

Indian Goods and Services Tax (GST) FAQs

1. Why is there an additional tax on my examination fee?

The 18% tax is a requirement under Indian tax regulations. This is not a charge imposed by the College but a legal requirement for examinations conducted in India.

2. Does this tax apply to all candidates?

This tax applies only to candidates sitting their examinations in India. If you are taking the exam in another country, the local tax rules for that country will apply.

3. How will the tax be calculated and displayed?

The examination fee will be listed as € (exam fee). The 18% tax will be an additional fee charged to the candidate. Once the application is verified RCPI will contact the candidate via email requesting to pay the additional tax fee prior to the examination date.

4. Will I receive a receipt for my payment?

Yes, candidates will receive an email receipt on completion of each payment and again with their exam results.

5. Is this tax refundable if I cancel my exam or withdraw my application?

The refund policy for examination fees remains the same. If your examination fee is refundable under College policies, the tax amount may also be refunded, subject to applicable regulations.

6. Can I claim this tax back from the Indian tax authorities?

We recommend consulting with a tax professional or the relevant tax authorities in India to determine whether this tax is recoverable based on your individual circumstances.

7. Will this tax rate change in the future?

The 18% tax is based on current Indian tax regulations. If these regulations change, the applicable tax rate may also be adjusted accordingly.

8. How will this impact candidates who have already paid for upcoming exams?

Candidates who have already paid their examination fees before the implementation of this tax will not be required to pay extra. However, any new bookings made after the implementation date will be subject to the additional 18% tax.

9. What payment methods are accepted for the examination fee including tax?

The payment methods remain the same. RCPI will contact the candidate via email requesting to pay the additional 18% tax fee prior to the examination date.

10. Where can I get further clarification on this tax?

If you have further questions, please consult a local tax professional in India for specific tax related queries.

Here are a few additional FAQs that may arise regarding the 18% tax on examination fees for Indian candidates:

11. Why is the tax percentage 18%?

The 18% tax is based on the Goods and Services Tax (GST) rate applicable under Indian tax laws for educational and examination-related services provided within India. The College must comply with this legal requirement.

12. Will this tax apply to resit fees as well?

Yes, any examination fees, including resit fees, will also be subject to the 18% tax if the exam is taken in India.

13. Does this tax apply to all types of examinations?

Yes, the tax applies to all College examinations conducted in India, regardless of the specialty or type of exam.

14. Will the tax apply if I am an Indian candidate taking the exam in another country?

No, this tax applies only if the examination is being conducted in India. If you sit the exam in another country, local tax laws for that country will apply.

15. If I pay in a different currency, will the tax still be applied?

Yes, the tax applies regardless of the currency used for payment. The 18% tax will be calculated based on the base fee in EUR.

16. What happens if I accidentally pay only the base examination fee without the tax?

If the full amount including tax is not received within the requested timeframe, your exam place may not be guaranteed. Please ensure you select the correct booking and provide the correct information to avoid delays. You will be contacted to pay any additional costs owed.

17. If the tax rules change, how will candidates be informed?

Any changes in taxation will be communicated via official College channels, including the website and direct candidate notification.