



# FIRST NATIONS INFORMATION SHEET 1

“Aboriginal people  
don't pay taxes”

## Facts:

- Inuit, Métis and non-status Indians are required to pay all taxes.
- Registered (status) Indians who work for a company that is located on the reserve do not pay federal or provincial income tax. This is federal law and part of First Nation treaty rights in exchange for the land that was given up.
- An Aboriginal person who works for a business or company that is located off the reserve is required to pay income tax.
- Status Indians do not have to pay the GST on goods that are delivered to the reserve. If the goods are purchased off-reserve and are not delivered to the reserve, the GST is payable.
- An Aboriginal person who works and lives off-reserve pays all taxes – income tax, sales tax and GST.

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