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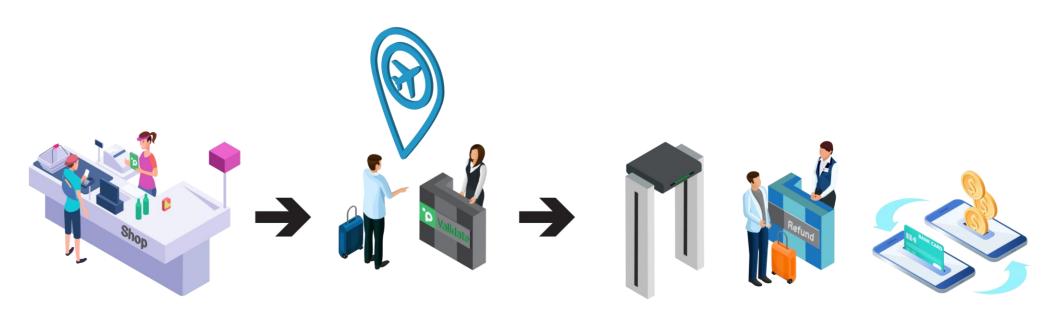
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# **Tax Free Shopping with Planet**

Tax Free shopping is obtaining a refund of the VAT amount paid while shopping internationally. The shopper needs to physically export the goods from the country of purchase where the VAT was paid.

That is why the local residents are not entitled to benefit from Tax Free shopping, but all eligible overseas tourists purchasing physical goods to take home can reclaim part of the VAT amount included in the sales price. Planet provides the service of tax refunding on behalf of the Federal Tax Authority under the rules of the Tax Refund Scheme (TRS).



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# Who and What is Eligible for Tax Free Shopping?

### Which tourists are eligible?

Any tourist who is 18+ years old and is not resident in the UAE, and who is not a crew member on a flight, aircraft or cruise ship leaving the UAE, is eligible to claim part of the VAT element included in the sales price.



# Who and What is Eligible for Tax Free Shopping?

### Which goods are eligible?

All goods that attract VAT are eligible with the exception of:

- Goods that have been consumed, fully or partly, in the UAE, and are not accompanied by the original package.
- Motor vehicles, boats and aircraft.
- Goods that are not accompanied by the overseas tourist at the time of leaving the UAE.
- Services, warrantees and guarantees.
- Perishable goods or hotel stays.
- The minimum purchase amount is 250 AED. Once a Tax Free Transaction is issued, the tourist has 90 days from the date of sales receipt to export the goods.



# **Getting Started**

### **Your Starter Pack**

Once you have chosen to provide Tax Free Shopping to your customers, Planet will provide your company with a comprehensive starter pack. This pack will include:



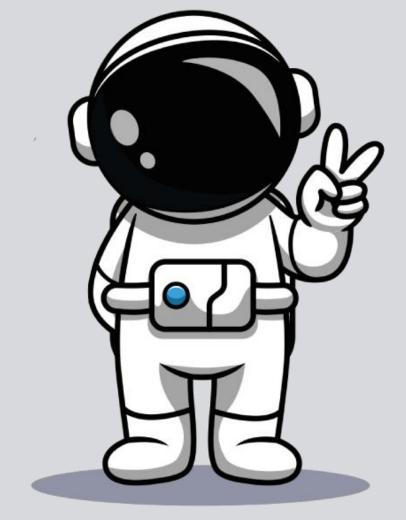
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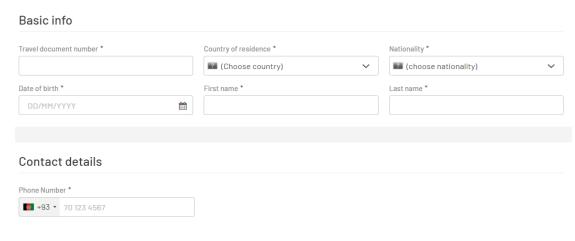
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# Step 1: Capture tourist details - Web Application

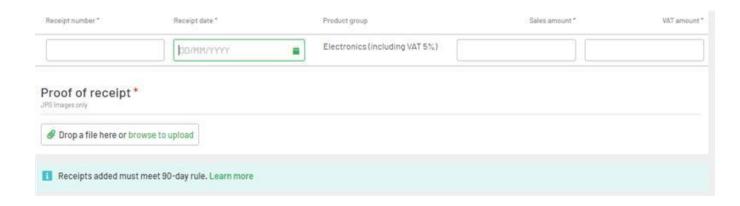
# Getting your customers details



- 1. Ask the tourist if they are a resident of the UAE or a crew member of a flight or aircraft leaving the UAE. If they are, they are not allowed to participate in the TRS.
- 2. It is important to inform the tourist that they can benefit from the TRS if they leave the UAE from any of the authorised points of exit (see appendix for the full list).
- 3. Ask the tourist for their travel document that they used to enter the UAE. If they don't have this identification, you will not be able to issue a Tax Free Transaction.
- 4. Input the Tourist details, taken from the travel document.
- 5. Press Next Step to move to the next section.

# Step 2: Enter the purchase details - Web Application

# **Recording Purchase Details**



**IMPORTANT:** Be very careful when entering the sales amount to avoid your store being overcharged for VAT. You are responsible for entering the correct information.

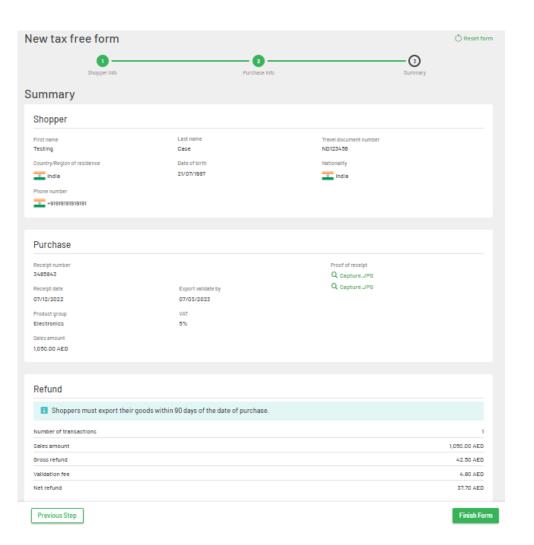
- 1. Input the receipt number to the web form.
- 2. Enter the receipt date, the total purchase/sales amount and the VAT amount shown on the receipt for all eligible goods. If the receipt includes non-eligible goods, or goods that will not be exported by the tourist, you must deduct the full purchase amount including VAT of each receipt from the total receipt amount. Only the purchase amount of eligible goods must be entered.
- 3. Drag and drop or upload a clear image of the invoice under the **Proof of receipt** field. If the receipt cannot be captured in a single image, you may upload multiple images to capture the full receipt. Images must be in JPEG or PDF format.
- 4. Do not upload photos of the Tax Free Transaction ID, Credit Card slip, persons or scenery.



# **Step 3: Complete the transaction – Web Application**

## **Complete Tax Free Form**

- Review all the details and confirm their accuracy.
- 2. Review the images for accuracy and clarity.
- 3. If any of the details are incorrect, select **Previous Step** and correct the information.
- 4. Review the refund details and select **Finish Form** if all details are correct. A tax free ID will now be digitally linked to the shoppers passport number.
- 5. Please ensure that you inform tourists that they must validate these purchases within 90 days from the date of issuance of each respective receipt **BEFORE** they check in their luggage (or wrap it in plastic if they decide to do so) and go through security or else their refunds will be invalidated.

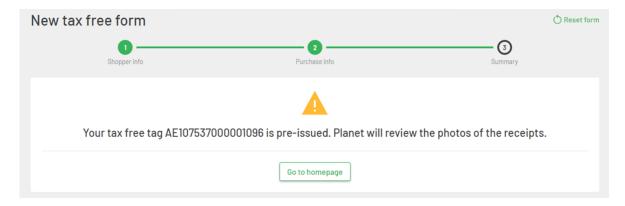






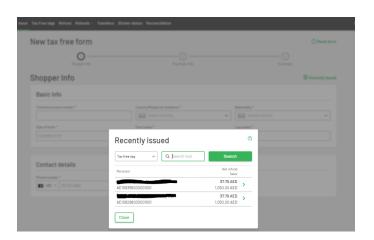
# **Step 4: Completed transaction – Web Application**

# **Completed Tax Free Form**



The tax free form has been pre-issued and submitted for Quality Control. You can note the Tax Free ID as reference for this transaction.

You may review your recently issued transactions by clicking **Recently issued** on the home page.

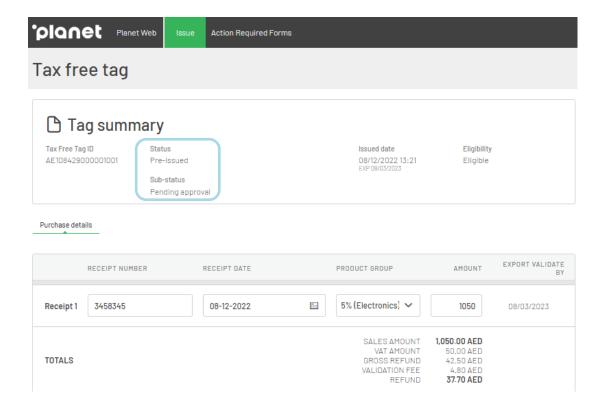




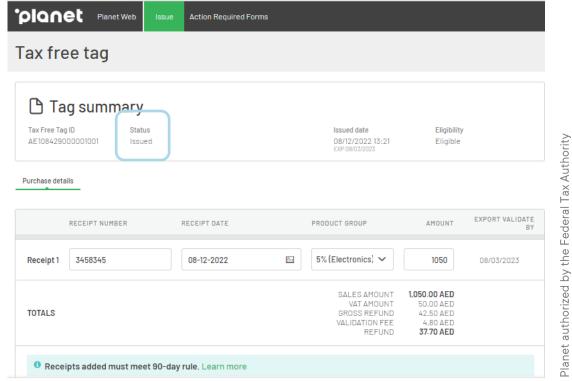
# **Step 5: Approval - Web Application**

# **No Action Required**

After issuing the transaction and selecting **Recently issued**, the status of your transaction will be in **Pre-issued** and **Pending Approval**.



Once approved – if no action is required on your side – the status will change to **Issued** 

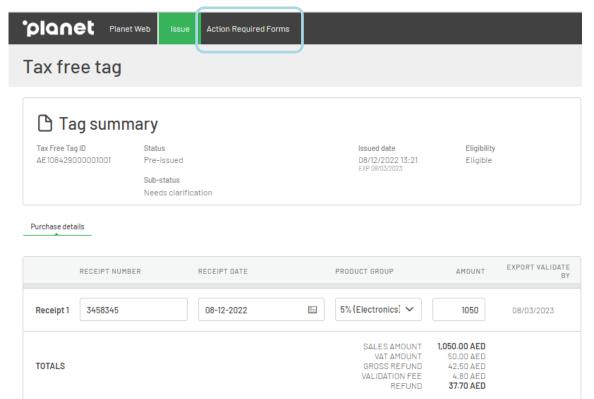




# Step 6: Approval - Web Application

# **Action Required**

- After issuing the transaction and selecting Recently issued, the status of your transaction will be in Pre-issued and Pending Approval.
- 2. If action is required, **Pending Approval** will change to **Needs Clarification**.
- 3. If the Sub-status has been changed to **Needs Clarification**, you will need to select **Action Required Forms** on the top of the screen.
- 4. If no action is taken on these forms within 24 hours of the status change, the sub-status will change to **Merchant time-out** and this transaction will need to be voided. If a store has more than three timed-out transactions in one day, the relevant store will be suspended.



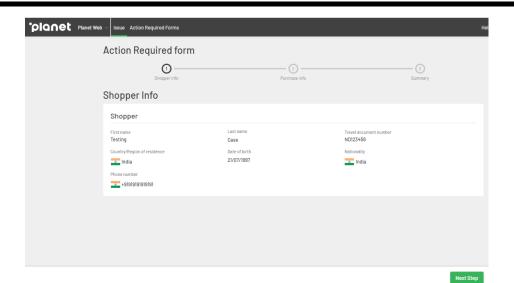
**Note**: Make sure to only update transactions through Action Required Forms. If transactions are updated through Planet Web directly, the transaction will be declined.



# **Step 7: Action Required - Web Application**

# **Action Required Forms**

- After selecting Action Required Forms, you will see a list of all transactions which require clarification.
- 2. Select the transaction that you need to update.
- 3. Review shopper details and select **Next Step** once verified.
- 4. Review transaction details. Here you will see a list in red of the details that need clarification.
- 5. Once these details have been rectified, upload a new photo of the tax invoice and select **Next Step**
- 6. Review the transaction details and select **Finish Form**.



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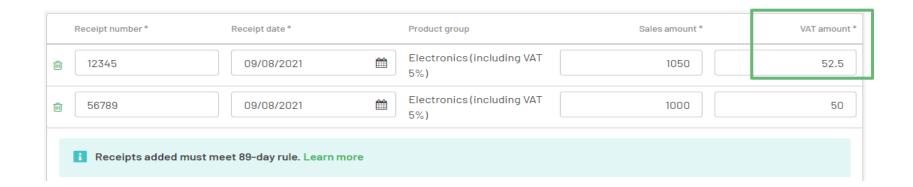




# **Tax Free Estimation Tool – Web Application**

# Calculating a potential Tax Free Refund

- Open the URL and navigate to step 2 "Fill in purchase information".
- Insert the sales amount.
- Insert the applicable VAT amount.
- The estimated refund amount is now displayed in the "Gross refund" column.



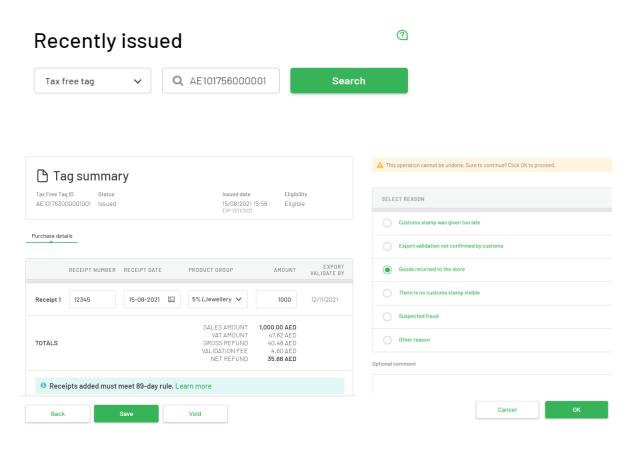
# **Locating and Voiding a Transaction – Web App**

### To locate a previously created transaction

- Open the URL, navigate to "Recently issued".
- Enter the Tax Free Transaction ID or the customer's travel document ID, customer's name or tax invoice number.

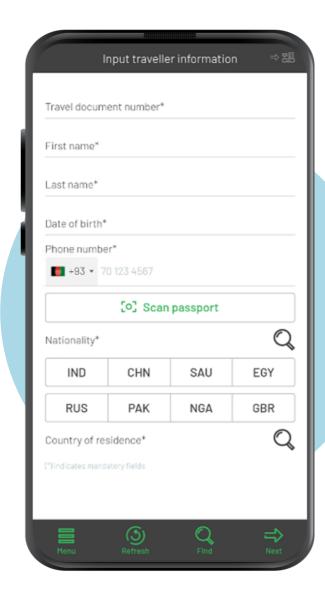
### To void a transaction

- Locate the transaction as per the instructions above. If the tourist details have been used to locate transaction, multiple transactions could appear. Please ensure you select the correct transaction.
- Click the void button.
- Select appropriate reason of void and click OK.





# **Step 1: Capture tourist details - Mobile Application**



- 1. Ask the tourist if they are a resident of the UAE or a crew member of a flight or aircraft leaving the UAE. If they are, they are not allowed to participate in the TRS.
- 2. It is important to inform the tourist that they can benefit from the TRS if they leave the UAE from any of the authorised points of exit provided that the tourist completes the validation process within 90 days from date of issuance of receipt or supply of goods (see appendix for the full list).
- 3. Ask the tourist for their travel document that they used to enter the UAE.
- 4. Scan the travel document's machine-readable zone (MRZ) using the smartphone camera provided or enter it manually. Please check the below example of the MRZ. If the app cannot recognise the information, you can enter it manually.
- 5. Ask the tourist to confirm their country of residence and select it accurately on the app. The app will automatically suggest the country of residence based on the data captured from the travel document. You can change it manually if required.
- 6. Press Next to move to the next section.

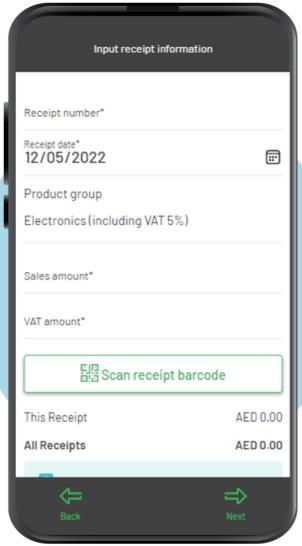
The Machine Readable Zone (MRZ) can be found on all travel documents.



# Step 2: Enter the purchase details - Mobile Application

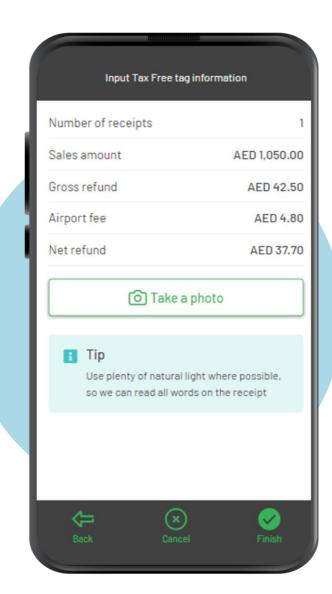
- Scan the receipt barcode using the smartphone camera, or enter the receipt number manually if there is no barcode or if the scanned barcode does not translate to the receipt number.
- 2. Enter the receipt date for each receipt, the total purchase/ sales amount and the VAT amount shown on the receipt for all eligible goods. If the receipt includes non-eligible goods, or goods that will not be exported by the tourist, you must deduct the full purchase amount including VAT of each item from the total receipt amount. Only the purchase amount of eligible goods must be entered.

**IMPORTANT:** Be very careful when entering the sales amount to avoid your store being overcharged for VAT. You are responsible for entering the correct information.





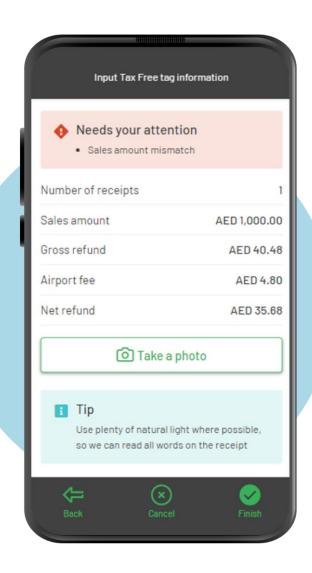
# **Step 3: Complete the transaction – Mobile application**



- 1. Review the purchase details fo accuracy.
- 2. Select **Take a photo** and capture a clear and concise image of the receipt.
- 3. If the photo is unclear you will need to retake it.
- 4. If the reciept cannot be clearly captured in one photo, you will need to take mutiple photos.
- 5. Do not take photos of the tax free transaction ID, credit card slip, persons or scenery.

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# **Approval - Mobile Application**



After completing the transaction, the status will enter **Pending Approval.** If approved, no action will be required from you. If declined, the status will change to **Needs clarification**. To view these transactions:

- 1. Go to "Menu Action Required Forms"
- Select the transaction that needs clairification.
- 3. Go through all three issuing steps and clarify the details. Any specific clarifications required from the Qaulity Control team will be highlighted in red at the top of the relevant screen.

**Note**: If no action is taken on these forms within 24 hours of the status change, the sub-status will change to **Merchant time-out** and this transaction will need to be voided. If a store has more than three timed-out transactions in one day, the relevant store will be suspended.



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### **Notifications - Needs Clarification**

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, حضرة مدير المتجر Dear Store Manager,

Your tag AE \*\*\* requires further attention to be issued. Log in to \*\*Planet Web\*\* and, in the \*\*Action required forms\*\* tab, open the corresponding AE \*\*\* entry and update the \*\*Needs your attention\*\* information. Please complete this update within 24 hours.

### Tag details:

- Tag number: AE
- Receipt number:
- Sales amount: AED

يرجى العلم أن معاملة الإعفاء الضريبي معاملة الإعفاء الضريبي المعام المعاملة الإعفاء الضاربي التباهكم وإثمام اصدارها هو قيد مراجعة حضرتكم. لذلك، يرجى تسجيل الدخول إلى حسابكم على موقعنا Planet Web، ثم الإنتقال إلى صفحة Action required forms، حيث ستتمكنون من اختيار معاملة الإعفاء الضريبي AE من القائمة، واتخاذ الإجراءات اللازمة وفقا للإرشادات المذكورة من قبل فريقنا.

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- - رقم الفاتورة : ١٠٠٠
  - تاريخ الفاتورة : •

Thank you,

Planet Tax Free LLC

Any tax free transaction that is sent back as needs clarification will trigger an automated email.

- 1. An automated email will be sent to the designated contact for the store that issued the transaction.
- A duplicate email will be sent to the designated head office contact for all transactions which need clarification at a TRN level

These automated emails are designed to keep the stores and merchant aware of any transactions which have not been approved by our Quality Control team. Failure to make the necessary remediations can not only result in your stores being suspended, but will almost certainly result in an unpleasent experience for your customers.

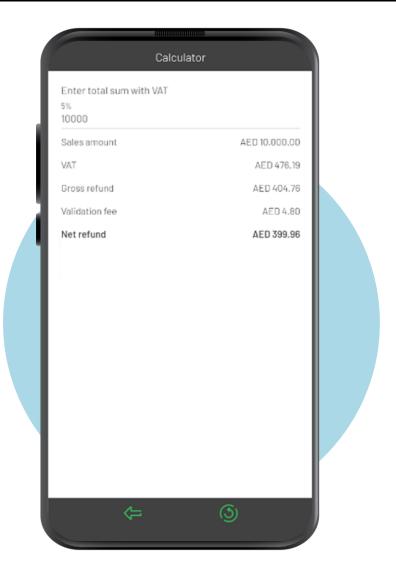


# **Refund calculator - Mobile Application**

You can calculate the estimated refund amount a tourist would get for a purchase without issuing a Tax Free Transaction:

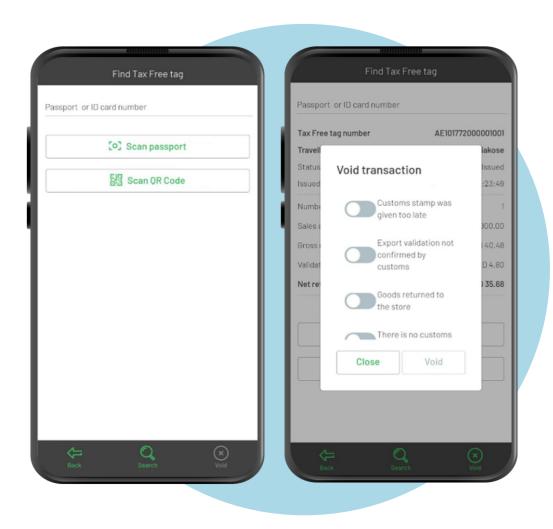
- Go to "Menu Refund Calculator"
- 2. Enter the estimated sales amount including VAT
- 3. The estimated refund amount is shown on the screen

This is useful when trying to close a sale or answering a tourist query on the estimated refund value. The refund calculator does not take into account the AED 4.80 fee that will be deducted for each Tax Free Transaction on export validation, so please advise the tourist there is a fee for each Transaction.



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# Find / Void a Tax Free Transaction - Mobile Application



In some cases you may have to look up a Tax Free Transaction to check the refund status or to void it. This may happen if a tourist has a query about their refund, or if they want to return some products (Please check the below instuctions).

- 1. Go to "Menu Find"
- 2. Enter the travel document number or scan the MRZ

When you have found the transaction you are looking for, you will be able to void it (if needed) by pressing the Void button. Please select a reason for voiding the transaction.

**Note**: by entering the travel document number the app might return multiple transactions. Make sure you select the one you need from the list. Voiding a transaction means it can't be validated or refunded again.

# Possible issues & tips - Mobile Application

### Difficulty in reading the MRZ from travel document

- The passport or ID must be positioned inside the frame shown on the mobile screen.
- Both ID and smartphone must be held in a stable manner by the user while the reading is carried out.

### **Tourist ID is not eligible**

- The app does a validation lookup with the Immigration and Citizenship Agency to determine the eligibility of the tourist for VAT refund.
- The same ID that was used to enter UAE must be used for the Tax Free process.
- If the app says the tourist is not eligible, please advise the tourist to contact Planet Customer Service at the numbers provided on the tourist leaflet.

### Receipt number must be unique

- It is not possible to issue two Tax Free Transactions with the same receipt number for the same store.
- Ensure the correct receipt number has been entered.
- Ensure the receipt is from the correct store.
- If you have any problems, please contact Planet Customer Service for support.

**Note:** Make sure to add the exact same receipt date and number as the original tax invoice provided to the tourist.



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Frequently Asked Questions

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# **Frequently Asked Questions**

### What if a tourist wants to return an item they got a Tax Free Transaction for?

First, search for the Tax Free Transaction on the system. If it has been validated at the exit point (meaning the tourist approached our staff and exported the goods from the UAE) or refunded already, the Federal Tax Authority rules state that no return / refund is possible. If the Tax Free Transaction has not been validated already, check which of the below scenarios is the case:

- Scenario 1: The tourist returns all the items that the Tax Free Transaction was issued for on the same or different date that the receipt and Transaction were issued
  - ✓ Void the Transaction on the system. Follow your own procedures on how to issue a return and a refund for all items.
- Scenario 2: The tourist returns some of the items that the Tax Free Transaction was issued for on the same date that the receipt and Transaction were issued.
  - ✓ For situations where you need to refund only some of the goods purchased on the receipt, void the Transaction on the system, return/refund all of the items, perform a new transaction with the items that were not refunded and issue a new Transaction.
- Scenario 3: The tourist returns some of the items that the Tax Free Transaction was issued for on a different date than the receipt and Transaction were issued.
  - ✓ Void the Transaction on the system. Follow your own procedures on how to issue a return and a refund for all items. Issue a new receipt for the remaining items and issue a new Transaction.



# Frequently Asked Questions Can advance payments / deposits be accepted to reserve some goods and is it acceptable to be picked up later in person?

Yes, as long as a receipt is issued when the tourist collects the goods in person and shows the advance payment made as a credit, the balance payment made on the day of collection, and the total amount paid by the tourist. You can issue the Tax Free Transaction on the date of collection of the goods by the tourist at your store.

### Are tourists able to buy goods online (e-Commerce)?

Yes, at any of the participating e-commerce retailers.

### What do I do if I run out of Marketing Materials?

You should contact Planet well in advance when you notice you are running out of materials.

### What if the app tells me the tourist is not eligible for Tax Free shopping?

Explain to the tourist that the Immigration and Citizenship Agency has declined their request to benefit from the tax free scheme, and they should contact Planet Customer Service on the numbers provided on the website to receive further information or instructions. Unwarranted changes to the tourists details is strictly prohibited and violators will be reported to FTA.

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# How to ensure tourists get their refunds?

Our solution is designed to make it easy for tourists to get their tax free refund, but it is important to explain the process so the tourist knows what to do:

- 1. The tourist needs to take the **goods**, **tax invoices and travel document** (same travel document used to enter the UAE) to the airport or border crossing to initiate validation at Planet counters.
- 2. The tourist will need to go to a Planet validation counter (look for "Tax Free" signs at the airport in each terminal) before checking in their luggage (or wrapping it in plastic should the want to do so) and going through security. They will need to have their original travel document and flight details available. The tourist may be asked to present their receipts and the goods purchased to carry out further checks as per the FTA's rules.
- 3. Once validated, the tourist will need to choose a refund method: **Card** or **Cash.** Cards accepted are: **Visa, MasterCard, American Express** and **UnionPay**. The tourist will need to provide their card details. For Cash refunds the tourist will need to approach our refund partner after security and present the travel document. Refunds may also be processed through **WeChat** or **Alipay**.
- 4. Cash refunds are limited to AED 35,000 per tourist in a 24-hour period. Where available, tourists can ask for other currencies at the published rate.
- 5. Card refunds are processed by Planet within 9 calendar days from the date of exiting the country.

# How to ensure tourists get their refunds?

### **Additional information:**

- The process should only take three minutes to complete, but tourists should arrive a few minutes early to validate their Tax Free Transactions. They will be allowed to validate their Transactions up to 6 hours before their scheduled departure time. If tourists do not exit the UAE after validating their transactions, their refund requests will not be processed and they will be asked to provide additional documentation at the time of their departure from the UAE.
- Planet has introduced **self-service kiosks** at the validation points, to provide more options for tourists to validate their Transactions conveniently.
- There is a processing fee of **AED 4.80** per Tax Free Transaction deducted from the refund amount.
- Planet maintains city validation kiosks at select locations within the UAE for the convenience of tourists. These kiosks may be used
  within 24 hours of the flight departure time and tourists are required to scan their digital boarding pass.

# Extraordinary situations - Before issuing a Tax Free Transaction

**Required documents** – Tourists must present their original travel document at the point of purchase provided that they are the same document IDs used to enter the UAE. The app will scan the documents and populate the required fields within seconds, avoiding any potential manual entry mistakes. As a last resort, the required information can be entered manually while ensuring the highest level of accuracy. **GCC** residents outside of the UAE are eligible to benefit from TRS.

**Oversized items -** As long as the tourist exports the goods with them, the Tax Free Transaction can be issued. If not, the goods do not qualify for the scheme.

A tourist can claim a refund on partially used goods, but not on partially consumed ones (for example, phones and jewellery which have been opened and used by the tourist in the UAE are allowed, as long as the tourist can present the original receipts, tax free transactions and goods to Planet; however, perfumes and food that have been consumed in part or in whole while in the UAE are not eligible for a VAT refund). For partially used goods the tourist must keep the tax invoices to be shown at the point of exit, if requested. Otherwise their Transactions may be invalidated and they will not receive a refund.



# Extraordinary Situations - Refunding



### Refunding

The person requesting the refund must be the person whose name and passport number are recorded when issuing a Transaction. Requesting a refund on someone else's behalf is strictly prohibited. Cash refund is available after airport security, and only up to **AED 35,000 per person in any 24-hour period**. For higher amounts, the only refund method available is a card refund. Cash refunds may be claimed in AED or any available currency.

If exiting through border points without a refund cash agent, a card refund is the only option available. If a tourist validated a Tax Free transaction and chose cash as the refund method, but didn't collect cash before leaving the UAE, they will be able to enter their card details later by logging into the Shopper Portal or by downloading the Planet Tax Free ME app on the Google Play Store. For any queries regarding refunds, tourists can contact us at tourists@planetpayment.com or on +971 4 586 4700



### **Refund amount**

The refund amount on the issuing app will show 87% of the VAT the tourist is entitled to, less a processing **fee of AED 4.80 per Tax Free Transaction**. Please ensure to make the tourist aware of this fee.

Refunds to cards issued in the UAE is strictly prohibited. As such, for refunds to cards in which the currency is not AED, foreign exchange rates will apply to convert funds into the card currency. Please note that the foreign exchange rates are applied by the issuing bank and Planet has no control over this rate.



## **Contact Us**

## Merchant contact - merchants@planetpayment.com

- Retailer support is available for all our on-boarded merchants
- You can use these details for the following
  - Ordering new Tax Free Transactions
  - Technical Issues
  - Invoice Queries
  - General Enquiries

## Tourist contact - tourists@planetpayment.com

- Tourist support is available for all your tax free customers
- You can use these details for the following
  - Tracking a refund status
  - Eligibility Queries
  - General Enquiries

Customer Happiness
Center can be reached by phone between 9AM and 12AM on +97145864700

# **Appendix**



### **Airport Location**

- Zayed International Airport –
   Common area
   between all terminals
- Dubai Airport Terminal 1, 2, 3, and 3 Business
- Sharjah Airport
- Al Maktoum Airport
- Al Ain Airport
- Ras Al Khaimah Airport
- Fujairah Airport



### Seaports

- Port Zayed -Abu Dhabi
- Port Rashid Dubai
- Port Khalid Sharjah
- Fujairah Port Fujairah



### **Land Borders**

- Al Ghuwaifat At the border with Saudi Arabia
- Al Hili al Ain At the border with Oman
- Al Madeef al Ain At the border with Oman
- Hatta At the border with Oman
- Khatmat Malaha At the border with Oman

# Thank you

