



SAINT LUCIA

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### MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, INVESTMENT AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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#### PRESS RELEASE

#### VAT Training for the Small Business Sector

The Ministry of Commerce, Business Development, Investment and Consumer Affairs would like to remind small business persons to register for the **VAT Preparedness Training for the Small Business Sector**. This programme - sponsored by the Government of Saint Lucia - began on July , 2012 and ends on October , 2012.

Businesses that meet the threshold of EC\$180,000 in taxable annual revenue as well as other small businesses are encouraged to participate, as the information imparted is critical to success under the VAT system. The training is conducted in five districts: **Gros Islet, Castries, Dennery, Vieux Fort and Soufriere**. Each participant receives five (5) hours of training, no fees attached.

Registration forms are available at the Small Enterprise Development Unit (SEDU), Floor, Heraldine Rock Building, Castries Waterfront, and on the Ministry of Commerce's website, [www.commerce.gov.lc](http://www.commerce.gov.lc) **Deadline for registration is September 15, 2012**. Register and be ready for October , 2012. An attractive package of assistance awaits eligible businesses.

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