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WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I THINK I AM BEING CHARGED GST ILLEGALLY?

If you do not see the GST Certificate in the business place and a GST charge appears on your tax invoice or sales receipt, you should ask whether the business is GST registered or not. You should contact the IRD by telephone or email to report the incident.

It is an offence under the GST Act for an <u>unregistered business</u> to charge GST.

HOW WILL GST AFFECT ME?

- Expect a temporary increase in prices of old stock on hand prior to 1st July 2022. Most prices should decrease on subsequent imports.
- Expect price of <u>services</u> not previously taxed to likely increase.

GST introduces a system where GST registered businesses are allowed to recover GST paid in providing goods and services. These businesses should therefore not factor GST paid in calculating the selling price of the good or services. Therefore, prices should not ordinarily increase by the full 13%.



WILL I BENEFIT UNDER THE GST REGIME?

Yes, Anguillans will benefit under the GST regime as the additional revenue collected will be used to provide essential services, address the country's financial challenges and fund infrastructural development.

GST levels the playing field and provides a much fairer and equitable discharge of the tax liability across both goods and services. Before GST, the Government collected most of its revenue from Customs duties on goods only. Under GST, the Government will collect revenues on taxable goods and services, on imports and domestically.

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Goods & Services Tax Guide

GST AND THE CONSUMER



DISCLAIMER

This brochure is for guidance only and reflect the law and the tax position at the time of publication. It does not replace the legislation.

If in doubt, you should consult the Inland Revenue Department.

WHAT IS GST?

GST is a broad-based tax on **CONSUMPTION**. It is charged on the value

of imports and on the mark-up on goods and services supplied by one business to another or to the final consumers.

GST will be implemented effective 1st July 2022 and will replace the following taxes:

- i) Accommodation Tax
- ii) Communication Levy
- iii) Environmental Levy
- iv) Public Entertainment Tax
- v) Interim Goods Tax

IS GST CHARGEABLE ON ALL GOODS AND SERVICES?

No. There are some goods and services that are exempt from GST. There are also goods and services that are zero-rated and chargeable at a GST rate of zero percent. A complete list of these goods and services can be found in the GST Regulations 2022 and on the IRD's website.

WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF EXEMPT SUPPLIES?

Here are a few examples of goods and services that are exempt from GST:

- Most financial services (except those provided for an explicit fee)
- Medical devices, services and prescription pharmaceuticals
- Life, health and international travel insurance
- Education services and supplies subject to approval from Department of Education
- Religious services by an approved religious organisation
- Vacant land
- Domestic public transport and international transport of passengers and goods

WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF ZERO-RATED SUPPLIES?

Here are a few examples of goods and services that are zero-rated:

- Basic food items such as rice, flour, chicken, locally produced fish, meat and eggs, vegetables, fruits, etc
- Approved list of inputs for the fishing, farming and manufacturing sectors
- Export of goods and services
- Contraceptives and sanitary products
- Electricity by ANGLEC to a domestic meter, up to 130kWh per month

WHAT IS THE GST STANDARD RATE?

The GST standard rate is 13% for most taxable goods and services.

WHO WILL PAY GST?

Everyone pays GST once the item purchased or imported is a taxable supply. No one pays GST on goods or services that are GST exempt or zero-rated.

WHO CAN CHARGE GST?

Only GST registered taxable persons are entitled to charge and collect GST for the Government.

HOW DO I KNOW WHO IS REGISTERED FOR GST?

All registered businesses will be issued a GST Registration Certificate by the IRD, which must be displayed in a prominent area in the business place. The certificate will display the name, location and Tax Identification Number (TIN) of the business, the signature of the Comptroller of IRD as well as other special security features.

HOW ELSE CAN I IDENTIFY A GST REGISTRANT?

In addition to the GST Registration Certificate, the IRD will publish on its website, a Taxpayer Register containing the names, addresses and TIN of businesses registered to charge and collect GST. The register will be updated periodically. Persons can also call or email the IRD to verify whether a business is registered.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM BEING CHARGED GST?

All GST registered businesses are required to issue a tax invoice or sales receipt to their customers. The receipt will indicate the name, address and TIN of the registered business, description and quantity of all goods and services supplied and the amount of GST being charged/chargeable.

WILL THE GST BE ADDED AT CHECK-OUT OR IS IT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE ON THE SHELF?

The GST Act requires that prices quoted, displayed or advertised must be GSTinclusive. That means that the price you see on the shelf or on the product you are buying is the price you will pay at the cash register. However, as a transitional provision the Comptroller will allow GST taxable persons in specified retail operations to temporarily display prices exclusive of GST.

