You owe tax on Job Printing if:
You are engaged in the business of job printing, embossing, copying, micrograph and photo reproduction in the city. (Mesa Tax Code 5-10-425)

Transactions between related companies or persons are taxable by the City of Mesa. See Mesa City Code Section 5-10-100 for the definition of a “Person”, Section 5-10-210 “Determination of gross income: transactions between affiliated companies or persons”, and Section 5-10-220 “Determination of gross income: artificially contrived transactions”.

Tax Rate on Job Printing
The City of Mesa tax rate is 2.0% of the taxable income from the business of job printing.
Mesa Business Code 010 ME
State Business Code 010 MAR

Collection & Calculating the Tax (Tax Factoring)
You may choose to charge the tax separately or you may include tax in your sales price. If you include tax in your sales price, you may factor in order to “compute” the amount of tax included in your gross income for deduction purposes and obtain the “Net Taxable”. To determine the factor, add one (1.00) to the total of state, county, and city tax rates.

Example (Total Tax Rate 8.3%):
1.00 + .0630 + .0200 = 1.0830

Calculate as follows:
Gross Income / Factor (1.0830) = Net Taxable Income

$1000/1.0830 = $923.36 (net taxable); the tax factor deduction is $76.64
Tax Due Mesa: $923.36*2% = $18.47
Tax Due State/Maricopa County: $923.36*6.3% = $58.17
Total Tax = $76.64 (should always match the total tax factor deduction amount)

Exemption: General Provisions
Except as provided under the city code, all job printing income is subject to tax. Exclusions from taxable income are based upon the specific deductions provided by the code. Since you have the burden of documenting any exemption or deductions you claim, it is recommended that you get an exemption certificate from your purchaser to support the deduction or exclusion. In cases in which a certificate is provided which satisfies the code requirements, the certificate is sufficient in most cases to relieve the printer from liability of taxes arising from the sale. Exemption certificates are available from the City upon request.

Specific Exemptions
- Resale Sales - Printing for another printer is exempt from tax when materials are resold by the printer.
- Out-of-State Sales - Printing for a non-resident of the state provided the printer ships or delivers the printed materials to the out-of-state location of the customer.
- Job printing of newspapers, magazines and other periodicals for a customer who is engaged in business as a publisher is exempt provided the publisher is properly licensed.
- Job printing for qualifying hospital or health care organization.
- Sales of printed materials to publicly funded libraries.

Exemptions Available for Items You Purchase
Purchases of paper and ink and other items which are “resold” by the printer are exempt from tax when purchased from suppliers. Income producing capital equipment such as presses and copiers etc. are also exempt from tax when purchased. In addition, chemicals which come into direct contact with the product for the purpose of causing or permitting a physical change to occur as part of the manufacturing process are also exempt from tax when purchased.

This publication is for general information only about Transaction Privilege (Sales) Tax on job printing activities. For complete details, refer to the City of Mesa Privilege & Excise Tax Code and related regulations. In case of inconsistency or omission in this publication, the language of the Tax Code will prevail. The transaction privilege tax is commonly referred to as a sales tax; however, the tax is on the privilege of doing business in Mesa and is not a true sales tax.

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