

SALES BY VENDORS LOCATED ON A RESERVE

This Information Service Notice outlines the application of retail sales tax (RST) by persons who operate a business located on a reserve. It explains when vendors are required to collect sales tax and the documentation required on sales to Status Indians and Indian Bands entitled to exemption under the federal *Indian Act*.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Any person carrying on a business in Manitoba must have an RST number under The Retail Sales Tax Act before making any taxable sales. Application forms for registration are available from the Taxation Division offices or web site listed below. There is no charge to apply.
- Collection of RST is not required for goods sold on a reserve to Status Indians or Indian Bands. However, sales made to corporations (including corporations owned by a Status Indian or Indian Band) are not exempt.
- Collection of RST is not required when the seller delivers goods directly or by common carrier to Status Indians or Indian Bands on a reserve.
- Invoices for goods sold under the above situations must show the:
 - Status Indian's name (or Indian Band name),
 - Status Indian's Certificate of Indian Status card number (or Band number),
 - On reserve address to which the goods are being delivered,
 - Documents showing those goods were delivered to that reserve address.
 - Status Indian's (or Indian Band) resident reserve address, where leased goods or cellular telephone services are provided.

TAXABLE SALES

RST must be collected on sales:

- To purchasers who are not Status Indians (documented by a Certificate of Indian Status card).
- Shipped to a location other than another reserve (even when for reshipment to a reserve)
- To corporations (including corporations owned by a Status Indian or Indian Band).
- To a Status Indian or Indian Band when possession of the goods takes place off reserve.
- Where leased goods or cellular telephone services are provided to a Status Indian at an address located off-reserve.

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