but also for example NVs and even foundations and associations.

On what is the turnover tax levied

Turnover tax is levied on the business turnover or sales that the entrepreneur realizes through the delivery of goods and/or services.

Also if you take goods from your business for personal use you are liable to pay turnover tax. This is referred to as private use.

What is the tariff of the turnover tax

The tariff of the turnover tax is 3 percent.

Are there any exemptions

There are a considerable amount of exemptions within the turnover tax.

If one of the exemptions are applicable to you, then you don't have to pay any turnover tax.

You still always have to prove that you fall under an exemption.

The most important exemptions are:

- The delivery to entrepreneurs who reside on St. Maarten, Saba or St. Eustatius. The goods must actually be shipped to the other island.
- The delivery of immovable property is exempted if transfer tax is owed.
- The sale of lottery based on the Federal Lottery Ordinance
- The transport services by air and by sea (NB: transport by pleasure-boats are always taxable)
- The services of hospitals, doctors, physiotherapists etc.
- The delivery of medicines on prescription

- The services of bus or taxi drivers, and also schoolbus services
- Non-commercial education
- The rental of hotel rooms and apartments if roomtax is owed.
- The delivery of bread
- The export of goods

When and how should the turnover tax be paid

You have to pay your turnover tax every month, no later than the fifteenth of the month, on the tax which is due over the previous month. You must fill in the return form you received from the Tax department and go to the Federal Receiver to make payments.

For example: The turnover tax for the month of May is due no later than June 15th.

If you have any questions you can contact one of the information centers. They are there to assist you.

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