

# Guide to Tax Free shopping

## What is Tax Free Shopping?

Tax Free shopping is the purchasing of certain taxable goods from [registered retailers](#) in the Kingdom of Bahrain which will be exported (subject to terms and conditions) whereby shoppers can obtain a refund of the VAT charged on these goods, providing that they validate their purchases at the point of exit.

[Registered Retailers](#) are the retailers participating in the Tax Refund for Tourist Scheme and are registered with NBR for the mentioned scheme. The purchases from registered retailers will only be eligible for VAT refund. The list of Registered retailers can be checked from NBR official website.



## VAT Tourist Refund Scheme

A “**tourist**” in the Kingdom of Bahrain may claim a refund of the VAT paid on purchases made within the country, in accordance with [Article 89](#) of the [Executive regulations](#). Crew members on flights leaving the Bahrain are not eligible to claim the VAT. Under current rules, [GCC Nationals](#) (exception being Bahraini citizens not residing outside of Bahrain) are eligible.

**Tourist** means any natural person who is not a resident in any of the Implementing States and who is not a crew member of a flight or aircraft leaving the Kingdom.

## VAT Refund eligibility criteria

- The goods are purchased during the tourist’s stay in the Kingdom
- The purchased goods fall under the [list of goods eligible for VAT refunds](#) and are acquired for personal use
- The goods are purchased from one of the authorized merchants registered for the scheme
- The tourist leaves the Kingdom of Bahrain within two months from the date of supply of the goods





## What goods are eligible for VAT Refunds?

### Certain taxable goods except for:

- Goods that have been consumed, fully or partly, in the Kingdom of Bahrain
- Motor vehicles, boats and aircrafts
- Goods that are not accompanied by the overseas tourist at the time of leaving the UAE



## Where to get your receipts validated?

Your receipt will be validated at Bahrain International Airport.



## How do I shop Tax Free?

- ✓ 100% Digital
- ✓ 100 BD minimum spend

1. The tourist makes an eligible purchase.
2. The shop assistant enters the transaction purchase price
3. The Tax Free Tag is attached to the back of the sales receipt.
4. The Tax Free Tag is scanned to link the transaction with the tourist's Passport or GCC National ID card.

Please retain the Tax Free Tag and sales receipt as you will need this for validation when you leave the UAE



## What are the requirements for Export Validation?

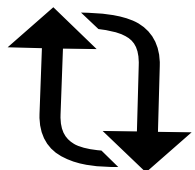
- Your Sales receipt with the VAT refund tag affixed with it
- Purchased Goods , Before you check in your luggage, take the goods and tagged receipt to one of our validation points.
- Passport
- Travel Ticket

## Time limit to complete the procedure?

Your Tax Free Tag needs to be validated within 2 Months of the purchase date. For instance: a form issued on 1<sup>st</sup> of April should be validated by 31<sup>st</sup> May. If this is not done, the Tax Free Tag expires, and the refund cannot be claimed.



Refund can be claimed direct to the Bank/Card or in Cash, whereas there is limit of BD 500 for cash refund



## Refund amount and fees

You will receive 85% of the VAT paid, minus a fee of 0.50 BD per VAT Free tag validated

*Thank  
you*



We appreciate you for going through this information and welcome you to connect with us.

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