



TAX BULLETIN

Tobacco Tax Increase

March 31, 2017

Effective April 1, 2017, the Government of the Northwest Territories will increase the territorial tax rate on tobacco products under the *Tobacco Tax Act* as follows:

Product	New Rate	Old Rate
Cigarettes	30.4 cents per cigarette	28.6 cents per cigarette
Cigarette Tobacco	27.2 cents per gram	26.6 cents per gram
Fine Cut Tobacco	27.2 cents per gram	26.6 cents per gram
Cigars	75% of suggested retail price	75% of suggested retail price

Tobacco Retailer Reporting Requirements

All Retailers with a valid tobacco permit must complete the Retail Dealers Inventory Declaration Form and mail it to the Department of Finance, along with payment, **by April 20, 2017. Faxed or e-mailed documents will not be accepted.**

- Retailers must include tobacco products in their retail store, warehouse, storage room, display area, delivery trucks or any other area where tobacco products are stored.
- This should include tobacco products in transit that have been ordered from a wholesale dealer, but not yet received as of April 1, 2017.
- A NIL Inventory Declaration Form should be sent in if you have no tobacco products in stock.

The tax increase should be added to the existing price of tobacco products in inventory as of April 1, 2017 before sale to consumers.

Tobacco Wholesaler Reporting Requirements

Wholesale tobacco dealers must apply the new tax rate on all tobacco products sold on or after April 1, 2017.

For more information about this change, contact the Department of Finance's Tobacco Taxation section at:

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