

Tax and Revenue Administration

Eliminating the AITE Card

Information for AITE retailers and eligible consumers

The Government of Alberta recognizes that many First Nations people and communities in the province prefer not to describe themselves as Indians/Indian bands. These terms have been used where necessary to reflect their legal meaning in the federal [Indian Act](#).

Accepting the federal Certificate of Indian Status (status card)

Starting October 4, 2021, the only accepted proof of eligibility for tax-exempt purchases made on reserve in Alberta will be the federal status card.

Alberta Indian Tax Exemption (AITE) retailers will accept all versions of the federal status card, including those that have expired and Temporary Confirmation of Registration documents.

AITE retailers will no longer accept the AITE card, this card should be destroyed after October 4, 2021.

Changes for eligible consumers

If you cannot locate your federal status card, you may need to apply for one. Eligible consumers can contact their local band office or [Indigenous Services Canada](#) at Canada.gc.ca/indian-status for more information.

Changes for bands

Bands will receive a letter from Alberta's Tax and Revenue Administration (TRA) with a new registration number required to purchase tobacco, fuel or accommodation tax-exempt for band use.

Changes for AITE retailers

All AITE retailers are required to verify eligibility by asking to see the consumer's federal status card at time of sale.

AITE Retailers using a point of sale system (POSS)

- Certified software vendors will be updating POSS software to accept federal registration numbers instead of the AITE card barcodes.
- Retailers will enter the federal registration number into the POSS at the time of purchase. The registration number is on the federal status card.
- If the registration number is not found, the retailer will be prompted to re-enter the information. If it is still not found, the retailer will enter the name of the consumer as it appears on the federal status card.
- The POSS will no longer validate the age of the consumer for tobacco or fuel purchases. For tobacco purchases, it is the responsibility of the AITE retailer to ensure the consumer is 18 years or older.

Retailers filing by paper

AITE retailers without a POSS must maintain individual sales records safely and securely, protecting the privacy and confidentiality of personal information.

More information

See the AITE webpage at <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-indian-tax-exemption.aspx> for more information.