

Montana Legislative Fiscal Division Revenue Source Profile

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Telecommunications Excise Tax

Revenue Description

The retail telecommunications excise tax is levied on the sales price of retail telecommunications services originating or terminating in the state. It is paid by the retail purchaser and collected by the provider.

Statutory Reference

Tax Rate – [15-53-130, MCA](#)

Tax Distribution – [15-53-156, MCA](#)

Date Due – 60 days after the end of the calendar quarter ([15-53-139, MCA](#))

Applicable Tax Rates

A tax of 3.75% is applied to the sales price of retail telecommunications services. Sales price includes payment for services such as distribution, supply, transmission, and delivery, but excludes federal taxes, relocation of service, equipment repair, prepaid calling cards and prepaid wireless plans, and other items. Gross receipts from the provision of internet services are also exempt.

Collection Frequency: Quarterly

Distribution: After retaining an allowance for refunds, all proceeds are deposited into the general fund.

Revenue History

