

Correct Invoicing Practice



Complete name and complete address of the service recipient

If applicable, VAT-ID in case of intra community deliveries or for which the reverse charge procedure is applicable and the recipient is an entrepreneur within the EU

Consecutive invoice number

Date of performing the services or the delivery of goods; in case of an advance payment, the date of the advance payment if the date is agreed

Amount and commercial description of the goods delivered or the services provided

If necessary, reference to tax exemptions or to reverse charge, in case of the reverse charge procedure the VAT will not be shown in the invoice

Applicable tax rate

If the invoice is not in German please state in the invoice that it is German VAT.

Example-supplier Ltd., Example Street 1, 99999 Example-City
Tax number from the tax office 111/222/33333
European VAT-ID-no. DE 444444444

To
Client Z
(VAT-ID)
Street 100
11111 City

Invoice no. 123
 Delivery date: January 1st, 2017

January 10, 2017

	goods (7%)	goods(19%)	
1. 2 crates of beer (19%)		20.00 €	
2. 20 bottles of sparkling wine (19%)		400.00 €	
3. 40 cartons of milk (7%)		25.00 €	
4. 30 bottles of vinegar (7%)		30.00 €	
invoice amount:		499.80 €	
sum of goods	7%	55.00 €	
VAT	7%	3,85 €	
sum of goods	19%	420.00 €	
VAT	19%	79.80 €	
Invoice total		558.65	

Please transfer the invoiced amount to the bank account no. XXX by dd.mm.yyyy .

2% cash discount when paid within 5 days.

You are obliged to keep this invoice for at least 2 years – 10 years obligation for entrepreneurs. The retention period begins with the close of this calendar year.

Complete name and complete address of the issuing company

Statement of the tax number provided by the tax office or the VAT-ID provided by the Federal Central Office for taxes

Issue date of the invoice

Breakdown of tax rates

Allocation of the net amount

VAT amount

Obligation to state discounts in advance agreed if the discount is not already considered in the remuneration

Reference of the storage obligation (only in special cases applicable)

Notes

Incomplete invoices

Incomplete invoices should be returned for amendment with reference to the invoice's incompleteness. According to section 15 German VAT Act the deduction of the input VAT is only allowed in case the tax payer has a complete invoice. Please note this is not applicable in case of reverse charge sales.

Invoices up to **250.00 € including VAT** (until 12/31/2016: 150.00 €)

The following information is mandatory for invoices up to **250.00 €** in order to deduct the Input VAT:

- Complete name and complete address of the supplier/ issuing company or entrepreneur
- Amount and type of supplied items or type/scope of the provided services
- The invoiced amount and corresponding tax in a total sum
- Applicable tax rate or reference to tax exemptions
- Issue date of the invoice

Invoices over **250.00 € including VAT**

The following information is mandatory for invoices over **250.00 €** in order to deduct the Input VAT:

- Complete name and complete address of the entrepreneur and the recipient of benefit
- Tax number or VAT-ID of the entrepreneur
- Consecutive invoice number
- Amount and type of supplied items or type/scope of the provided services
- Date of providing the services or the delivery of goods
- The invoiced amount and corresponding tax in a total sum
- Applicable tax rate or reference to tax exemptions
- Issue date of the invoice

Special regulations

Special regulations exist, among others, for tickets, vehicular deliveries, transportation or shipping of deliveries, travel services, differential taxation and triangular trades!

Information as from April 2019

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