

Taxes on Waste - Amendment of the Municipal Regulation

The new Municipal Regulation on Waste Management came into force on 1st January 2018, after its adoption by the Primary Assembly of Hérémente and its approval by the Council of State.

The taxes are made up of a basic tax corresponding to infrastructure costs, as well as a tax proportional to the amount of waste and covering operating costs.

A) Basic Tax

The basic tax rate was fixed, for 2018, at 50.00 Fr. This is then multiplied by a coefficient that varies depending on the number of rooms of each dwelling (according to the table overleaf). The basic tax is charged to homeowners by the municipality, as illustrated in the accompanying bill. Temporary non-use of buildings does not invalidate the obligation to pay these taxes.

B) Proportional Tax

The proportional tax is made up of revenues linked to the purchase of taxed bags by private individuals. It is paid to the municipality by the Regional Branch and is based on the Valais Roman regional harmonised pay-per-bag principle.

Taxes on drinking water, waste water and snow clearance

As the regulations have remained unchanged in 2018, municipal taxes on drinking water, wastewater and snow clearance have been calculated on the same basis as 2017.

Miscellaneous – Additional Information

If paying by e-banking, please quote the correct reference details provided on each payment slip.

If necessary, you can find more information:

- on the website <https://www.heremence.ch/commune/reglements-89.html> to consult the Municipal Regulation on Waste Management
- at the Municipal Administrative Office for further information.

HEREMENCE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Rates as from 1st January 2018

At the meeting on 9 November 2017, the Municipal Council set the rates in force as follows, applicable as from 1st January 2018 with respect to the Regulation on Waste Management:

For dwellings:

As per the rate set out below, multiplied by the coefficient stated in the table below depending on the number of rooms stated in the RegBL (Register of Buildings and Dwellings of the OFS (Swiss Federal Statistics Office)):

Number of Rooms	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 or more
Coefficient	1	1	1.5	2	2	3	3	4

50.00 francs per tariff unit.

For shops and businesses:

As per the rate set out below, depending on the type (nature) of activity by category according to Art. 18 of the Regulation on Waste Management:

- Category 1: **60.00** francs
- Category 2: **120.00** francs
- Category 3: **180.00** francs
- Category 4: **240.00** francs
- Category 5: **360.00** francs

The rate is then multiplied by a coefficient calculated on the basis of the operational floor space, the number of beds or the number of employees, depending on the category.

Method of calculating the number of rooms

The rooms taken into account in the calculation include all habitable rooms, namely: bedrooms, lounges or dining rooms, offices and living rooms.

The following are therefore not taken into consideration: kitchens; bathrooms and toilets; cellars; attics; drying rooms and laundries; heating, coal and fuel-oil storage rooms; rooms for lift machinery, ventilation and air-conditioning plant; shared storerooms in multiple-occupancy buildings; garages for motor vehicles, bicycles and prams; corridors, stairs and lifts; open entrances; roof terraces, both covered and open; balconies and open loggias.

Example: an apartment comprising one bedroom for the parents, two bedrooms for the children, one lounge, one kitchen, one bathroom with toilet, one balcony, one terrace and one cellar counts as 4 rooms.

Reference Base

The number of rooms of each dwelling has been included since the RegBL (Register of Buildings and Dwellings of the OFS). These data are automatically updated at each public enquiry. However, in the case of internal conversions that have not been submitted to public enquiry, the Authority has not always been informed of the change in the number of habitable rooms. Consequently, if you think that the number of rooms mentioned in your bill is incorrect, please contact the Municipal Administrative Office, preferably by email or letter, enclosing a copy of up-to-date plans and photos of each room.