

PROPOSED

For visitors - Frequently asked questions

How much is the Municipal Accommodation Tax, and how is it applied?

The Municipal Accommodation Tax is 4%, comes into effect July 1, 2018 and is only applicable to the room portion of the costs associated to overnight accommodations. All other revenues generated from the accommodation services including, but not limited to, meeting room rental, food and beverage, room service, laundry services, parking etc. are excluded from the Municipal Accommodation Tax.

The HST is charged on the Municipal Accommodation Tax if the business is an HST registrant.

Can I refuse to pay the Municipal Accommodation Tax?

No. The Municipal Accommodation Tax is mandatory and must be paid to the accommodation operator at the time of booking or check-in.

I have already pre-paid for a future room booking, and no Municipal Accommodation Tax was added, will I have to pay this tax when I check-in?

Yes. Accommodators will be required to collect the Municipal Accommodation Tax for any lodgings that occur after July 1, 2018 regardless of when the booking was made, or paid for.

What happens with the funds generated through the Municipal Accommodation Tax?

Funds generated through the Municipal Accommodation Tax are invested in destination marketing, sales, and development activities of eligible tourism entities in the Town of Cochrane,