

Tobacco Tax

Fact Sheet

To help discourage smoking and help pay for the additional costs smoking imposes on our health care system, effective midnight on March 22, 2011, the tobacco tax rate will be increased by 5.25¢/cigarette to 17¢/cigarette, with similar increases on other tobacco products.

- Increasing the tobacco tax rate was a revenue raising measure suggested during the pre-budget consultations.
- The tobacco tax rate was last increased on Dec. 11, 2002.

	Old Rate	New Rate
Cigarettes		
¢ per cigarette	11.75¢	17¢
\$ per pack	\$2.94	\$4.25
\$ per carton	\$23.50	\$34.00
Fine Cut		
¢ per gram	8.49¢	13.74¢
\$ per 200 grams	\$16.98	\$27.48
Tobacco Sticks		
¢ per stick	9.45¢	14.70¢
\$ per 200 sticks	\$18.90	\$29.40

Inventories:

Tobacco wholesalers and retailers must take an inventory count of all their tobacco products as of 12:01 a.m., March 23, 2011, as they will be required to remit the difference in tax on their inventory.

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