



Antigua and Barbuda Sales Tax (ABST)

ABST Inclusive Pricing

The ABST utilizes inclusive pricing. In other words the amount of ABST must be included in the price shown to consumers. For illustration purposes we will use an example of a supply with a selling price of \$115. This supply would be taxed at the standard rate of 15% then the price of the supply would be calculated as \$100 and the ABST payable would be \$15.

Where a registered person offers goods for retail sale the person must clearly indicate to customers how much tax is included in the price of the goods.

If feasible, where goods are taxed at the standard rate, the person must indicate on price tags, tickets, or other price marks that the price is ABST-inclusive, for example by disclosing the price of an item as: “\$115 (including \$15 ABST)” or “\$115 (including ABST)”.

If not feasible to include the information outlined as above the person may choose some other method of identifying how goods are taxed, for example, by colour coding price tickets for taxable, zero-rated, and other supplies, or by asterisking taxable supplies, so long as a clear explanation of the method used is displayed prominently at such places as are necessary to enable customers to identify, before they enter into a transaction, whether ABST has been included in the price of the goods;

In the case of supermarkets, department stores, and other stores selling directly to the public, it is sufficient for pricing to state the total price (including any ABST) on price tags, and to identify taxed items on a till receipt, for example by placing a distinctive mark such as an asterisk next to each taxed item and including a statement on the receipt that the marked items include ABST.

The following pricing methods are not acceptable for price tags, tickets, price marks, or other pricing information, or for the purposes of advertising prices:

- a statement of the ABST-exclusive price alone, e.g. \$100; or
- a statement of the ABST-exclusive price and a statement that the price is ABST-exclusive, e.g. \$100 (excluding ABST); or
- a statement of the ABST-exclusive price and a statement that ABST will be added, even if the amount of ABST or the rate of ABST is specified, e.g. \$100 + ABST, \$100 + \$15 ABST, or \$100 + 15% ABST.

If a supply includes a number of items bundled together for a single price, some of which are taxable at the standard rate and some of which are not, any price tag, ticket, or other price mark, or any advertisement, letter, quote or other document notifying the price for which the supply is offered, shall state the amount of ABST included in the price.

A registered person who supplies services must advertise, market, and quote its prices inclusive of ABST in a manner consistent with the rules for goods as outlined above.

Additional Information?

Should you require any additional information or clarification regarding the Antigua and Barbuda Sales Tax (ABST) please refer to:

Web Site: www.ab.gov.ag

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