

Licences on Business and Occupations and other taxes

Saint Christopher and Nevis
Inland Revenue Department

April 26th, 2014




Mission Statement

- To administer the tax laws in an efficient and equitable manner, to promote voluntary compliance, to maximize revenue for the development of the Federation, in a manner that warrants the highest degree of public confidence in our professionalism and integrity.



Presentation Outline

- What is a Business and Occupation Licence?
- Where to apply for a Business and Occupation Licence?
- Cases where a B & O is required?
- Sample of Business and Occupation Licences
- What to look for on a B & O?
- Renewal of Business and Occupation Licence?
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- Mandatory Taxes- Corporate Income Tax and Unincorporated Business Tax
- Other Taxes
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What is a Business and Occupation Licence (B & O)?

- A Business and Occupation Licence is a government issued certificate that all businesses must apply for and obtain, prior to carrying on a business, profession or trade in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis.



Where to Apply for a B & O?

- All applications for Business and Occupation Licences must be submitted along with two photo IDs, to the Ministry of Finance located at Golden Rock, Basseterre.
- Once applications are approved they are sent to the Inland Revenue Department, where they are processed and taxpayers are issued with their licence ,and advised of their rights, responsibilities and tax obligations.



Cases where a B & O is required

- A separate Business and Occupation Licence must be obtained for each business location and activity.
- **Eg. 1.** A store carrying the same trade name, but has two outlets, one in Basseterre and one in Cayon.
- **Eg.2.** A hotel with a restaurant, spa, and casino.
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- **Eg.3.** A company that rents vehicles, has a furniture store and a pharmacy.

BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION LICENCE 2012/2011



SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS LICENCE ON BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION

(No. 6 of 1972)

FORM OF LICENCE

16664

ST. KITTS NEVIS BIG BANK LIMITED
BIG BANK LIMITED (SANDY POINT)
MAIN STREET, SANDY POINT

Having paid the annual Business and Occupation Licence fee is hereby
licenced to carry on the business of
METAL FABRICATORS

This licence expires on the 31st day of December 2014

This licence is not transferrable to any other person or entity.

ISSUED THIS 25TH DAY APRIL 2014.

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What to look for on a B & O?

- Each year a new background graphic is created.
- Coat of Arms of the Federation at the top of the licence and a Coat of Arms watermark in the body of the licence
- The name and number of the licence: St. Christopher and Nevis Business and Occupation, No.6 of 1972.
- The Form of Licence and number,
- Name of business/company and the trade name,
- The type of licence issued,
- Expiration date
- Signature of Cashier and Seal of Inland Revenue Department
- Place Issued and Time issued.

Renewal of

Business and Occupation Licence

- The Business and Occupation licence expires on December 31st each year and must be renewed by the 31st January of the following year.
- Renewal of the licence after the due date will result in an interest charge of one percent (1%) per month. Taxpayers will receive a renewal notice stating the type of licence, the period to be paid for, the amount due and the due date



TAXPAYER'S RECEIPT

Document No. : 644001 Due date: January 31, 2014

BOL-01 BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION LICENCE (Metal Fabricators)

Form containing Tax Account No. (809), Tax Period (2014), Assessment Period date (January 1, 2014 To December 31, 2014), Tax Centre (ST. KITTS), and a table for 'For Official use' with columns for Amount, DUE, and PAID. The table shows Tax at \$500.00 and Total empty.

PART 1 - TAXPAYER AND TAX IDENTIFICATION

Document No. : 644001 Date Issued : April 25, 2014

Form for Part 1 containing Tax Account No. (809), Tax Period (2014), Assessment Period date (January 1, 2014 To December 31, 2014), and Due date (January 31, 2014).

PART 2 - TAX DECLARATION AND CALCULATION

NOTE: Please return this form and payment to Inland Revenue Department.

According to Licences on Businesses and Occupations Tax Act, Chapter 18.20, this form, together with a Remittance for the Total Tax due, should be sent to the Inland Revenue Department on or before the Due Date. Provided that a licence is not put into active use in the business, occupation, profession or trade for which it was granted within a period of Ninety Days of the date issued this licence shall be revocable.

(10) Licence Fee Payable (10)

Form for Part 2 containing a declaration statement, signature and date fields, and a table for 'For Official use' with columns for Amount, DUE, and PAID. The table shows Tax at \$500.00 and Total empty.



Unacceptable B & O

- Photocopies of Business and Occupation Licences
- Miniature Sized Business and Occupation Licences
- Expired Business and Occupation Licences



Mandatory Taxes

All persons registered for a business must be registered for either :

- Corporate Income Tax
 - All businesses that are registered(incorporated) with the Financial Services Office as companies, must file and pay(where necessary) Corporate Income Tax annually.
- Unincorporated Business Tax
 - All other businesses that are not registered as companies, must file and pay (where necessary) for the Unincorporated Business Tax on a quarterly basis.



Corporate Income Tax

- This tax is filed annually on the profits of Incorporated businesses, at the rate of 33%.
- Tax returns are filed three and half month after the companies, financial year end. Installment (pre-payments) must be made quarterly during the year towards tax.

Unincorporated Business Tax

- This tax is levied on the gross revenue of businesses that are not Incorporated, on a quarterly basis, at a rate of 4% after the applicable deductions have been made.

- **Quarterly Deductions**

- Sale of Goods = \$37,500

- Provision of Services= \$ 6000

- Eg. Quarterly gross revenue of Services \$10,000.00

- -Deduction \$ 6000.00

- \$4000 x %4

- Unincorporated Tax Due and Payable =\$ 160.00

Other Taxes:

Island Enhancement Fund

Island Enhancement Fund (E-Fund) is levied at the rate of US \$1.50 on :

- Every non-resident who is departing St. Kitts by sea or air.
- Every person renting a vehicle. (This rate is levied per day). This is paid by Vehicle Rental Businesses.
- Every person participating in a land or marine tour. This is paid by tour operators.



Island Enhancement Fund

- Island Enhancement Fund (E-Fund) is levied at the rate of 2.5⁰% on :
- Charges for accommodation by hotel and guest houses and
- Every restaurant from the sale of food and beverages.
- This is paid by hotels, guest houses and restaurant owners.



Insurance Premium Tax

- This is a tax levied on non-life insurance premiums at the rate of 5%.

Travel Tax

- This is a tax levied on tickets at the rate of 10%.



Withholding Tax

- This is a fee levied on any person resident in the Federation who pays any dividend, interest, annuity, admin expenses, head office expenses to a non-resident, shall withhold from the payment, tax at the rate of 10%.
- Income Tax (Amendment) Act, No. 6 of 2006



Excise Tax

- This is a tax on imported and locally manufactured goods. The rate varies from 5 – 25% depending on the goods.
- Excise Tax Act No. 4 of 2010



Value Added Tax

- All persons making annual gross sale of goods in excess of \$150,000 and providing professional services or engaging in commercial and time-share property for lease and earning in excess of \$96,000 should be registered for this tax.

Property Tax

- This is paid by all owners of real property including condominiums. The tax rates are

	ST KITTS	NEVIS
• Residential Land	.002	.0075
• building	.002	.00156
• Commercial Land	.003	.002
• building	.003	.003
• Agricultural Land	0	.001
• Building	0	0
• Institutional Land	0	.0015
• building	0	.002
• Accommodation Land	.002	.002
• building	.002	.003

- It is due on or before the 30th of June in each year.

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INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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Reminders

The Inland Revenue Department wishes to advise the general public, that all commercial entities desirous of operating in the Federation, irrespective of size, are required by law to obtain a Business Licence. Current Business Licence holders are reminded, that their Licences should be renewed on or before January 31st, 2014. Payment after this date, will accrue 1% interest per month.

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NEW FILING & PAYMENT PERIODS FOR LISTED TAXES CHANGED FROM MONTHLY TO QUARTELY

The Inland Revenue Department wishes to advise all taxpayers that effective

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DRIVER & VEHICLE LICENCES

TIPS

Taxable entities and individuals are reminded that all documents are to be kept for a period of 6 years. Approval must be granted by the Comptroller for earlier disposal of the same.

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TIPS

The Inland Revenue Department accepts Cash, Personal and Manager's Cheques, Bank Drafts and Postal Money as forms of payment. Standing Orders may also be arranged. Taxpayers are asked to note that dishonoured cheques attract a fee of EC\$146.60.

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