

I am writing to formally request a GST/HST rebate for amounts collected on psychotherapy and counselling therapy services provided by Registered Clinical Counsellors (RCCs) in British Columbia, prior to the CRA's official clarification regarding the exemption status of these services for RCCs.

Background

On June 20, 2024, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) announced that certain psychotherapists and counselling therapists were no longer required to collect GST/HST on their services. However, this announcement did not initially extend to Registered Clinical Counsellors (RCCs). As a result, until the CRA officially clarified the matter, GST/HST continued to be collected and remitted on psychotherapy and counselling therapy services provided by RCCs in accordance with existing CRA policies.

CRA's Official Confirmation

On December 20, 2024, the CRA officially confirmed that, effective June 20, 2024, psychotherapy and counselling therapy services provided by RCCs in BC are no longer considered taxable supplies. As a result, GST/HST is no longer required to be charged or remitted on these services.

Request for Rebate

Given this new clarification, any GST/HST collected for services provided after June 20, 2024, should be returned. As such, I am requesting a rebate for the GST/HST amounts paid to my RCC for these services. According to the CRA's guidance, these amounts should be refunded, as the services are now considered exempt from GST/HST.