



Real Property Transitional Rules

Provincial Sales Tax Act

Latest Revision: *The revision bar (|) identifies changes to the previous version of this bulletin dated March 2014. For a summary of the changes, see Latest Revision at the end of this document.*

This bulletin explains how the provincial sales tax (PST) transitional rules apply to goods used to fulfill a contract to supply and affix, or install, goods that become part of real property.

For general information on how PST applies to goods used by contractors, see [Bulletin PST 501](#), *Real Property Contractors*. For additional information on transitional rules, see [Notice 2012-010](#), *General Transitional Rules for the Re-implementation of the Provincial Sales Tax*.

Definitions

In this bulletin:

- **contract** means an agreement under which goods are supplied and affixed, or installed, so that they become part of real property (for an explanation of what is real property, see [Bulletin PST 501](#), *Real Property Contractors*)
- **obtain** means:
 - purchased or leased in BC,
 - brought or sent into BC, or
 - received in BC.

PST on Goods Used by a Contractor On or After April 1, 2013

As a contractor, you must pay PST on goods you obtained prior to April 1, 2013 that you use to fulfil a contract on or after April 1, 2013, unless a specific exemption applies. You do not charge your customers PST on your charge for the contract.

You must pay PST on the purchase price you paid for the goods, **less** the total amount of the following taxes you paid on those goods (provided you have not received and are not eligible to receive a refund, rebate or credit of the tax, including input tax credits):

- PST under the *Social Service Tax Act*,

- PST under the *Provincial Sales Tax Act*, and
- the BC portion of the harmonized sales tax (HST).

Self-Assessing the PST Due

The PST becomes payable when you use the goods so that they became affixed or installed to real property (i.e. they cease to be personal property at common law; see [Bulletin PST 501](#), *Real Property Contractors*)

Once this happens, you must self-assess the PST as follows:

- If you have a PST number, you must self-assess the PST due on your next PST return.
- If you do not have a PST number, you must self-assess the PST due using a *Casual Remittance Return* ([FIN 405](#)) on or before the last day of the month following the month in which the goods became affixed or installed to real property.

Contracts With Persons Exempt from PST

As a contractor, you are exempt from the PST on goods you use to fulfil a **written** contract if the contract is with:

- the Government of Canada (unless the Government of Canada has agreed to pay PST), or
- one of the following persons who would be exempt from PST if they had obtained the goods instead of the contractor:
 - a First Nation individual or band (see [Bulletin PST 314](#), *Exemptions for First Nations*)
 - a person eligible for the production machinery and equipment (PM&E) exemption (see [Bulletin PST 110](#), *Production Machinery and Equipment Exemption*)
 - a qualifying aquaculturist (see [Bulletin PST 103](#), *Aquaculturists*)
 - a qualifying farmer (see [Bulletin PST 101](#), *Farmers*)
 - a member of the diplomatic or consular corps (see [Bulletin CTB 007](#), *Exemption for Members of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps*)

For information on requirements for contracts with persons exempt from PST, see [Bulletin PST 501](#), *Real Property Contractors*.

Agreements that Specifically Require the Customer to Pay PST

As a contractor, you are exempt from PST on goods you use to fulfil a contract to supply and affix, or install, goods that become part of real property in BC on or after April 1, 2013 if you and your customer enter into an agreement that specifically states that the customer is paying PST on the goods and the agreement states the purchase price of the goods. However, you must be registered for PST and you must charge PST. For more information, see [Bulletin PST 501](#), *Real Property Contractors*.



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- Removed the following sections as these provisions were repealed on April 1, 2015:
 - PST on Goods Incorporated into Certain Residential Homes
 - PST on Mobile Homes Affixed to Real Property On or After April 1, 2013
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References: *Provincial Sales Tax Act*, sections 1 “affixed machinery”, “band”, “collector”, “*Excise Tax Act*”, “First Nation individual”, “improvement to real property”, “registrant”, “tangible personal property”, “use”, 11, 28, 34, 37, 49, 55, 80.5-80.6, 170, 179 and 192; *Provincial Sales Tax Regulation*, sections 44-46 and 79.