



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

As part of the 2012 Budget, the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance announced that Hotel Turnover Tax (HTT) will be renamed as Service Turnover Tax (STT) effective from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012.

The tax will be imposed at the rate of five (5) percent exclusive of Value Added Tax (VAT) on all service charged and this tax will be extended to:

1. Rental car operators
2. In-Bound tour operators
3. Events management operators
4. Recreation, entertainment and cinema operators
5. Bars and night clubs
6. Bistros or coffee shops with an annual gross turnover of \$1.5million and above
7. Restaurants with annual gross turnover of \$1.5million and above
8. All water sports, underwater activities, skydiving, hot-air balloon rides, river safaris, aircraft charter or hire including helicopters, with an annual gross turnover in excess of \$300,000
9. And home stay operators.

The owner or the person who is responsible for the day to day management of any of the above prescribed service shall, within 30 days before the commencement of the business or 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012, register with the Commissioner:-

(a) the name and address of the accountable person for the prescribed service;

(b) the names and addresses of any partners and associates in that business, indicating the precedent partner;

(c) in the case of a company, the names and addresses of the directors and authorized officers of the company;

(c) the trade or business name where the business is carried on under a name or style other than his own name; and

(d) the place and address where the person intends to carry out the prescribed service.

The person who is responsible for the day to day management of any of the above prescribed service is deemed to be registered as the accountable person.

Currently those registered for HTT will now be registered for STT purpose, however for the new prescribed service above you will be required to register using the **STT registration form** available on FRCA website [www.frca.org.fj](http://www.frca.org.fj).

Please note that the **monthly STT return form** should be completed and submitted to FRCA with the STT collected within 30 days after the last day of each month.

### Calculation on STT

Example:

<b>Service Charged</b>	<b>\$100</b>
STT (5%)	\$ 5
VAT (15%)	\$ 15
<b>Total Charged</b>	<b>\$120</b>

Where a charge or payment received or an invoice was raised prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 and services made after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012, the services charged shall not be subject to STT.

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