

What's Taxed and What Isn't

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

NAME

DATE

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** up to \$175 for one item. Over that, only the part **above \$175** is taxed.
- 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 \$12 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 \$60 pair of sneakers

No tax

Tax

8. A coffee from a café

Tax

No tax

9. Medicine your doctor prescribed for you

Tax

No tax

10. A video game

No tax

Tax

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Look at the whole receipt

On each receipt, circle **every** line that has tax on it. There is more than one on each.

Grocery store

Bread	☐
Toothpaste	☐
Bananas	☐
Paper Towels	☐
Milk	☐

Department store

Socks — \$8	☐
Notebook	☐
Apples	☐
Headphones	☐
Box of Cereal	☐

Use the rule

11. You buy a \$40 sweatshirt. Is there tax on it?

No — clothing under \$175 has no tax

Yes — all clothing is taxed

Only if it is on sale

(circle one)

12. You buy a \$220 winter coat. What gets taxed?

Nothing — coats are clothing

The whole \$220

Only the \$45 that is over \$175

(circle one)

13. Which one of these has tax on it?

A box of cereal

A burger at a drive-through

A \$20 pair of jeans

(circle one)

Your family buys milk, bread and a \$30 jacket at one shop. Which of those has tax on it? How do you know?