

How to Read a Canada DHL Duty and Tax Invoice? This invoice actually presents all the details clearly.



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DHL		CUSTOMS ENTRY AND INVOICE BACKUP			PAGE: 1	
CLIENT:				YY/MM/DD - AA/MM/JJ 2026/03/25	INVOICE - FACTURE E102909871400	
ENTRY NO. No DE L'ENTREE	OUR REF. NO. NOTRE No	E/I NO. HWB. No	LOCATION OF GOODS ENDROIT DES MARCHANDISES	CAR/CONTAINER OR TRAILER NO. No DE WAGON/CONTAINER OU REMORQUE		
11111	73958705		DHL EXPRESS (CANAD)			
VENDOR NAME NOM DU VENDEUR		CARGO CONTROL NO. No DE CONTROLE DE FRET	NO. PKG. No DE COLIS	CARRIER EXPEDIER PAR	CUST. ORDER NO COMM. DU CLIENT	
DHL VENDOR		A1X-	1	DHL EXPRESS (CANAD)		
REFERENCE	CHARGE CODE	DESCRIPTION	GST/HST - TPS/TVH		AMOUNT - MONTANT	
11111384780036	1	DUTY			1.38	
11111384780036	2	GST/PST/HST ON IMPORTED	5.36		0.00	
11111384780036	25	CUSTOMS CLEARANCE SERVICE FEE	0.90		18.00	
			TOT: GST/HST - TPS/TVH		SUB TOTAL / SOUS-TOTAL	
			6.26		19.38	
TERMS - TERMES: PAYMENT DUE 7 DAYS FROM DATE OF INVOICE				TOTAL CAD		25.64

How to Read a Canada DHL Duty and Tax Invoice?

This invoice actually itemizes all the payment amounts clearly.

Recently, someone sent a Canada DHL duty and tax invoice.

The total amount is **CAD 25.64**.

When seeing such an invoice, most people's first reaction is:

Why are there charges for Duty, GST/HST, and an additional
Customs Clearance Service Fee?

In fact, it's not complicated when broken down item by item.

First, let's check the details on this invoice:

Item	Amount (CAD)
Duty	CAD 1.38
GST/PST/HST on Imported	CAD 5.36
GST/HST on DHL Service Fee	CAD 0.90
Customs Clearance Service Fee	CAD 18.00

Total	CAD 25.64
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In other words, this invoice consists of four components:

Customs duty,

Import consumption tax,

DHL service fee,

and the tax applicable to the aforesaid service fee.

1. Duty refers to customs duty

This charge is generally associated with the commodity name, HS code and place of origin.

It is not high for every shipment,

nor is it applicable to every shipment.

The Duty on this invoice is only **CAD 1.38**,

indicating that the customs duty for this shipment is actually low.

2. GST/PST/HST refers to import consumption tax

Many people feel confused when seeing this name for the first time.

It can be simply understood as follows:

After goods enter Canada, in addition to customs duty, consumption taxes under the tax system may also be levied.

The tax structure varies by province.

Some provinces apply GST plus PST,
while others directly apply HST.

DHL usually combines and lists this part as a single item on the invoice.

Therefore, the item marked as GST/PST/HST on Imported Goods does not mean duplicate charging,
but indicates that **this part is classified as Canada's import duties and taxes.**

On this invoice, the amount of this tax applicable to the goods themselves is **CAD 5.36**,
and an additional **CAD 0.90** is the GST/HST applicable to DHL's service fee.

3. Customs Clearance Service Fee is DHL's customs clearance service fee

This charge is the easiest to be overlooked, because many people assume that all amounts on the invoice are collected by the customs.

In fact, this is not the case.

The charge of **CAD 18.00** is a service fee collected by DHL as a courier company for customs clearance, declaration, tax advance and related processing services.

This is why the total amount on some invoices seems high even though the taxes are small.

The taxes themselves may only be a few Canadian dollars, but the courier service fee will drive up the total amount.

The Simplest Way to Understand This Invoice

It can be simply summarized as:

Total 25.64 CAD = Duty 1.38 CAD + Import Consumption Tax 5.36 CAD + Service Fee Tax 0.90 CAD + DHL Service Fee 18.00 CAD.

It becomes clear at a glance in this way:

The tax amount is low,

and the service fee accounts for the major part.

At the bottom of the invoice, it is also stated that PAYMENT DUE 7 DAYS FROM DATE OF INVOICE,

which means the payment is generally required to be settled within 7 days from the invoice date.

Delayed payment will lead to more troubles such as subsequent payment reminders, account restrictions and shipment processing issues.

A Practical Tip Finally

If you also have a Canada DHL duty and tax invoice on hand,

and you don't know how to read it or are reluctant to process it by yourself,

you can send it to us directly.

We can help you review the invoice first,

verify the total amount and its composition.

If needed, we can also make the tax payment to Canada DHL on your behalf.

Clarify the amount first before deciding on the payment method, and everything will go smoothly.