



COVID-19 Action Plan - Provincial Tax Changes

As part of B.C.'s [COVID-19 Action Plan](#), the B.C. government announced provincial tax changes.

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Deferred Tax Payments

Effective immediately, B.C. is extending filing and payment deadlines for the following taxes until September 30, 2020:

- Employer health tax
- Provincial sales tax (including municipal and regional district tax*)
- Carbon tax
- Motor fuel tax
- Tobacco tax

*Municipal and regional district tax (MRDT) is the additional 2 or 3% tax on accommodation.

Delayed PST Budget 2020 Tax Changes

The following tax changes announced in [Budget 2020](#) will be postponed until further notice:

- Eliminating the PST exemption for carbonated beverages that contain sugar, natural sweeteners or artificial sweeteners
- Expanded registration requirements for Canadian sellers of goods, along with Canadian and foreign sellers of software and telecommunication services

Delayed Carbon Tax Increase

[Carbon tax](#) rates will remain at their current levels until further notice. The tax measure announced in [Budget 2020](#) aligning the carbon tax rates with the federal carbon pricing backstop is also postponed until further notice.

Reduced School Tax Rates for Businesses

[School tax](#) rates for commercial properties (Classes 4, 5 and 6) will be reduced by 50% for the 2020 tax year.

Enhanced B.C. Climate Action Tax Credit

An additional one-time payment will be made in July 2020 on top of the regular [climate action tax credit](#) amount for qualifying individuals and families.

The previously scheduled credit increase effective July 2020 remains the same.

News Release

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Useful Contacts

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