



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 is sponsored by the Government of Saint Lucia.

#### Duration and Cost?

The programme began on July , 2012 and ends on October , 2012. However, each participant receives five (5) hours of training, no fees attached.

#### Who can attend?

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.

#### Where is the training held?

The training is conducted in five districts: **Gros Islet, Castries, Dennery, Vieux Fort and Soufriere**. Interested persons select the nearest training venue.

#### How can one register for the training?

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, [.commerce.gov.lc](http://www.commerce.gov.lc).

**Deadline for registration is September 15, 2012.**

#### Is this the same as registering with the VAT Office?

No. This is special training to ensure that business persons understand their obligations under the VAT system.

#### Go Ahead

Register for the training and be ready for October , 2012. An attractive package of assistance awaits eligible businesses.

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