

European Union

Reduced VAT rates for Water, Electricity, Gas

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Country	Rate	Category	Comments
Austria	10	Supply of water	
Austria	19	Special reduced rate for specific regions (including articles 104, 105 and 120 of the VAT Directive)	Jungholz, Mittelberg
Belgium	6	Supply of water	Royal Decree N°20, Table A, category XIII
Cyprus	5	Supply of water	
Czechia	10	Supply of water	Drinking water. Treatment and distribution services of water through mains. Collection and treatment of wastewater and sewage.
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Czechia	10	Supply of district heating	Heat and cooling.
Germany	7	Supply of water	No reduced rate for bottled water, heating water and steam
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Greece	6	Supply of natural gas	Reduced rate applies only on supply of natural gas of tariff heading 2711
Greece	6	Supply of electricity	
Greece	17	Special reduced rate for specific regions (including articles 104, 105 and 120 of the VAT Directive)	The Aegean Islands of Leros, Lesbos, Kos, Samos and Chios (L. 4811/2021 and Ministerial Decision A 1150/2021)
Greece	13	Supply of water	
Spain	10	Supply of water	
Spain	10	Supply of electricity	Reduced rate applies (from 26 June to 31 december 2021) to: contract holders under 10kW, and vulnerable households entitled to social tariffs
France	5,5	Supply of electricity	For the subscription part of the bill (article 278-0 bis B of the general tax code)
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France	5,5	Supply of natural gas	For the subscription part of the bill (article 278-0 bis B of the general tax code)

France	5,5	Supply of district heating	For the subscription part of the bill. When produced at least 50% from biomass, geothermal, solar thermal energy, waste and recovered energy (article 278-0 bis B of the general tax code)
France	10	Supply of water	Article 279 b 2° of the general tax code
France	8,5	Special reduced rate for specific regions (including articles 104, 105 and 120 of the VAT Directive)	The standard VAT rate in Martinique, Guadeloupe and Réunion is 8.5%. The reduced rate is 2.1%.
France	0,9	Special reduced rate for specific regions (including articles 104, 105 and 120 of the VAT Directive)	For Corsica: 0.9% on sales of live animals to non-subjected to VAT entities, and on the first performances or circus.
France	1,05	Special reduced rate for specific regions (including articles 104, 105 and 120 of the VAT Directive)	The super reduced rate in Martinique, Guadeloupe and Réunion is 1.05% (for the press).
France	13	Special reduced rate for specific regions (including articles 104, 105 and 120 of the VAT Directive)	For Corsica: rate of 13% on oil products; 10% on construction works, sales on farm machinery, sales on eaten in products, etc.; 2.1% (reduced rate).
Croatia	13	Supply of water	Applies to supply of water, other than water marketed in bottles or other packaging, in terms of public water supply and public drainage under special regulation.
Croatia	13	Supply of electricity	Applies to delivery of electricity towards other supplier or end-user, including fees related to the delivery.
Hungary	5	Supply of district heating	
Ireland	13,5	Supply of natural gas	Reduced rate applies to supply of natural gas under Article 118 and not Article 102.
Ireland	13,5	Supply of electricity	Reduced rate applies to supply of electricity under Article 118 and not Article 102.
Ireland	13,5	Supply of district heating	
Italy	10	Supply of water	Water. 2201 90 excluding ice or snow. For mineral waters and beer the applicable rate is the ordinary rate
Italy	10	Supply of natural gas	Gas for use by mining, agricultural and manufacturing companies including printing, publishing and similar businesses; gas, methane gas and liquefied petroleum gas, intended to be injected directly into the pipes of the distribution networks to be subsequently supplied, or destined to companies that use them for the production of electricity. 2705 and 2711 gas for the uses indicated above.

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Italy	10	Supply of electricity	Electricity for household use; electricity for use by mining, agricultural and manufacturing companies including printing, publishing and similar businesses; electricity for the operation of irrigation, lifting and drainage systems, used by reclamation and irrigation consortia; electricity supplied to wholesale customers referred to in Article 2, paragraph 5, of Legislative Decree No 79. 2716 electricity for the uses indicated above.
Italy	10	Supply of electricity	Services & supplies of equipment and materials relating to the supply of thermal energy for domestic use through public district heating networks or as part of the energy service contract, as defined in Interim Decree Art. 11, par. 1, of regulation referred to in Pres. Decree No 412/1993, and subsequent amendments; it includes supplies of energy produced from renewable sources or high efficiency cogeneration plants. Ordinary rate is applied to supplies of energy from other sources.
Italy	10	Supply of natural gas	Supply of methane gas used for combustion for civil uses limited to 480 cubic meters per year; supply, via distribution networks, of liquefied petroleum gases for domestic purposes for cooking food and for the production of hot water, liquefied petroleum gas contained by or intended to be placed in cylinders from 10 to 20 kg at any stage of marketing.
Italy	10	Supply of district heating	Connection services to district heating networks carried out in compliance with current legislation on energy saving
Lithuania	9	Supply of district heating	Applies to the district heating energy supplied to residential premises
Lithuania	9	Supply of water	Applies to the hot water or cold water for preparing of hot water, supplied to residential premises
Luxembourg	3	Supply of water	Article 114 of 2006/112/EC
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Latvia	12	Supply of district heating	Thermal energy. Please refer to the VAT Law (Section 42, Paragraph twelve) for more detailed information. URL: https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/253451
Latvia	12	Supply of district heating	Firewood. Please refer to the VAT Law (Section 42, Paragraph eleven) for more detailed information. URL: https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/253451
Malta	5	Supply of electricity	Supply of electricity in accordance with Article 102 of Council Directive 2006/112/EC
Malta	Exempted	Supply of water	The exemption refers to the supply of water services by a public authority.
Netherlands	9	Supply of water	Tabel I prov. a.28: including water supplied via the public mains network; distilled water; warm water; and 'other water' (surface water not suitable for human consumption but usable for non-consumptive purposes such as rinsing activities or sprinkling crops). Excluded: demineralized, deironed and softened water; river water and sea water (2501 00 10) whether or not intended for scientific purposes; ice and steam.
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Portugal	16	Special reduced rate for specific regions (including articles 104, 105 and 120 of the VAT Directive)	Azores Autonomous Region
Portugal	22	Special reduced rate for specific regions (including articles 104, 105 and 120 of the VAT Directive)	Madeira Autonomous Region
Romania	9	Supply of water	The reduced VAT rate is applied for the supply of water for irrigation in agriculture and for water supply and sewerage services. See art. 291 para. (2) letters g) and i) of the Fiscal Code and point 37 para. (13) letter b) of the Methodological Norms.
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Slovenia	9,5	Supply of water	
United Kingdom (Northern Ireland)	Exempted	Supply of natural gas	Exemption with right to deduct the input VAT. Applies to domestic fuel and power.

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