

CITY OF VAUGHAN

HST – Frequently Asked Questions

What is HST?

As announced in the 2009 Ontario Budget, the current Provincial Sales Tax (8% PST) will be combined with the Federal Goods and Services Tax (5% GST) to create a Harmonized Sales Tax (13% HST) for Ontario.

When does the HST come into effect?

The City of Vaughan, like all Ontario municipalities, must comply with recent legislation on HST effective July 1, 2010 however there are three dates prior to July 1st that impact payment of the HST:

- Purchases paid in full by April 30, 2010 will be subject to current tax rates. HST will not apply, even if the service/program extends past July 1, 2010
- As of May 1, 2010 purchases made in which the product/service is performed on or continued past July 1, 2010, will have HST applied to the portion that occurs July 1 and after
- On July 1, 2010, HST will be applied to all purchases that are identified as HST applicable

What City goods and services are “Taxable” under HST?

The list below includes items/services provided by the City of Vaughan that are currently taxable and will be subject to 13% HST as of July 1, 2010:

| Service Description | Up to June 30, 2010 | | On or After July 1, 2010 |
|--|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| | GST | PST | HST |
| Fitness memberships | 5% | 0% | 13% |
| Recreation programs (individuals over the age of 14) | 5% | 0% | 13% |
| Facility, ice and pool rentals | 5% | 0% | 13% |
| Cemetary plots and services | 5% | 0% | 13% |
| Optional fee for municipal services | 5% | 0% | 13% |
| City Playhouse Theatre tickets | 5% | 0% | 13% |
| Maps, directories, CD/DVD, photocopies | 5% | 8% | 13% |

What City goods and services are “Exempt” from HST?

The following list includes items/services provided by the City of Vaughan that are currently tax exempt and will remain exempt of HST:

- Property taxes
- Property registration/filing documents
- Licenses and permits
- Development charges and applications
- Document/Certificate re: statistics, residency, citizenship, etc.
- Information/Certificate re: right or estate in real property
- Provision of information or documents under the Privacy Act or Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)
- Recreation programs for children under 14
- Law enforcement and fire protection services
- Municipal sewer and water systems (repair, maintenance and installation)
- Un-bottled water and related delivery charges
- Non-optional services provided to a property owner or occupants of real property (i.e. false alarms, street lighting, garbage/recycling collection)
- Library services such as fees for borrowing books/fines for books

Where can I get more HST information?

To learn more about HST you can contact the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) at **1-800-959-5525** or visit the CRA website at www.cra.gc.ca/harmonization .

For more information, you can also contact www.ontario.ca/taxchange or call **1-800-337-7222**.