

Questions and Answers

Nova Scotia Indigenous Fuel Tax Exemption program

Request for Increase in Fuel Tax Exemption

I have more than one vehicle. Will the 1,000 litres base exemption take this into account?

The base exemption is for each qualified individual licence holder; not the number of vehicles an individual may own or operate.

I operate an unincorporated on-reserve business, with a number of employees who drive my vehicles. Will my base amount be increased in proportion to the number of employees who drive my vehicles?

No. The base exemption is for your use only. In cases where your unincorporated reserve business requires more fuel, you may apply for an increase to your base exemption for the amount of fuel you require.

I am required to travel for my work. Can I apply for an increase to my base exemption?

Yes. You should apply for an increase whenever you are required to travel as a condition of your employment and your fuel consumption warrants. Employees operating employer owned vehicles may also apply where they are the purchaser(s) of the fuel.

I operate an incorporated business. Can my business obtain a base exemption?

No. Incorporated businesses are not eligible for the fuel tax exemption.

I have more than one driver in my family. Will my monthly base exemption be increased to reflect the number of drivers in my family?

No. The monthly base exemption is per individual. Every individual who has status under the *Indian Act* recognized by the Government of Canada and who has a valid Nova Scotia driver's licence is eligible to join the program and purchase tax exempt fuel on reserve. Application forms are available at Access Nova Scotia, at Band Council Offices, at on-reserve service stations or on the Service Nova Scotia website (see [Application Form](#)).

When can a request for increase to the base amount be submitted?

You may request an increase to the base exemption when you first apply to the Nova Scotia Indigenous Fuel Tax Exemption program, or any time after you are enrolled in the program. Application forms for an increase to the base exemption are available at Access Nova Scotia, at Band Council Offices or on the Service Nova Scotia website (see [Application Form](#)). The base exemption is available every month and you do not need to re-apply for this exemption in the future. You do need to apply for an addition to the base exemption every three years. You will be forwarded a renewal notice 30 days prior to your expiry date.

What happens if I don't apply for an increase to my base exemption and my fuel purchases exceed the base amount?

For most motorists, the chances of this happening are rare. If you do exceed your base exemption, tax will be charged on the fuel purchase. Keep your receipt and apply for a refund, through Service Nova Scotia.

For further information about the Nova Scotia Indigenous Fuel Tax Exemption program, contact Service Nova Scotia's Tax Information Line: 1 800 565-2336 (toll-free) and select option 5.

To check the status of an application to the Nova Scotia Indigenous Fuel Tax Exemption program, please contact Service Nova Scotia at 902-424-6717.