



VAT Standard rate

VAT standard rate in Barbados in 2024 is 17,5%. It applies to supplies of goods and import. Export in Barbados is zero-rated, as well as some basic food items (salt, rice, pasta, some fruits, and other).

VAT registration threshold

VAT threshold in Barbados is BBD 200,000 (approx. EUR 94,000). Businesses have to register for VAT purposes in Barbados if their annual revenue exceeded this amount or expected to be so. Also, VAT registration in Barbados is required if the monthly revenue is greater than BBD 16,666.67 (approx. EUR 8,000). Voluntary registration is allowed.

Deductible VAT

Businesses can reclaim input tax by deducting it from output tax. Expenses that are not relevant to the business cannot be claimed for deduction. The input tax incurred by businesses not registered for VAT in Barbados is not the subject to refund.

Registration procedure

Within 21 days after threshold was exceeded business have to apply for VAT registration in Barbados online with the Tax Administration Management Information System (TAMIS). The following documents are needed:

- Articles of Incorporation (Form 1)
- Notice of Address/Change of Address (Form 4)
- Notice of Directors/Change of Directors (Form 9)

Request for Name Search/Reservation (Form 33)
Certificate of Incorporation (Form 3)

Tax representative in Barbados is required for non-resident businesses.

VAT returns filing and payment date

Business must submit returns and pay VAT in Barbados on bi-monthly basis. The deadline is the 21th of the month following the reporting period.

Penalties in Barbados

Penalty for late filing of VAT returns – BBD 100 (approx. EUR 47).

Penalty for late payment – 10% of amount due.

Penalty for fraud – criminal penalties may apply.