

Ministry of Finance

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Expiry of Maa-nulth First Nations Exemption

Carbon Tax, Motor Fuel Tax, Provincial Sales Tax, Tobacco Tax

If you are a Maa-nulth-aht (Maa-nulth First Nations citizen) or business that makes sales or leases to First Nations individuals and bands, you need to be aware of important changes to how provincial sales taxes apply to your purchases, sales and leases, effective May 1, 2019.

In general, First Nations individuals and bands are exempt from sales taxes when they purchase or lease goods or purchase services on First Nations land (i.e. reserve land or former reserve land now part of treaty lands).

The [Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement](#), which came into force on April 1, 2011, provides a transitional exemption for provincial sales taxes (carbon tax, motor fuel tax, provincial sales tax and tobacco tax). This exemption expires at the end of day on April 30, 2019.

This means that, effective May 1, 2019:

- All sales and leases of taxable goods and services to First Nations individuals and bands on all Maa-nulth First Nation lands will be subject to provincial sales taxes
- Maa-nulth-aht will no longer qualify for provincial sales tax exemptions as First Nations individuals (including sales and leases on Maa-nulth First Nation lands or on other First Nations lands)

If you are a business you must charge provincial sales taxes on:

- All sales and leases of taxable goods and services to Maa-nulth-aht and Maa-nulth First Nation governments, whether the sale or lease occurs on, or delivery is made to, Maa-nulth First Nation lands or reserve lands of other First Nations
- All sales and leases of taxable goods and services to other First Nations individuals and bands if the sale occurs on, or delivery is made to, Maa-nulth First Nation lands

Find more information about how provincial sales taxes apply to goods and services, and available exemptions, at gov.bc.ca/salestaxes

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