



# VAT

VALUE ADDED TAX

## ST. KITTS & NEVIS

Introduction to VAT Guide

# Consumer information

## As a consumer you must:

- Look for the VAT certificate before paying VAT
- Know that prices displayed on the shelves already include VAT
- Collect sales receipt
- Know which goods and services are Standard Rated Supplies, Zero-Rated Supplies and Exempted Supplies
- Make sure that sales receipt has the total VAT paid.

## Exempt Supplies:

### 1. A supply of basic construction services on a residential construction:

**Includes:** Construction services of a basement, foundation for a dwelling, driveway, walls, windows, and roof

**Does NOT include:** Services that are sub-contracted such as plumbing, painting and electrical services

### 2. A supply of medicines including multi-vitamins

### 3. A supply of printed matter:

**Includes:** Brochures, books, pamphlets, leaflets, dictionaries, encyclopedias, newspapers, children coloring and drawing books and exercise books

**Does NOT include:** The service of printing the above items, electronic books (CDs), DVDs, charts.

### 4. A supply of agricultural and fishing inputs:

**Includes:**

- seeds, seedlings, cuttings and fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides (including those for household use for e.g. Bop, Baygon, etc), and other treatments
- herbicides, fungicides and nematicides
- animal feed other than food for domesticated animals generally held as pets
- ventilated boxes and packing films specifically designed for use in transporting unprocessed agriculture products;
- plant propagation bags;
- fiber- glass and wooden boats, anchors, G.P.S, compass, V.H.F radio etc.
- equipment and machinery specifically designed for agricultural and horticultural use

### 5. Domestic and International Transportation

**Includes:** Bus & Taxi Fees, ferry fees, airline tickets and trucking

**Does NOT include:** Transportation fees included in the price of a product or service

### 6. Education Services by a qualified educational institution

***Includes:*** Tuition, meal plans and accommodation included in tuition fees, exam fees, laboratories.

***Does NOT include:*** Facilities open to the general public for a fee

## **7. Electricity (Residential & Commercial)**

## **8. Insurance**

***Includes:*** Property, vehicle, medical and life

## **9. Interest on loans**

## **10. Locally produced agricultural produce**

***Includes:*** Produce sold directly by the local producers such as poultry, eggs, fish, vegetables, fruits, flowers, pigs, goats, cows and their related products

***Does NOT include:*** Produce sold by a retailer or supermarket

## **11. Medical Services**

***Includes:*** Services provided by a qualified medical practitioner and/or rendered in a qualified medical facility such as, licensed hospital, maternity home, nursing home, convalescent home; or clinic. (Does not qualify if either of these two conditions are not met)

Such services are:

- Laboratory, x-ray or other diagnostic services
- The use of operating & case room, anesthetic facilities (equipment or supplies)
- radiotherapy, physiotherapy etc.
- Disease, trauma, Dental (excluding dentistry for cosmetic reasons), periodontal

***Does NOT include:*** Dental procedures for cosmetic reasons nor cosmetic surgery

## **12. Residential Rent**

***Includes:*** Rent provided in an unfurnished apartment

***Does Not Include:*** Rent provided in an apartment furnished by the lessor

## **13. Residential Water**

***Include:*** Tap water provided to homes

***Does NOT include:*** Bottled water

## **14. Certain Construction materials**

***Includes:*** Ready Mixed Concrete, Cement and locally made concrete blocks

***Does NOT include:*** lumber, steel, plumbing supplies, electricity supplies

## **15. Funeral Expenses**

