

RTG: 193

February 2013

PREPARE FOR THE HST: IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Here are some of the key dates you should be aware of as you prepare for the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST):

November 8, 2012

- Prince Edward Island released its general transitional rules, including information regarding property and services as well as new housing, in RTG 185 Implementation of the Harmonized Sales Tax in Prince Edward Island, available at www.taxandland.pe.ca.
- Sales of new homes in Prince Edward Island under written agreements entered into on or before this date will not be subject to the provincial component of the HST.
- Certain businesses and public service bodies may be required to self-assess the Prince Edward Island component of the HST on consideration that becomes due, or is paid without having become due, after this date and before February 1, 2013 for property or services to be provided in Prince Edward Island on or after April 1, 2013. The Prince Edward Island component of the HST must be accounted for in the GST/HST return of the person for the reporting period that includes April 1, 2013, if the due date of that return is before August 1, 2013. In any other case, the Prince Edward Island component of the HST must be accounted for using Form GST489, *Return for Self-Assessment of the Provincial Part of the Harmonized Sales tax (HST)*, which must be filed before August 1, 2013.

February 1, 2013

- Where consideration becomes due, or is paid without having become due, on or after this date, suppliers are generally required to charge fourteen percent (14%) HST for property or services to be provided in Prince Edward Island on or after April 1, 2013. For example, the HST would apply on tangible personal property (i.e., goods) where ownership **and** possession of the goods are transferred on or after April 1, 2013. See RTG 185 for more information on how the HST would apply to consideration that becomes due or is paid on or after February 1, 2013, for specific supplies of property and services.
- The 5% federal component of the HST is accounted for in your GST/HST return according to the normal rules. The Prince Edward Island component of the HST is accounted for in your GST/HST return for the reporting period that includes April 1, 2013.

March 31, 2013

- All PST vendors will file their final Monthly Vendor Return on this date. Vendors whose normal reporting period ends after March 31, 2013 will be required to file a final PST return for the shortened period ending on this date. Final returns are due by April 20, 2013. When an amount is collected or becomes payable as or on account of PST after March 2013, the vendor will be required to account for that amount in a supplemental PST vendor return to be filed on or before the 20th day of the following month.

April 1, 2013

- Implementation date of the HST in Prince Edward Island. Suppliers of taxable property and services provided in Prince Edward Island are generally required to charge, collect and remit HST.
- Point-of-sale rebates will apply for the Prince Edward Island component of the HST payable on sales of heating oil, children's clothing, children's footwear and books in Prince Edward Island.
- The new Retail Sales Tax will apply to private sales of vehicles, boats and aircraft (with some exceptions).

August 20, 2013

- All supplemental PST liabilities are to be reconciled no later than this date and any PST that is collected or becomes payable (for example any tax still owing from customers) after March 2013 is to be reported on a supplemental vendor return to be filed by the business owner on or before the 20th day of the following month.

For More Information

The Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) is administered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). If you have specific questions on how the HST applies to your business or whether a good or service is taxable, visit the CRA web site at www.cra.gc.ca/gsthst or call 1-800-959-5525.

The transactions described above are generally those that would be considered to be taxable supplies made in Prince Edward Island. For more information on the place of supply rules, see [GST/HST Technical Information Bulletin B-103, Harmonized Sales Tax – Place of Supply Rules for Determining Whether a Supply is Made in a Province](#), available on the Canada Revenue Agency's Web site at www.cra.gc.ca/harmonization.

Copies of this guide and the *Revenue Tax Act* and Regulations are available on our website. For information regarding the winding down of the revenue tax (PST), please contact:

Taxation and Property Records Division
P.O. Box 1330
Charlottetown, PE
C1A 7N1
Telephone: (902) 368-4171
Fax: (902) 368-6164
Website: www.taxandland.pe.ca

This guide is prepared for information purposes only, and should not be considered a substitute for the applicable statutes. Should there be any conflict between the contents of this guide and the statutes, the statutes shall prevail.