

What's Taxed and What Isn't

Some things have tax on them. Some things don't.

NAME

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The rules in Massachusetts

- Food from a **grocery store** that you cook or make at home has **no tax**.
- A **meal** from a restaurant, a café or a counter **has tax**.
- Clothing has **no tax**.
- Medicine your **doctor prescribes** has **no tax**.
- **Most other things** you buy in a shop **have tax**.

Tax or no tax?

Circle the right answer for each one.

1. A loaf of bread from the grocery store

Tax

No tax

2. A slice of pizza at a restaurant

Tax

No tax

3. A T-shirt

No tax

Tax

4. A notebook

No tax

Tax

5. A gallon of milk

Tax

No tax

6. A bottle of shampoo

No tax

Tax

7. A coffee from a café

Tax

No tax

8. Medicine your doctor prescribed for you

No tax

Tax

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Look at the whole receipt

On each receipt, circle the ONE line that has tax on it.

Grocery store

Bread	☐
Toothpaste	☐
Milk	☐

Corner shop

Bananas	☐
Box of Cereal	☐
Paper Towels	☐

Use the rule

9. You buy a sweatshirt. Is there tax on it?

Yes – clothing has tax

No – clothing has no tax

(circle one)

10. Which one of these has tax on it?

A box of cereal

A burger at a drive-through

A pair of jeans

(circle one)

You buy milk and a T-shirt at one shop. Does either one have tax on it? How do you know?