



General questions regarding HST

1. What is HST and why do I have to pay it?

As announced in the 2009 Ontario Budget, the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) will be replaced with a more modern, value-added tax that will be combined with the federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) to create a Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) for Ontario, effective July 1, 2010.

The provincial portion of the HST will be eight per cent and the federal portion will be five per cent, for a combined HST rate of 13 per cent.

For more information about what is taxable under the new HST please visit www.ontario.ca/taxchange

2. On my Stratacon Bill, what does the HST get applied to?

- Administration fee
- Meter & Data fee
- And Distribution Usage Rate
- Energy Consumption which gets rolled into the Regulated Charge and does not show up under the tax line.

3. Will the HST be prorated?

Yes, depending on your billing period. Please note that the HST will only start appearing on your bill for periods including July 1, 2010 and onwards.

For example if your bill date is from May 27 to June 26, 2010, you will not see the new HST on your statement. If your bill date is from June 27 to July 26, 2010 you will see GST and HST on your statement - GST for the last 4 days of June and HST will be applied to the 26 days in July. Once your entire billing period falls entirely after July 1, 2010 you will only see HST on your bill.

If you have further questions please call Customer Service at 1-800-750-2960.