

Ministry of Finance 33 King Street West PO Box 625 Oshawa ON L1H 8E9

# Instructions: Application for Ontario Portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) Refund for First Nations

### **General Information**

The attached application is to be used by Status Indians, Indian bands and councils of an Indian band when claiming a refund for the Ontario component of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) paid for off-reserve acquisitions and importations of qualifying property or services.

The refund is not available unless the qualifying property or services were acquired for the exclusive personal use of the Status Indian or exclusively for the use by an Indian band or council of an Indian band. In addition, a refund is not available where other HST relief has been applied.

#### Who is Eligible

The following persons are eligible for a refund of the 8% Ontario component of the HST paid on qualifying property or services:

- Status Indians who are Ontario residents, or
- Status Indians who are Canadian residents and residents on the Akwesasne reserve, or
- An Indian band or council of a band of an Ontario First Nations reserve (including the Akwesasne reserve).

#### **Documentation Required**

Please provide the following documentation:

- completed and signed application form;
- original receipts in the purchasers name for qualifying off-reserve acquisitions and importations showing the 13% HST was paid;
- photocopy of both sides of the Certificate of Indian Status card, or in the case of Indian bands and councils of an Indian band, a letter from the band or council certifying that the property or services are exclusively for the consumption of use by the band or the council of the band.

#### **Qualifying Property and Services**

For detailed information on the property and services that qualify for the point-of-sale exemption/refund when acquired in or imported into Ontario, please refer to our publication entitled <u>Ontario First Nations HST Point-of-Sale Exemption</u>.

#### **Direct Deposit**

To enrol for direct deposit or to update your banking information, complete the following: (You can find these numbers in your chequebook, on your bank statement or on a personal deposit slip or you can get them from your financial institution)

Branch No. (5 digits)	Institution No. (3 digits)	Account No. (maximum 12 digits)

By providing my banking information I authorize the Minister of Finance to deposit in the bank account number shown above any amounts payable to me by the Ministry of Finance, **for this program**, until otherwise notified by me. I understand that this authorization will replace all of my previous direct deposit authorizations **for this program**.

#### **Authorized Representatives**

If you would like an authorized representative to act on your behalf with regards to your claim, complete an <u>Authorizing or</u> <u>Cancelling a Representative form</u> and return the completed form to the ministry.

# **Guidelines for Preparing Your Application**

- Please submit a **maximum of 100** receipts per claim. Do not re-submit receipts that have been previously submitted.
- Receipts are in good condition, clean and unmarked.
- Send in only original receipts. If receipt is required for warranty purposes please keep a copy for your records.
- Do not have staples/pins in the receipts.

The following are examples of receipts that are not eligible for exemption/refund:

- a point-of-sale exemption/refund was already applied by the retailer/supplier
- public transit stubs & debit receipts
- cigarettes
- gasoline
- movie tickets/entertainment
- hair-cuts

- books
- lessons/courses
- hotel accommodation
- parking
- veterinarian services
- prescription drugs
- dine-in restaurant meals

For a detailed listing of eligible goods and services, please refer to our publication entitled <u>What's Taxable Off-Reserve</u> <u>Under the HST and What's Not.</u>

## Instructions for Completing the Application Form

- 1. Section A Claimant Information Enter your full name, complete mailing address and telephone number.
- Section B Summary of Claim Enter total number of receipts sent in with claim and the period of time the claim covers.
- **3.** Section C Certification Sign and certify the application.

## **Claim Completion**

All enquiries regarding completion of the application form should be directed to the Ontario Ministry of Finance at 1-866-ONT-TAXS (1-866-668-8297).

Applications for refund of 8% Ontario portion of the HST paid in Ontario, or for qualifying goods imported into Canada, must be submitted within four years from the date the tax was paid. Applications for refund of HST paid in another participating province on qualifying goods imported into Ontario within 30 days, must be submitted within one year from the date the qualifying goods were imported into Ontario.

For more information please refer to our publication entitled Ontario First Nations HST Point-of-Sale Exemption.

Mailing:

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Before completing this application, please read the attached instructions. Please type or print.

# A Claimant Information

Name of Claimant

Do you authorize any person to act on your behalf with regard to this claim e.g. your local Band council? Yes   Representative's Name First Name   Last Name First Name   Mailing Address Unit Number   Street Number Street Name   City/Town Province   B Summary of Claim	
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<ul> <li>already applied by the retailer/supplier</li> <li>public transit stubs &amp; debit receipts</li> <li>prescription drugs</li> <li>books</li> <li>lessons/courses</li> </ul>	
cigarettes     dine-in restaurant meals     hotel accommodation	
gasoline     movie tickets/entertainment	
Send in only original receipts. If receipt is required for warranty purposes please keep a copy for your records.	
Please submit a maximum of 100 receipts per claim. Do not re-submit receipts that have been previously submitted	
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Where all supporting documents are submitted, please allow up to eight weeks for verification and processing of you	ur claim.
Applications must be submitted to the address above within four years from the date the 8% HST was paid.	
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application must be submitted within one year from the date the qualifying goods were imported into Ontari	0.
C Certification Please remember to sign this application	
I certify that all the facts stated on this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and I understand this clai to verification.	m is subject
	(yyyy/mm/dd)

Every person who, by deceit, falsehood, or by any fraudulent means, obtains or attempts to obtain a refund or rebate of tax under this Act or the regulations to which the person is not entitled is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than an amount that is double the amount of the refund or rebate obtained or sought to be obtained, or to a term of imprisonment of not more than two years, or to both (*Retail Sales Tax Act*, Subscription 32(5)).

Personal information contained on this form is collected under the authority of the *Retail Sales Tax Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. R31, and will be used to determine eligibility for the amount of the refund. Questions on this collection can be directed to the Ministry of Finance, 33 King Street West, Oshawa Ontario L1H 8E9, or by calling **1-866-ONT-TAXS** (1-866-668-8297)