

What is the role of a VAT representative?

Your VAT representative will act on your behalf by:

- ☑ Applying for VAT registration;
- ☑ Submitting your VAT returns; and
- ☑ Making your VAT payments.

Note that registration must be made out in your name and **NOT** that of your representative.

You will need to inform the SRC who your VAT representative is and inform us when you change your VAT representative.

A VAT representative can represent more than one non-resident business, but must register each business separately. The Revenue Commissioner will set out the mode, manner and requirements for the appointment and responsibilities of the VAT representative.

Seychelles Revenue Commission Information Brochure on Value Added Tax

This brochure is not intended as an exhaustive explanation of the law. If you require detailed information about your tax obligations you should visit the SRC or write to us.

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**Can I register for VAT
if I am a non-resident?**



**An explanation about VAT
registration for non-residents**

What is a non-resident business?

This is a type of business that is not incorporated in Seychelles. Certain non-resident businesses operate in Seychelles, usually by performing a service in Seychelles. Some non-resident businesses do not have a fixed place of doing business in Seychelles.

Should a non-resident business register for VAT in Seychelles?

There are 3 factors that need to be considered before a non-resident business can determine whether it needs to register for VAT in Seychelles:

1. Who your customers are in Seychelles.
2. The type of supply you make.
3. The level of your annual sales turnover.

1. Who your customers are in Seychelles

As a non-registered business operating in Seychelles, the status of your customers (whether they are VAT registered or not) will determine whether you need to register for VAT.

- If your customer is a non-VAT registered person being either an individual person or a business that is not registered for VAT, you will have to register your business in Seychelles in order for you to charge VAT on your services. As your customer is a non-registered person, he/she cannot remit VAT to SRC on your behalf.

- If your customer is a VAT registered person, you are not necessarily required to register for VAT as your customer will remit VAT on your behalf to SRC. Your customer will apply the reverse charge mechanism when remitting the VAT you owe to SRC.

2. The type of supply you make

As a non-resident business performing a service in Seychelles, you will need to register your business if you are making taxable supplies in Seychelles.

A supply is taxable in Seychelles when the supply is made available and / or is enjoyed and performed in Seychelles.

3. The level of your annual sales turnover

As a non-resident business performing a service in Seychelles, you need to register for VAT in Seychelles if:

- The annual sales turnover of your business exceeds or is equal to the VAT registration threshold set at SR 2 million. In this case, you will be registered on a compulsory basis.
- The annual sales turnover of your business does not exceed SR 2 million, but you choose to register. In this case, you will be registered on a voluntary basis.

(Check the current exchange rates published by the Central Bank of Seychelles to ascertain the equivalent of the VAT threshold in your local currency)

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How does the reverse mechanism work?

When making payments to you, your VAT registered customer will withhold 15% of the payment being made. Your customer will then declare that VAT amount as an output tax. Since your customer has technically incurred this amount as an input tax, your customer will be able to claim this same VAT amount as an input tax credit on the VAT return (Refer to the VAT manual for more details).

How do I register my business for VAT?

If you have a fixed place of doing business in Seychelles, you can collect a copy of the VAT registration form at any one of the SRC offices. Alternatively, the form can be downloaded from the SRC website (www.src.gov.sc)

If you do not have a fixed place of doing business, you will need to:

- Appoint a VAT representative; and
- Provide a security in the form of a bond, deposit or otherwise to the SRC, as required by the Revenue Commissioner.