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Taxation

Local Tax

Local Taxes and Licenses	
City	Business License Fee Structure
Salmon Arm	Business License fees range from \$100 to \$800, dependent on company size. Contact the City of Salmon Arm Development Services Department at 250-803-4000.
Sicamous	Business License Fees are \$90 with a few variations, and an additional \$150 for inter-community business licenses. Development permits are required in some of the areas within the District of Sicamous. Contact the District of Sicamous at 250-836-2477.
Source: City of Salmon Arm (250-803-4000) & District of Sicamous (250-836-2477) June, 2009.	

Property Tax

Property Tax											
Property Class	School District	General Municipal	MFA	Regional District	Regional Hospital District	Regional Library	BC Assessment Authority	Spec. Area: Off-Street Parking	Spec. Area: Wharf	Spec. Area: Bus. Improvement	TOTAL
2008 TAX RATES											
Residential	2.2038	3.9067	0.0002	0.1819	0.1816	0.1788	0.0615	0.8794	0.2415	0.0000	7.8354
Utilities	14.2000	29.6276	0.0005	0.6366	0.6354	0.6259	0.4787	3.0777	0.8453	0.0000	50.1277
Major Industry	9.3000	49.8297	0.0005	0.6184	0.6173	0.6080	0.4787	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	61.4526
Light Industry	6.8000	16.4166	0.0005	0.6184	0.6173	0.6080	0.1944	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	25.2552
Business/ Other	6.8000	11.8561	0.0001	0.4456	0.4448	0.4381	0.1944	2.1544	0.5917	1.5627	24.4879
Recreational/ Non-Profit	3.6000	3.3067	0.0002	0.1819	0.1816	0.1788	0.0615	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	7.5107
Farm	6.8000	11.3559	0.0002	0.1819	0.1816	0.1788	0.0615	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	18.7599
2007 TAX RATES											
Residential	2.5946	4.5196	0.0003	0.1731	0.2275	0.2112	0.0677	0.9745	0.2392	0.0000	9.0077
Utilities	14.7000	32.4118	0.0005	0.6060	0.7961	0.7394	0.4865	3.4108	0.8370	0.0000	53.9881
Major Industry	12.5000	55.8481	0.0005	0.5887	0.7734	0.7182	0.8465	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	71.2754
Light Industry	7.9000	19.4001	0.0005	0.5887	0.7734	0.7182	0.2227	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	29.6036
Business/ Other	7.9000	12.9686	0.0001	0.4242	0.5573	0.5176	0.2227	2.3876	0.5859	1.6880	27.2520
Recreational/ Non-Profit	3.9000	4.2047	0.0002	0.1731	0.2275	0.2112	0.0677	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	8.7844
Farm	6.8000	10.8132	0.0002	0.1731	0.2275	0.2112	0.0677	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	18.2929
2006 TAX RATES											
Residential	3.3820	5.4499	0.0003	0.2564	0.2078	0.2628	0.0816	1.0227	0.2463	0.0000	10.9098
Utilities	14.9000	33.5841	0.0005	0.8972	0.7274	0.9197	0.5145	3.5794	0.8620	0.0000	55.9848
Major Industry	12.5000	55.6474	0.0005	0.8716	0.7066	0.8934	0.5145	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	71.1340
Light Industry	9.2000	23.7056	0.0005	0.8716	0.7066	0.8934	0.2647	0.0000	0.8373	2.6728	39.1525
Business/ Other	4.2000	14.6778	0.0001	0.6281	0.5092	0.6438	0.2647	2.5056	0.6034	1.9260	25.9587
Recreational/ Non-Profit	4.5000	4.5027	0.0002	0.2564	0.2078	0.2628	0.0816	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	9.8115
Farm	6.8000	10.3251	0.0002	0.2564	0.2078	0.2628	0.0816	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	17.9339
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2005 TAX RATES											
Residential	3.8815	6.2259	0.0003	0.2956	0.2008	0.3013	0.0920	0.8935	0.2415	0.0000	12.1324
Utilities	14.9000	35.5689	0.0005	1.0347	0.7029	1.0544	0.5239	3.1273	0.8451	0.0000	57.7577
Major Industry	12.5000	53.8702	0.0005	1.0052	0.6828	1.0243	0.5239	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	69.6069
Light Industry	9.6000	23.1589	0.0005	1.0052	0.6828	1.0243	0.2860	0.0000	0.8210	2.7686	39.3473
Business/Other	9.6000	14.8186	0.0001	0.7243	0.4920	0.7381	0.2680	2.1891	0.5916	1.9950	31.4348
Recreational/ Non-Profit	4.5000	7.1989	0.0002	0.2956	0.2008	0.3013	0.0920	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	12.5888
Farm	6.8000	10.3873	0.0002	0.2956	0.2008	0.3013	0.0920	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	18.0772
2004 TAX RATES											
Residential	4.3809	6.7481	0.0003	0.3206	0.2579	0.3240	0.1057	0.8117	0.2203	0.0000	13.1695
Utilities	15.0000	34.6109	0.0005	1.1221	0.9025	1.1341	0.5424	2.8409	0.7711	0.0000	56.9245
Major Industry	12.5000	47.4610	0.0005	1.0900	0.8767	1.1017	0.5424	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	63.5723
Light Industry	9.9000	24.1453	0.0005	1.0900	0.8767	1.1017	0.2959	0.0000	0.7491	2.8815	41.0407
Business/Other	9.9000	14.8530	0.0001	0.7855	0.6318	0.7939	0.2959	1.9886	0.5398	2.0764	31.8650
Recreational/ Non-Profit	4.5000	8.2169	0.0002	0.3206	0.2579	0.3240	0.1057	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	13.7253
Farm	6.8000	10.7974	0.0002	0.3206	0.2579	0.3240	0.1057	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	18.6058
2003 TAX RATES											
Residential	4.6645	6.9057	0.0003	0.2966	0.2038	0.3378	0.1159	0.7512	0.2193	0.0000	13.4951
Utilities	15.0000	34.6317	0.0005	1.0382	0.7134	1.1821	0.5947	2.6293	0.7676	0.0000	56.5575
Heavy Industry	12.5000	44.0605	0.0005	1.0085	0.6930	1.1484	0.5947	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	60.0056
Light Industry	9.9000	23.4077	0.0005	1.0085	0.6930	1.1484	0.3245	0.0000	0.7457	2.9902	40.2185
Business	9.9000	14.5023	0.0001	0.7267	0.4994	0.8275	0.3245	1.8405	0.5373	2.1547	31.3130
Recreational/ Non-Profit	4.5000	7.9674	0.0002	0.2966	0.2038	0.3378	0.1159	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	13.4217
Farm	6.8000	10.2936	0.0002	0.2966	0.2038	0.3378	0.1159	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	18.0479
NOTE: A Regional District is not a taxing authority. Any information pertaining to rural areas have to be directed to the Provincial Surveyor of Taxes.											
Property Tax Rates	Rate per \$1000 of assessed value. BC Assessment Authority assigns the tax class.										
Source: City of Salmon Arm June, 2009											

Sales Tax

Sales/ Use Tax Rate		
	Percent	Notes
Sales/Use Tax		
Federal Goods & Service Tax GST	5%	GST is recoverable on business inputs.
Provincial Sales Tax PST	7%	
Local	N/A	B.C. does not have a local sales tax.
Utilities		
Electric Power	5%	GST is fully recoverable
Natural Gas	5%	GST is fully recoverable
Fuel Oil	5%	GST is fully recoverable
Water	0%	
Sewer	0%	
Hazardous Waste Disposal	5%	GST is fully recoverable
Telephone	5%	GST is fully recoverable
Local Area	5%	
In Province Long Distance	5%	GST is fully recoverable
Out of Province Long Distance	5%	GST is fully recoverable
Machinery & Equipment		
		Manufacturers may receive a 3% tax credit on purchases of new equipment, machinery or buildings.
Production	0%	
Non-Production	5%	GST is fully recoverable
Pollution Control	0%	
Office Furniture/Fixtures/Equipment	0%	GST is fully recoverable
Construction Materials	5%	
Manufacturers' Raw Materials	0%	
Standard Software	5%	GST is fully recoverable
Custom Software	5%	GST is fully recoverable
Source: Invest-bc website: www.investbc.com -- updated Jan. 2008.		

Taxation— General

Taxation			
Type	Base/Measure	Rate	Administering Agency
Goods & Service Tax		5%	Federal Government
Provincial Sales Tax		7%	Provincial Government
Industry-Specific Taxes			
Alcoholic Beverage Taxes		Included in costs	
Cigarette Tax		Included in costs	
Fuels Tax (gasoline & diesel)		Included in costs	
Motor Vehicle Taxes			
Vehicle License Fees	Vehicle weight	N/A	Insurance Corp. of BC
Registration Fees	Standard	\$18 plates, \$28 transfer used vehicle, \$18 new registration.	Insurance Corp. of BC
Weight Fees (heavy truck)	Gross vehicle weight	Varies by weight -Maximum GVW of single drive axle truck tractor = 38,000kg. @ \$2159.00 annual fee.	Insurance Corp. of BC
Vehicle Luxury Tax	Price of vehicle	Under \$54,999.99 -7%	
		\$55,000-\$55,999.99 - 8%	
		\$56,000 - \$56,999.99 - 9%	
		\$57,000 and over- 10%	
Property Tax	Value of property		City of Salmon Arm; Government Agent (rural)

Source: Government Agencies, ICBC Office, Lakeside Insurance 832-1132. Jan. 2008.