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## Canadian Tax Set-up

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Please refer to the Canada Revenue Agency's website for current HST / GST and Provincial Sales Tax rates, as these rates change regularly: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/gsthst/>

This FAQ is specifically for setting up Canadian Sales Tax for both Federal and Provincial Tax calculations on sale of products or services through your ShopFactory Website.

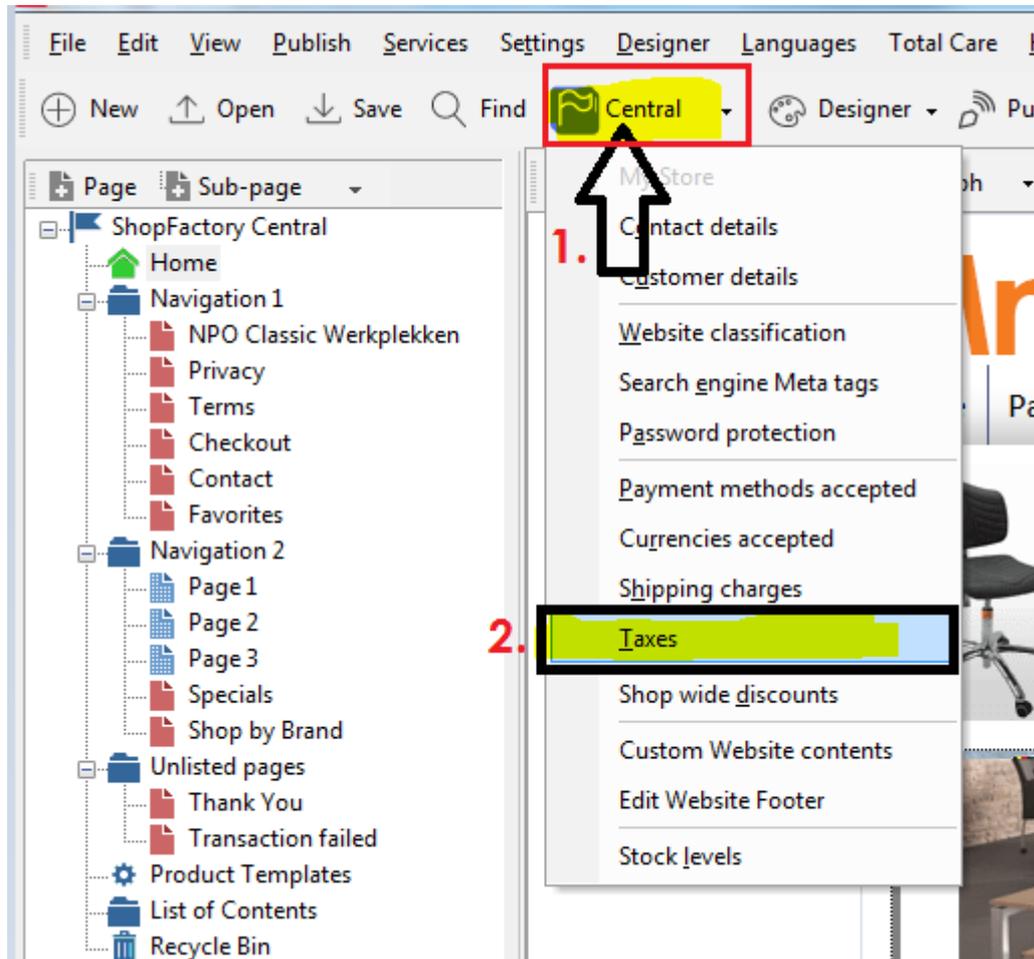
As each HOME PROVINCE you sell from may be set-up differently, this is a general example guideline for each province only. The only exceptions is if your home province is QUEBEC (Quebec QVC / QST details at the end of this FAQ article if this is your home province or you charge or are registered to charge Quebec sales tax).

If you have registered for PROVINCIAL SALES TAX in your Home Province or from other provinces if outside your home province, you will also need to set-up PST-Provincial Sales Tax entries individually for each province as well. Please submit a separate support ticket for this as it is not fully outline in this FAQ for each sales tax situation).

**(ShopFactory can assist in setting up your Sales Tax as an added service for a Set-up Fee if this article is not sufficient for your specific Province or tax set-up situation.)**

### Step 1:

From the "CENTRAL" button inside ShopFactory choose: **Taxes**



## Step 2A:

You will need to set-up several tax codes and choose the provinces they apply to for each.

(SPECIAL NOTE: ShopFactory already adds GST and PST as sample taxes - it is recommended to REMOVE those samples then continue as shown below).

FOR YOUR MAIN PROVINCE - Enter the main GST or HST tax which applies to your home province. In this example, ONTARIO is used as the home Province, and the main sales tax applied is HST:

(NOTE: This first HST for ONTARIO will apply to "All existing and new products". A secondary HST for tax on shipping charges will be set-up later.)

**Here you enter the tax details and define, to which products the tax should be automatically applied.**

- **Name of Tax:** This tax name will be shown to your customers.
- **Tax rate:** This is the tax rate you will charge in percent of the price. ShopFactory uses this rate to automatically calculate the taxes.

Name of the tax:

Enter the tax rate:

Tax applies to

Apply the tax to shipping

all existing and new products

all new products

all existing products

create tax only

Where does the tax apply?

Canada

Other region

Canada, Ontario

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Once you have the HST set-up and choose "Canada, Ontario" on where the tax applies, click **Next >**

In the next window, uncheck "Prices include this tax".

Also, uncheck "Allow customers with Sales Tax Exemptions to remove sales tax. (It is NOT recommended to use this feature in most cases. Check with your Government website or office to confirm tax exemption regulations, as some may apply in specific situations and allowing customers to remove tax may complicate your tax obligation with the person ordering. You are responsible for collecting and maintaining your Sales Tax correctly. RECOMMENDED: Exempt customers can contact you to order manually and provide their Exemption details and proof of exemption before allowing exemptions on your orders.):

**Tax Setup Final**

**These are the details of the tax you have set up. Please define if this tax is included in all prices in the shop.**

You can also set up, if you allow customers to use their tax exemption number to avoid paying tax to you.

Name of tax: HST  
 Tax rate: 13.000%  
 Tax applies in: Canada/Ontario

Text displayed with product (incl. HST):  
 Text displayed with product (excl. HST):

Allow customers with Sales Tax exemptions to remove sales tax from charges  
 Prices include this tax  
 Add this tax on other taxes

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Click "Finish".

**Step 2B:**

In the main tax window, you will now have your Main Provincial HST for Ontario set-up. Other provinces will have either a different HST or GST main tax; see steps below this for your province - as the main Sales Tax applies to each province individually in most cases:

**Tax**

**Here you set up the taxes you must collect from your customers.**

A tax consists of a Name, a tax rate and a region in which it applies. We also need to know if a tax is included in the price of a product or not.

**Available:** These are the taxes you can either automatically or manually assign to a product. If no taxes are listed,

Tax name: HST Tax rate: 13.000%  Product prices include tax  
 Applies in: Canada/Ontario

Name	%
HST	13.000

Show prices inclusive AND exclusive of tax  
 Apply tax on products to shipping and handling charges

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(SPECIAL NOTE: In this window - make sure you have "Show prices inclusive AND exclusive of tax" and "Apply

tax on products to shipping and handling charges" UNCHECKED. For Canadian tax to be set-up correctly, do not use these features, but set-up tax for each province as shown in the next steps. Because Canadian Tax rates change regularly - it's better to set-up individual rates to handle changes down the road quickly.)

To add HST to SHIPPING for Ontario - click the + button below the main tax box and check off the "Apply the tax to shipping" = NAME: HST-Shipping, 13% - leave "Canada, Ontario" checked off as well:

**Tax Wizard**

Here you enter the tax details and define, to which products the tax should be automatically applied.

> **Name of Tax:** This tax name will be shown to your customers.  
> **Tax rate:** This is the tax rate you will charge in percent of the price. ShopFactory uses

Name of the tax: HST-Shipping  
Enter the tax rate: 13.000%

Tax applies to

Apply the tax to shipping

all existing and new products     all new products  
 all existing products  
 create tax only

Where does the tax apply?

Canada     Other region  
 Canada, Ontario

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Click Next. Again, uncheck the "Allow customers with Sales tax..." and "Prices include this tax" boxes:

**Tax Setup Final**

These are the details of the tax you have set up. Please define if this tax is included in all prices in the shop.

You can also set up, if you allow customers to use their tax exemption number to avoid paying tax to you.

Name of tax: HST-Shipping  
Tax rate: 13.000%

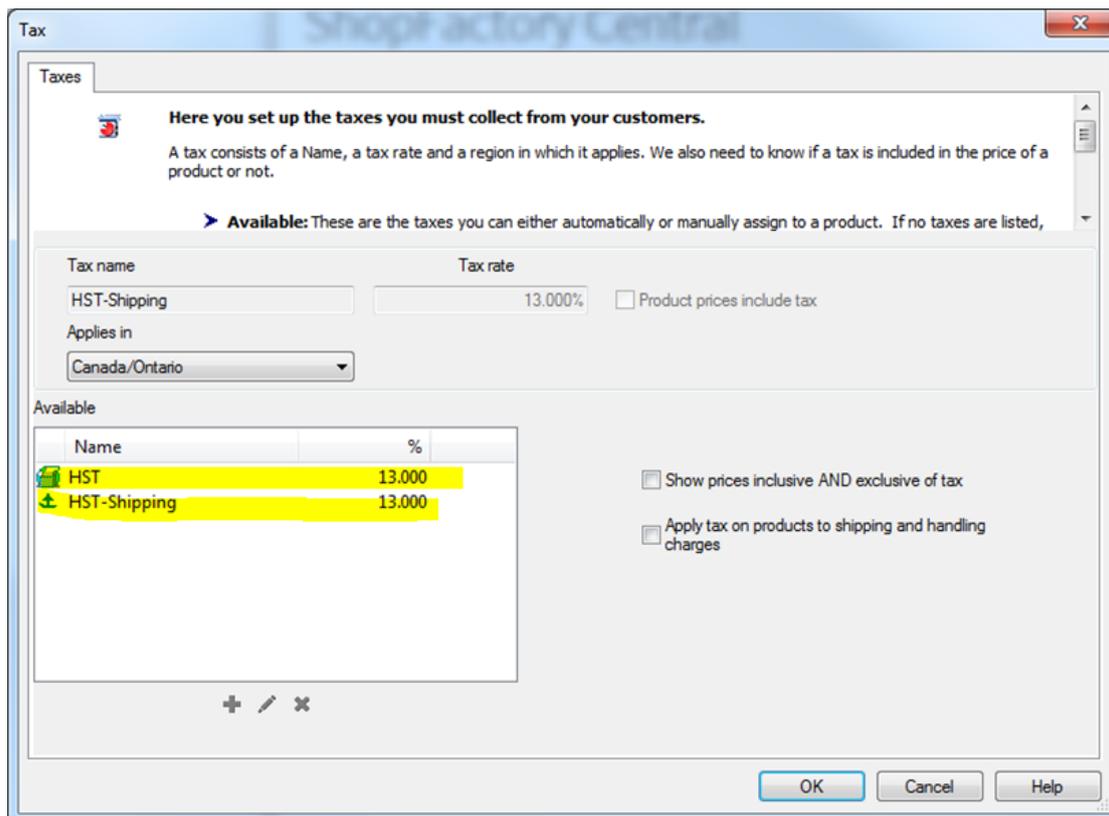
Tax applies in: Canada/Ontario

Text displayed with product (incl. HST-Shipping):  
Text displayed with product (excl. HST-Shipping):

Allow customers with Sales Tax exemptions to remove sales tax from charges  
 Prices include this tax  
 Add this tax on other taxes

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Click Finish. You will now have HST for PRODUCTS and HST for SHIPPING tax rates set-up:



**Step 3A - HST for New Brunswick, Newfoundland/Labrador, and Nova Scotia:**

Click the + Button to add a new tax, enter in the Name of the tax as: HST-Maritimes (Or, use your own HST identifier if you prefer, such as HST-2)

Check off "All Existing and new Products" and "OTHER REGION"

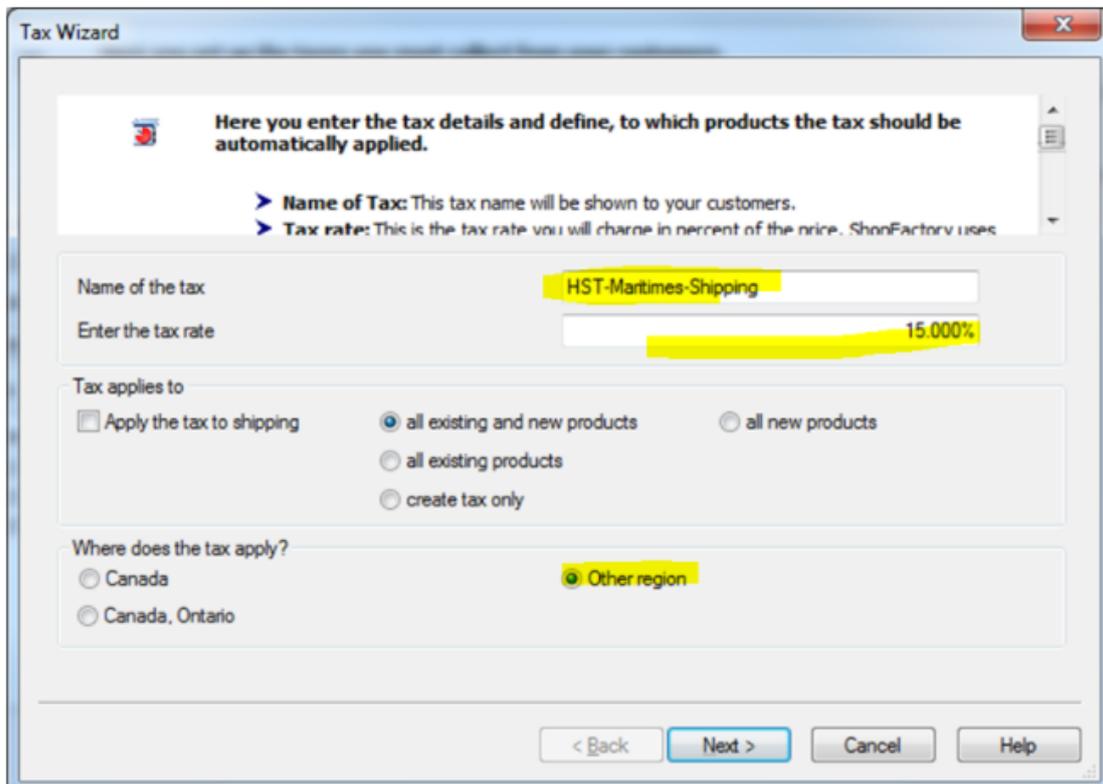
Click Next and in the next window - select one by one and add the provinces the 15% HST applies to

Click Next and again uncheck "Allow Customers with Sales tax..." and "Prices include this tax"

And click Finish.

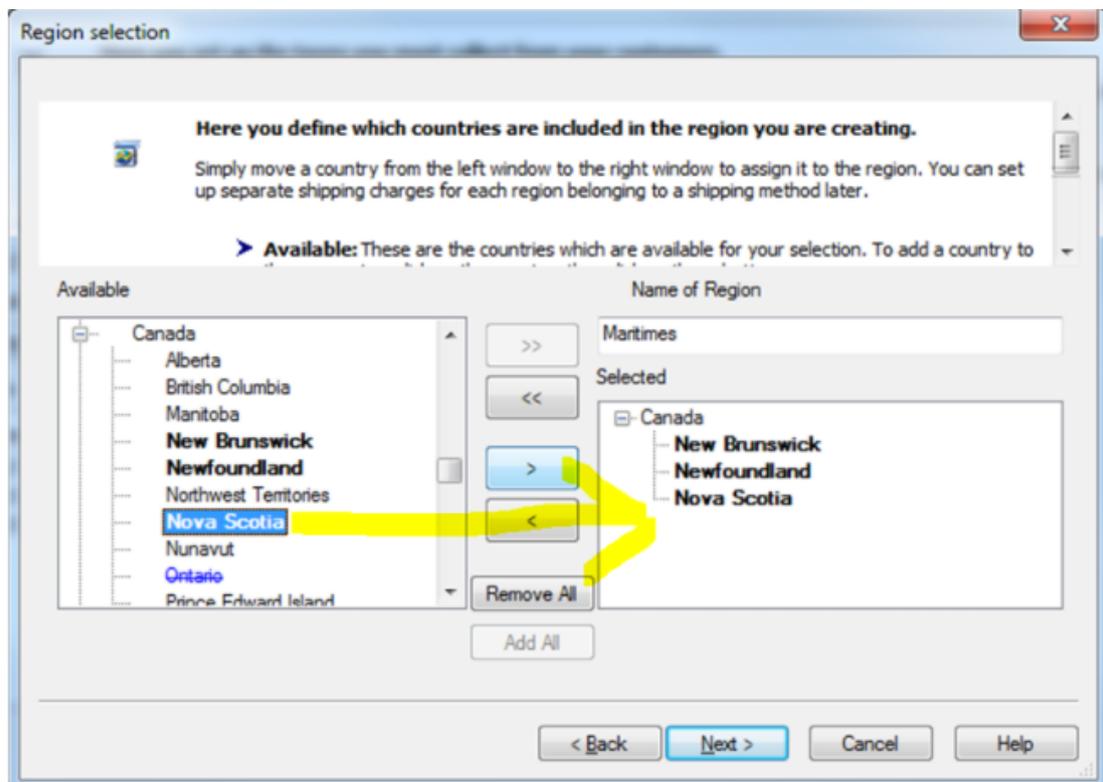
**Step 3A - HST on Shipping for New Brunswick, Newfoundland/Labrador, and Nova Scotia:**

Again click the + sign to add a new tax. Enter in an Identifier, "HST-Maritimes-Shipping" used in this example. Check off "All existing and new products" and "Other region":



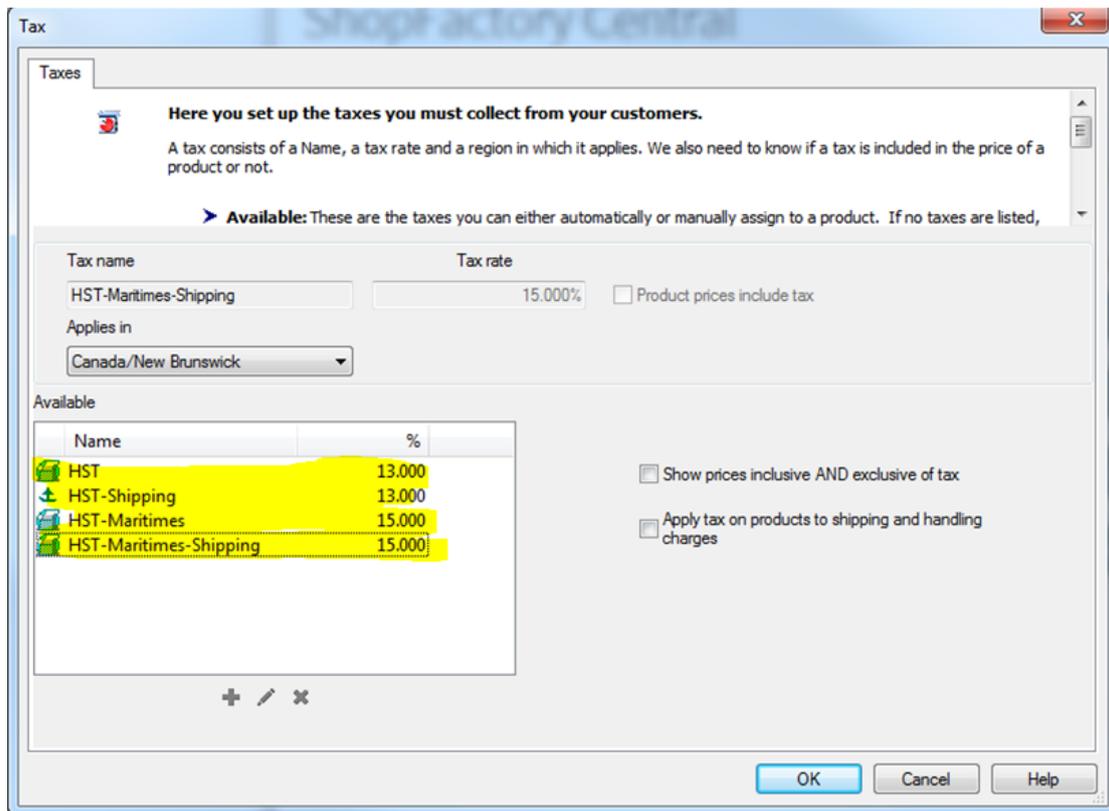
Click Next.

Name the region "Maritimes" and choose / add each province to the Selected regions:



Click Next and again uncheck "Allow Customers with Sales tax..." and "Prices include this tax"

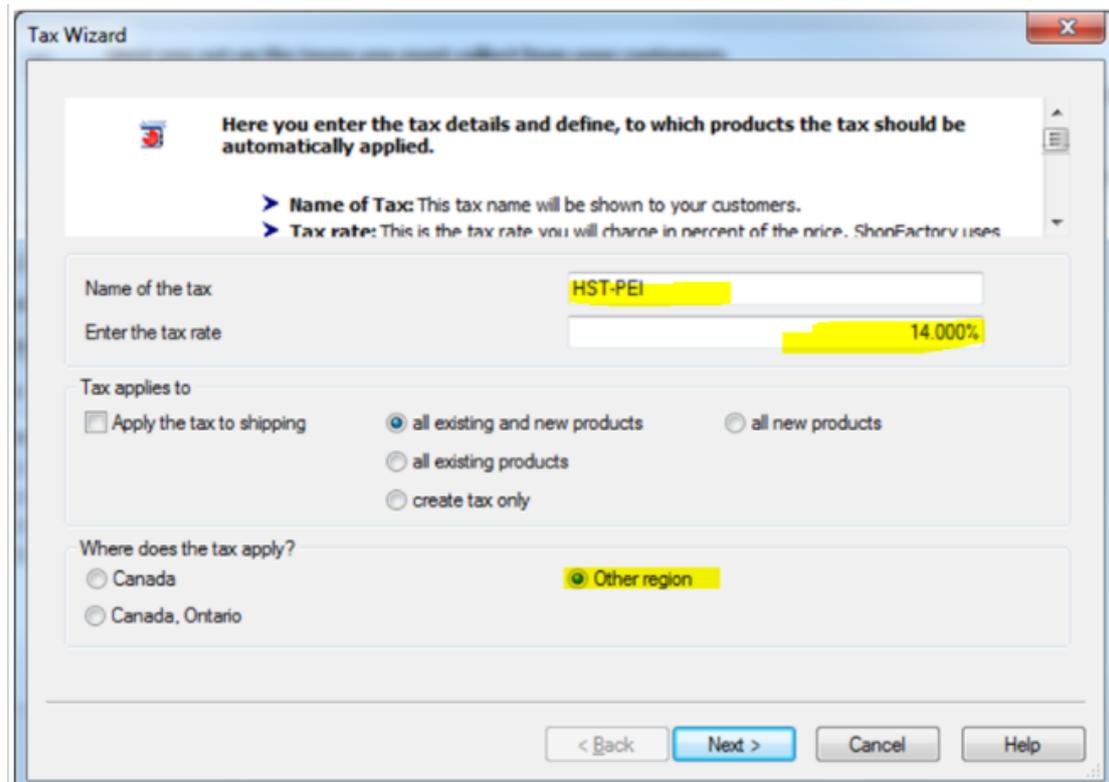
Your Tax window should now look like this:

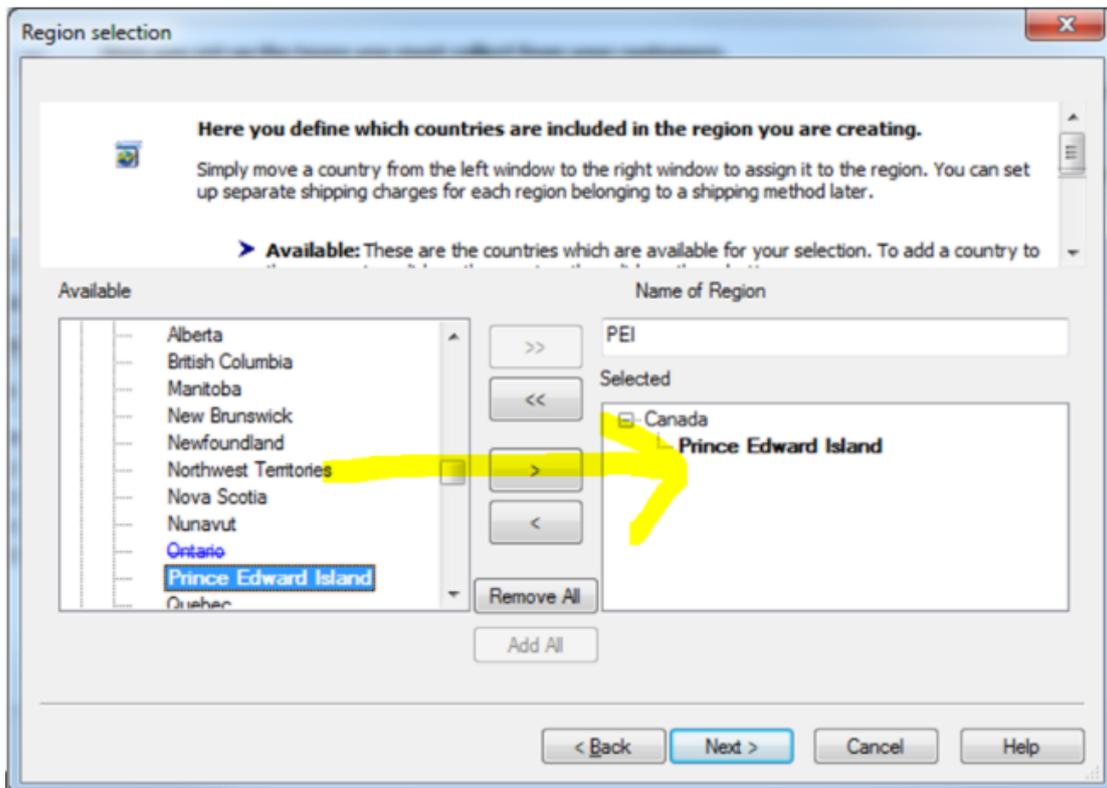


**NOTE - Going forward, for each province we have provided final screen shots to shorten this article. The same principle applies for each as in above 2A/2B and 3A/3B.**

#### Step 4A - HST for Prince Edward Island (P.E.I)

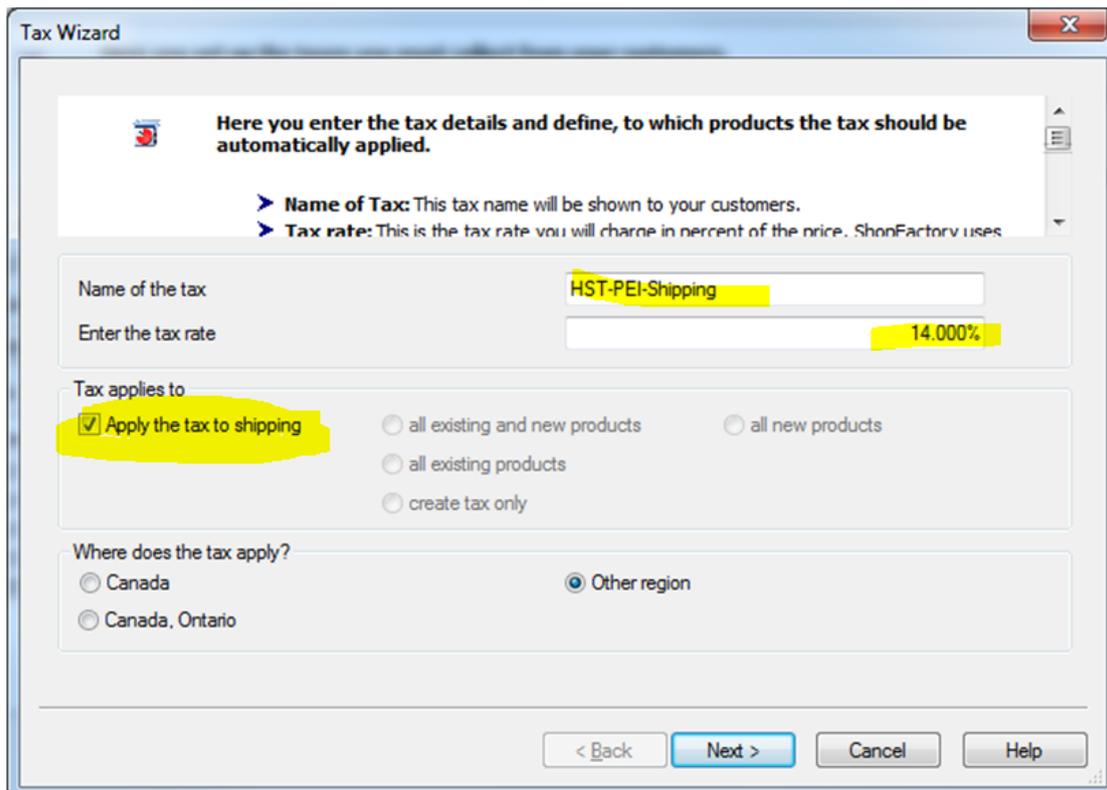
Click the + to add HST for PEI:



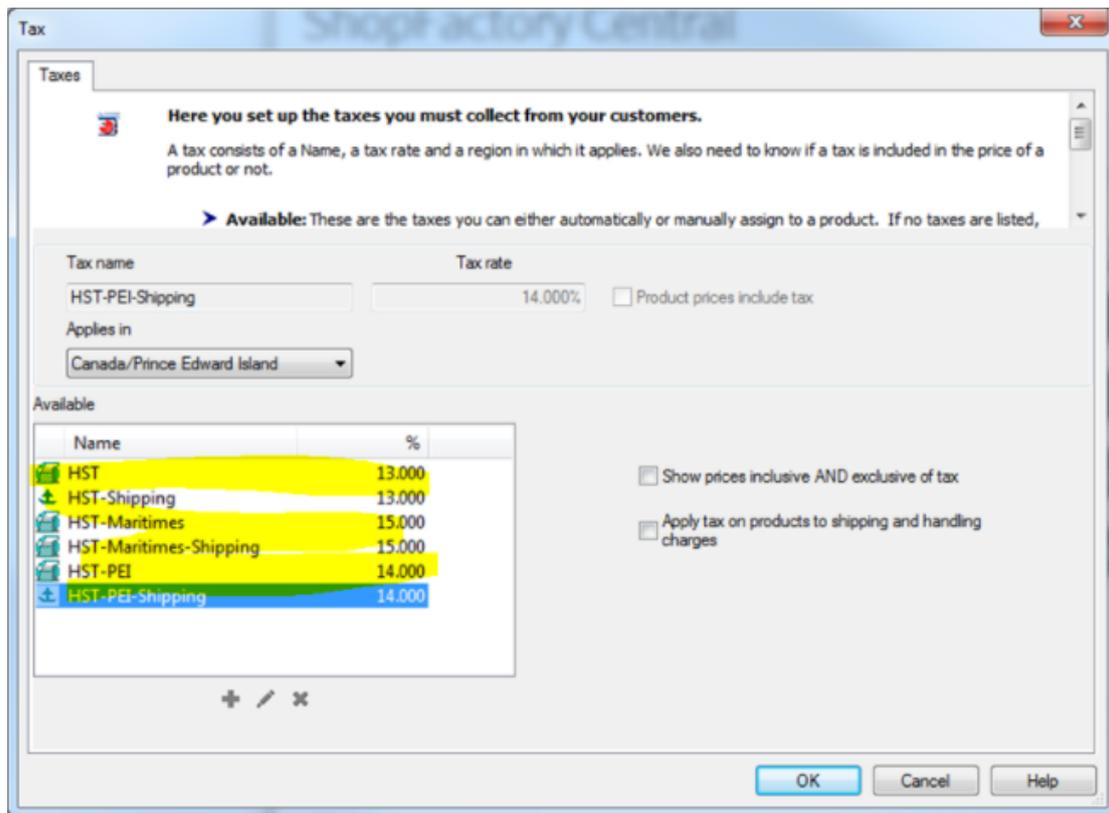


#### Step 4B - HST on Shipping for Prince Edward Island (P.E.I)

Click the + to add HST-Shipping for PEI:

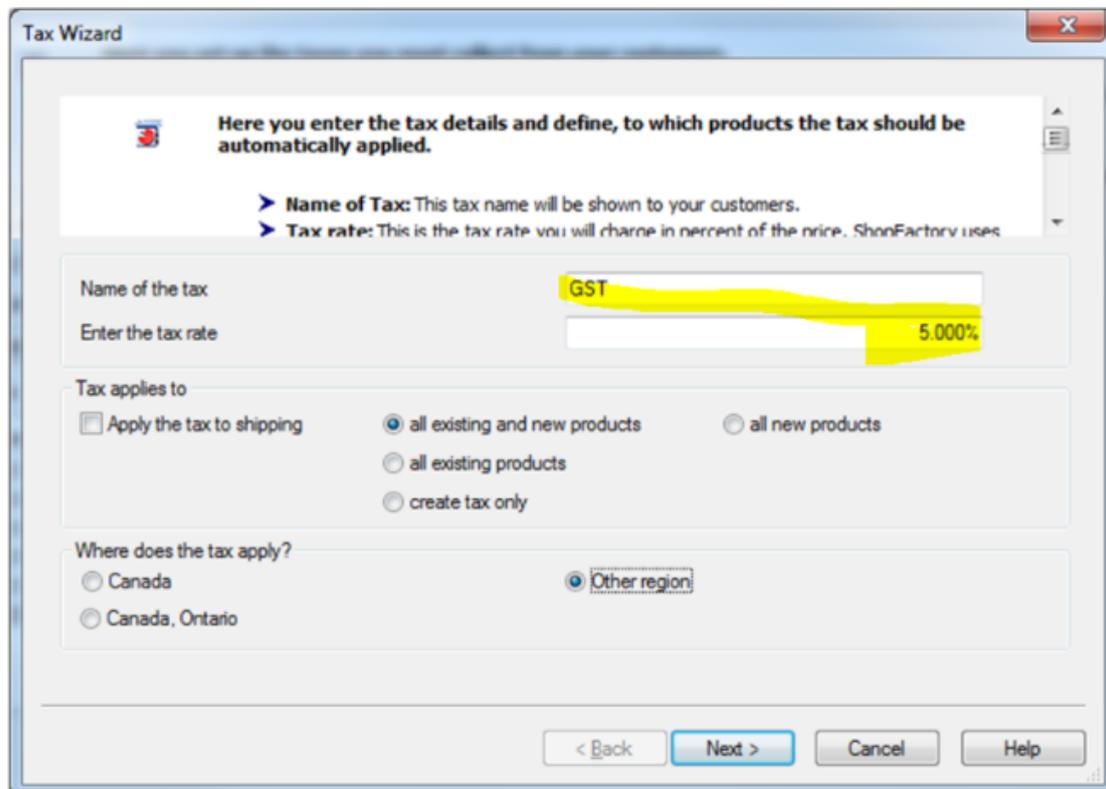


The Tax window should now look like this:



**Step 5A - GST - For provinces (outside Ontario in this example) you only need to charge GST on: Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, NWT (Northwest Territories, Nanuvut, Yukon and Quebec\***

Click the + Button to add a new Tax = GST (for products);



**Step 5B - GST on Shipping - For provinces (outside Ontario in this example) you only need to charge GST on: Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, NWT (Northwest Territories, Nanuvut, Yukon and Quebec\***

Click the + Button to add a new tax and check-off "Apply the tax to shipping":

**Tax Wizard**

Here you enter the tax details and define, to which products the tax should be automatically applied.

> **Name of Tax:** This tax name will be shown to your customers.  
> **Tax rate:** This is the tax rate you will charge in percent of the price. ShopFactory uses

Name of the tax:

Enter the tax rate:

Tax applies to

Apply the tax to shipping

all existing and new products     all new products

all existing products

create tax only

Where does the tax apply?

Canada     Other region

Canada, Ontario

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**Region selection**

Here you define which countries are included in the region you are creating.

Simply move a country from the left window to the right window to assign it to the region. You can set up separate shipping charges for each region belonging to a shipping method later.

> **Available:** These are the countries which are available for your selection. To add a country to

Available

New Brunswick  
Newfoundland  
**Northwest Territories**  
Nova Scotia  
**Nunavut**  
**Ontario**  
Prince Edward Island  
**Quebec**  
**Saskatchewan**  
**Yukon**  
Canary Islands

Name of Region:

Selected

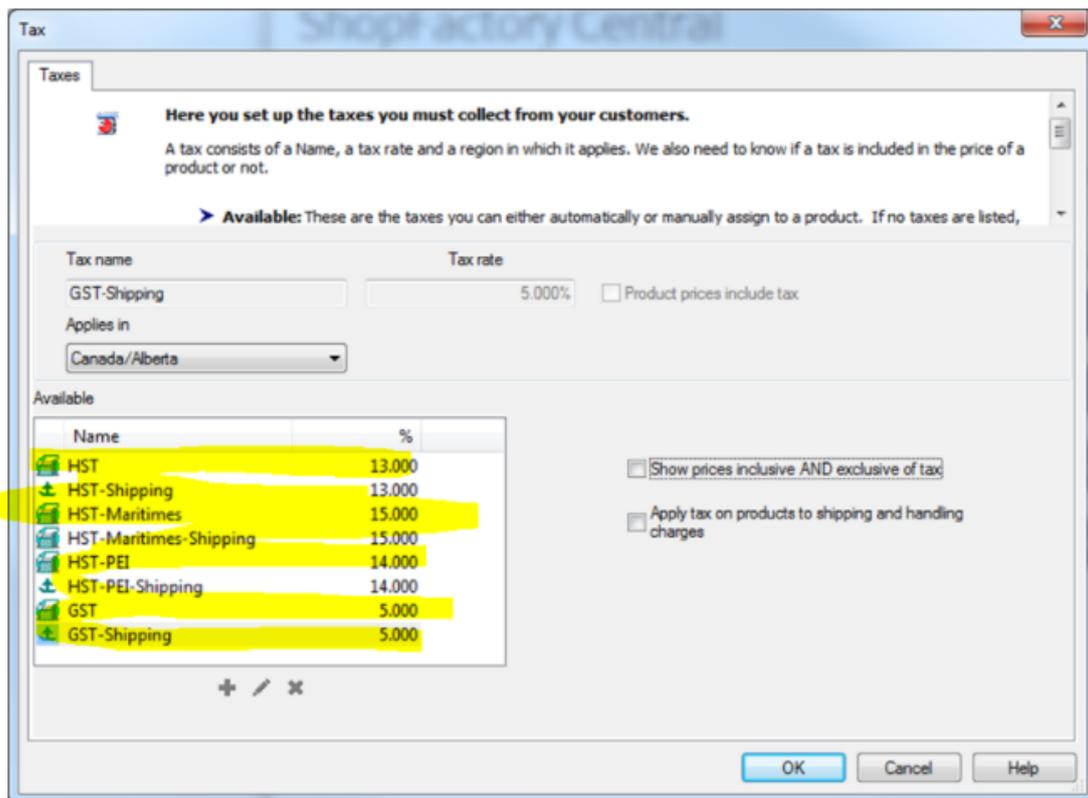
**Alberta**  
**British Columbia**  
**Manitoba**  
**Northwest Territories**  
**Nunavut**  
**Quebec**  
**Saskatchewan**  
**Yukon**

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Remove All    Add All

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Click Finish, you should now have a main tax window similar to this:



Then click OK and you're done!

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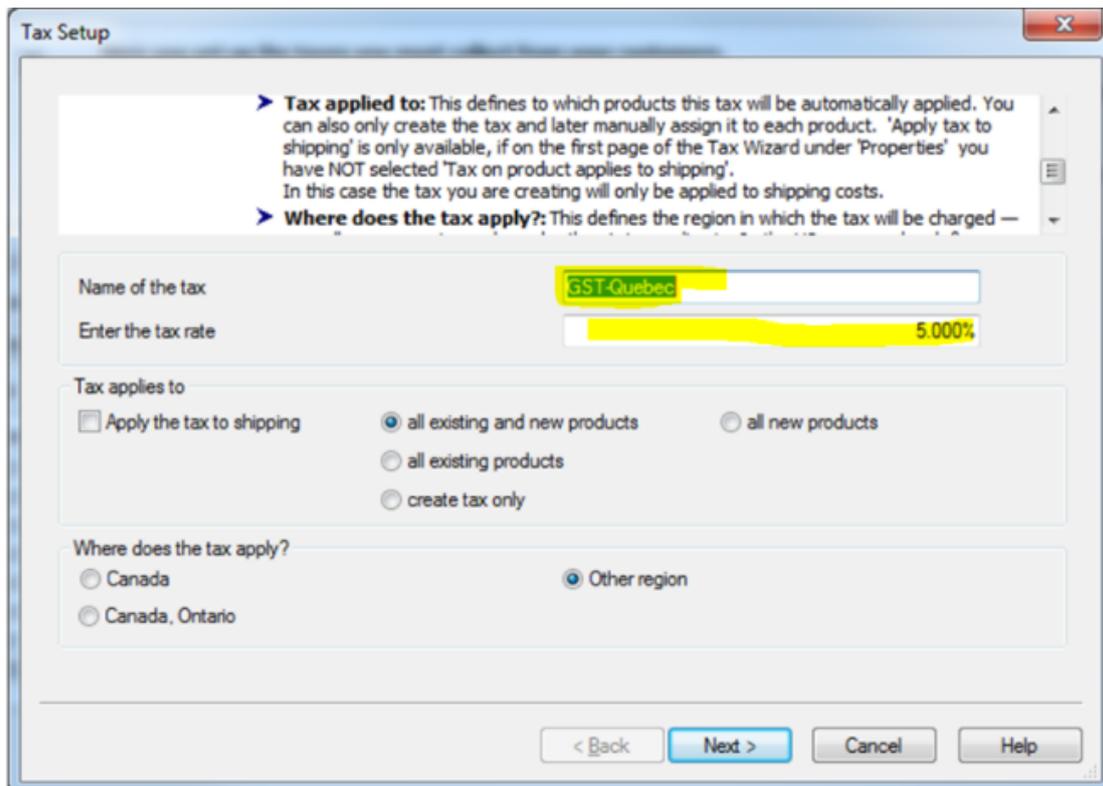
*SPECIAL SET-UP FOR QUEBEC MERCHANTS ONLY* (Or, if you're outside Quebec but registered to charge QVC / QST / Quebec Provincial Sales Tax.

Quebec is the only province in Canada which "Piggy Backs" or charges Tax-ON-Tax. The GST is first charged on the sub-total of your customer's order - then QVC / QST is added on top of the Sub-Total + GST values.

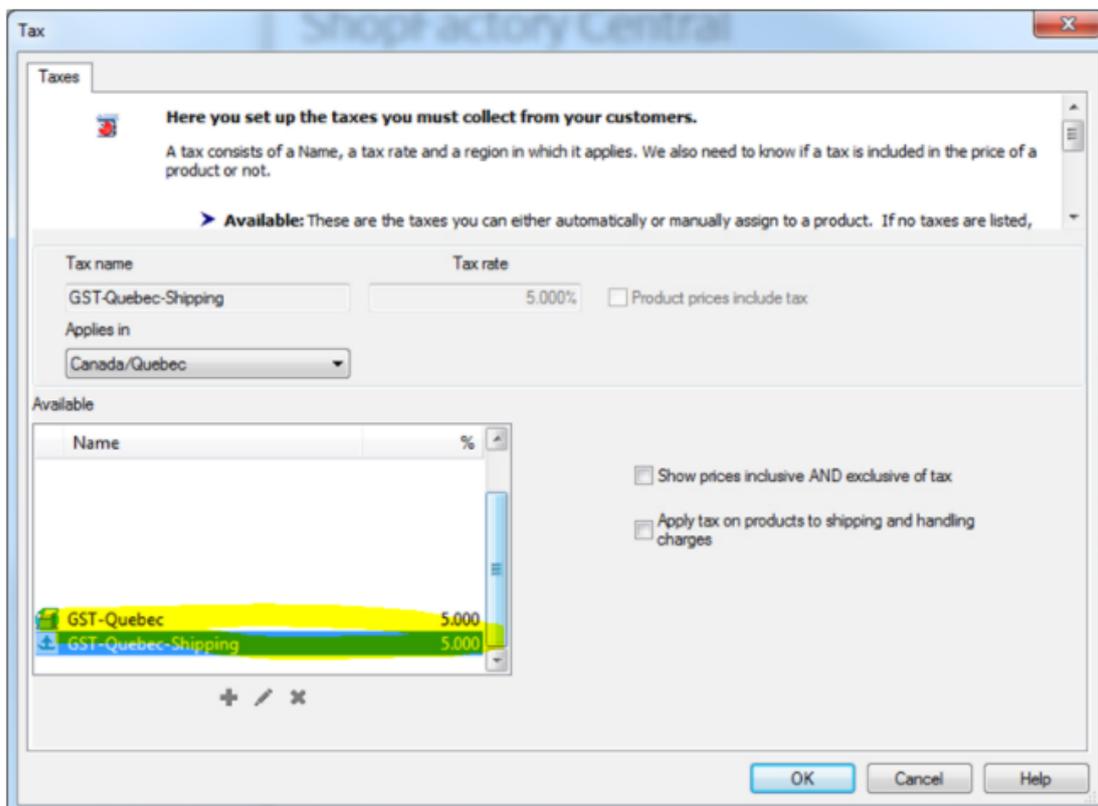
**\*\*ShopFactory is set-up to handle this sales tax situation correctly!\*\***

In this case, you will need to set-up a Separate GST tax for Quebec as outlined:

(Under "Where does the tax apply" - If Quebec is your home province already, you would not choose "Other region" - you should already see "Canada, Quebec").



Again add your GST on shipping and you should end up with a window like this:



**ADDING QUEBEC Tax-ON-TAX / QVC / QST:**

Click the + button to add a new tax, label it QVC / QST (Or, other preference title):

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Name of the tax:

Enter the tax rate:

Tax applies to

Apply the tax to shipping     
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  all new products  
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Where does the tax apply?

Canada     
  Other region  
 Canada, Ontario

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IMPORTANT STEP - Check-off "ADD THIS TAX ON OTHER TAXES":

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These are the details of the tax you have set up. Please define if this tax is included in all prices in the shop.

You can also set up, if you allow customers to use their tax exemption number to avoid paying tax to you.

Name of tax: QVC / QST - Products

Tax rate: 9.975%

Tax applies in:

Text displayed with product (incl. QVC / QST - Pr):

Text displayed with product (excl. QVC / QST - P):

Allow customers with Sales Tax exemptions to remove sales tax from charges  
 Prices include this tax  
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Now repeat this for the SHIPPING as well:

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Apply the tax to shipping  
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 all new products  
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 Canada, Ontario  
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Name of tax: QVC / QST - Shipping

Tax rate: 9.975%

Tax applies in:

Text displayed with product (incl. QVC / QST - St):

Text displayed with product (excl. QVC / QST - S):

Allow customers with Sales Tax exemptions to remove sales tax from charges  
 Prices include this tax  
 Add this tax on other taxes

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You should now have a window which looks like this:

Shopfactory Central

Taxes

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► **Available:** These are the taxes you can either automatically or manually assign to a product. If no taxes are listed,

Tax name	Tax rate	
QVC / QST - Shipping	9.975%	<input type="checkbox"/> Product prices include tax

Applies in  
Canada/Quebec

Available

Name	%
GST - Quebec	5.000
GST - Quebec - Shipping	5.000
QVC / QST - Products	9.975
QVC / QST - Shipping	9.975

Show prices inclusive AND exclusive of tax

Apply tax on products to shipping and handling charges

+ / - / X

OK Cancel Help