HST, gratuities and service charges in Ontario

03 · Budgeting · about 12 minutes

Thirteen percent HST on most lines, 18% gratuity on food and bar at most venues, and service charges that are not gratuity. The lesson that saves clients from the most painful invoice surprise.

Before you start

The event you are applying this to (real or the running gala example):

Date · guests · budget envelope:

Work through the objectives

1. Gross up any quote with HST and gratuity

2. Tell gratuity from a service charge

3. Read a venue price sheet correctly

Apply it: three decisions for your event

DECISION	WHAT YOU CHOSE AND WHY	OWNER / BY WHEN

Not legal or financial advice

Check your understanding

HST in Ontario is

A venue 'service charge' is

Answers are on the lesson page after you take the quiz.

One line to remember