RESTAURANT and BAR SALES & COMPS

Presented by

State of Nevada
Department of Taxation
Sales
PREPARED FOOD INTENDED FOR IMMEDIATE CONSUMPTION

• Customarily sold with eating utensils provided by the seller
  > Including plates, knives, forks, spoons, glasses, cups, napkins or straws

• Sold in a heated state or heated by the seller

• Two or more food ingredients mixed/combined by the seller for sale as a single item

_NRS 360B.460, NAC 372.605_
CATERING - BANQUETS

• Services as part of the sale are considered taxable.

• **Examples of taxable services:**
  - Corkage
  - Setup Service
  - Cleanup
  - Carving fees

• **Examples of non-taxable charges:**
  - Room rental
  - Room decoration
  - Voluntary Tips to the Servers

NRS 372.025(2)
NRS 360B.480
DISCOUNTS

• Calculate tax **AFTER** applying discount.
• Example:

  Meal $10.00
  10% discount ( 1.00)
  Taxable $ 9.00

*NRS 372.025(3)*
COUPONS

‘Two-for-one’ coupons
(tax due on ONE meal)

‘$$ off’ coupons
(treat as discount)

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COUPONS

Coupon worth a set dollar amount
(example: $20.00)

a. If the coupon does **not pay for entire meal/drink**
   ---treat as a discount

b. If the coupon **pays for the entire meal/drink**
   --- only pay use tax on the cost of the alcoholic beverage including
   a. Cocktail napkins
   b. Straws
   c. Toothpicks used with the alcoholic drink
   d. Plastic cups/glasses (not reusable)
EXEMPT SALES

• Sales to U. S. Government**

  » Sales to State of Nevada**

  NRS 372.325

• Sales to Nevada-exempted entities such as Churches

  NRS 372.326

• Sales to certain members of Nevada National Guard and their families

  NRS 372.7281

** but not to the employees individually – NO TAX FREE LUNCHES
Included in the sales price of the meal are:

1. Food and food ingredients  
   (NRS 360B.445)
2. Alcohol and Non-alcoholic Beverage
3. Paper products including but not limited to:
   a. Napkins
   b. “To go” containers  
      (NAC 372.350)
   c. Straws
   d. Toothpicks used in food or beverage
   e. Place settings
   f. Plastic cups/glasses (not reusable)
SALES TAX INCLUDED IN PRICE

- If you include sales tax in the price of a drink or meal-------- you MUST

  ➢ have a sign clearly visible to your customers indicating that sales tax is included, or
  ➢ you may have a statement imprinted on the customer receipts

NAC 372.760(2)
Comps
COMPLIMENTARY MEALS

• As of 6/13/2013, food and non-alcoholic beverages given away to patrons and employees are.....

No Longer Taxable!
However, alcoholic beverages given away for free are Use Taxable at cost. The restaurant or bar pays the tax.
Cost of Alcoholic Beverage for comp purposes

Your cost includes:

• Cost of Liquor and any mixes or garnishes
• Cost of paper goods such as*
  Napkins  “To go” containers
  Straws    Stir sticks
  Disposable products which are used to serve the alcoholic beverage.

*example
Do we pay sales tax on Alcohol (liquor) purchases?

- Give your vendor a resale certificate if the alcoholic beverage is for sale.

- Accrue use tax on the full cost of the alcoholic beverage and paper products if it is given away for free.
I hereby certify that I hold valid seller's permit number ____________ issued pursuant to chapters 372, 374 and 377 of the Nevada Revised Statutes; that I am engaged in the business of selling __________________ ; and that the tangible personal property described in the second paragraph of this certificate, which I purchase from: __________________ , will be resold by me in the form of tangible personal property. I further certify that in the event any of the property is used for any purpose other than retention, demonstration or display while I am holding it for sale in the regular course of business, it is understood that I am required by chapters 372, 374 and 377 of the Nevada Revised Statutes to report it and pay the tax measured by the purchase price of the property.

Description of the property to be purchased:
____________________________________
____________________________________
____________________________________

Purchaser __________________________
Address ____________________________
____________________________________

Signature of Authorized Purchaser

Dated _____________
at __________________
Is there sales tax on food or non-alcoholic beverage purchases for employee meals?

- Short Answer: No

BUT, paper goods associated with the employee meal/beverage are subject to tax on the cost.
Sample Alcoholic Beverage Comp Calculation

This example is used when both comps and cash drinks are served from the same liquor inventory.

1. Use current **cost** of your beverage.

   Financial statements are a good source.

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2. Add cost of **paper** products to **alcoholic beverage** costs. This gives you Total Cost.
Sample Alcoholic Beverage Comp Calculation (continued)

3. Divide **total cost** by **retail value** of the beverage sale

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\frac{\text{Total Cost}}{\text{Total Sales (@ retail)}} = \frac{1,700}{7,000} = 24\% 
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Sample Alcoholic Beverage Comp Calculation (cont’d)

4. Multiply the retail value of the comp by 24%.

\[ \times \quad \text{24%} \quad = \quad \$480 \]

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This is the amount you are to report for alcoholic beverage comps. (Calculate tax on $480)
Sample Alcoholic Beverage Comp Calculation (cont’d)

This example is used when alcoholic beverage comps are served from a service bar. (No cash sales)

1. Report all **direct costs** and **inventory transfers** for the month and calculate the tax on that cost.
1. Calculate the % of liquor comps at retail to total liquor sales, (cash & comp)

Liquor cash sales $2,000
Liquor comp sales $  500
Total Liquor sales $2,500

$500 / $2,500 = 20%
2. Multiply the % achieved in step 1 against the cost of paper products for liquor for the reporting period.

Paper cost, liquor $800
Attributable to liquor comps x 20%
Amount to report for use tax $160
3. Calculate tax on $160  

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\text{\$160} \times 0.0815 = 13.04
\]

This is what you are to report for paper products associated with liquor comps.
When is a Comp…
NOT a Comp?

When a restaurant or a bar

- accepts a comp ticket from another business and
- has an agreement with the other business to get reimbursed,

The transaction is a sale for the restaurant.

More--------
Example:

- ABC Restaurant enters into an agreement with XYC Casino to honor the casino’s comp ticket for food or alcoholic beverage.

- ABC accepts a comp ticket from the patron of the casino for a meal in its restaurant. The sale is rung at retail, and then the comp ticket is applied. In most cases, the patron does not pay any money out of pocket.
When is a Comp… NOT a Comp? (continued)

- ABC Restaurant bills the XYC Casino for the amount of the sale plus sales tax.

- The XYC Casino pays an agreed upon amount to ABC Restaurant (for example, 90% of the sale.)

- ABC Restaurant reports the tax on the discounted amount – 90%, on their tax return.
Other
VENDING MACHINES

• If you own the vending machine:
  You cannot deduct the tax from the selling price unless there is a sign indicating sales tax is included in the price

  \[ \text{NAC 372.760} \]
  \[ \text{NAC 372.520} \]
  \[ \text{NAC 372.500(3)} \]

• You must have a permit clearly visible on the machine
OVER-COLLECTION OF TAX

• Return to the customer

    OR

• Remit to the Department of Taxation

NAC 372.765
Questions?
DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION

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