



Issue Update

PST RATE DECREASES

Effective October 21, 2004, the social service tax (PST) rate is decreasing from 7.5 % to 7%. Please review the bulletin below regarding contracts, progress payments and real property contracts, etc. or visit the Consumer Taxation Branch directly at:
<http://www.rev.gov.bc.ca/ctb/Transition.htm>

Below are three websites to find information about the rate change.

[Notice to British Columbia Taxpayers - New Tax Rates - Social Service Tax Act](http://www.rev.gov.bc.ca/ctb/notices/SST_New_Rate_Oct_2004.pdf)
[http://www.rev.gov.bc.ca/ctb/notices/SST_New_Rate_Oct_2004.pdf]

This Notice gives examples how tax applies before, on or after October 21, 2004. Topics covered include sales, leases, taxable services, telecommunications, legal services, and real property contracts.

[Schedule of Tax To Be Collected at 7% Under the Social Service Tax Act](http://www.rev.gov.bc.ca/ctb/publications/bulletins/TaxTable.pdf)
[<http://www.rev.gov.bc.ca/ctb/publications/bulletins/TaxTable.pdf>]

This Schedule is a quick reference guide for calculating and rounding tax on sales up to \$20.07.

[Tax Rate FAQs](http://www.rev.gov.bc.ca/ctb/TaxDecreaseFAQs.htm) (Frequently Asked Questions)
[<http://www.rev.gov.bc.ca/ctb/TaxDecreaseFAQs.htm>]

This web page provides answers to questions you might be wondering about that aren't covered in the Notice.

More Information

If you have other questions about the tax rate change, please contact Taxpayer Services. In Vancouver, call 604 660-4524 or elsewhere in Canada, call toll-free 1 877 388-4440

You may also e-mail your questions to Taxpayer Services at:

CTBTaxQuestions@gems9.gov.bc.ca

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