How to submit a valid Proof of Business Registration and valid Proof of Purchase?

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A. Introduction

The objective of this document is to provide additional information to applicants of the Canada United Small Business Relief Fund, assisting them in identifying what the program considers a valid proof of business registration and valid proof of purchase for eligible costs and expenses.

Please consult the <u>program guidelines</u> to ensure the eligibility of your company to this fund, and the eligibility of the items claimed.

The following sections presents a list of examples of what is considered as valid documentation by the program, and some examples of invalid documents, therefore, that will not be processed. Please, be mindful that this list is **not exhaustive**.



ATTENTION!

- Only documents in English or French will be accepted.
- All documents must be legible and submitted in either JPG or PDF format.

B. Submitting a valid proof of business registration

To meet the program requirements the company must submit a business registration document **AND** the company's sales tax (GST/HST) registration/sales tax (GST/HST) filing.

- To be accepted, the company's sales tax (GST/HST) registration OR sales tax (GST/HST) filing **MUST be recent** (2019/2020).
- All documents must show official stamp, logo or other official identifying details from issuing agency.
- Handwritten documents will not be accepted.

Example of valid GST/HST document:



Examples of valid business registration document:





C. Submitting a valid proof of purchase

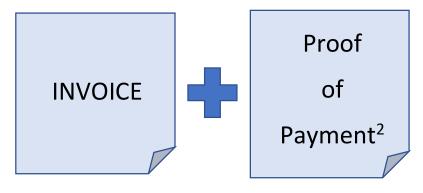
To have an eligible cost/ expense reimbursed the applicant must either submit:

1 a cashier's receipt or e-receipt1.



<u>OR</u>

2 an invoice accompanied by proof of payment

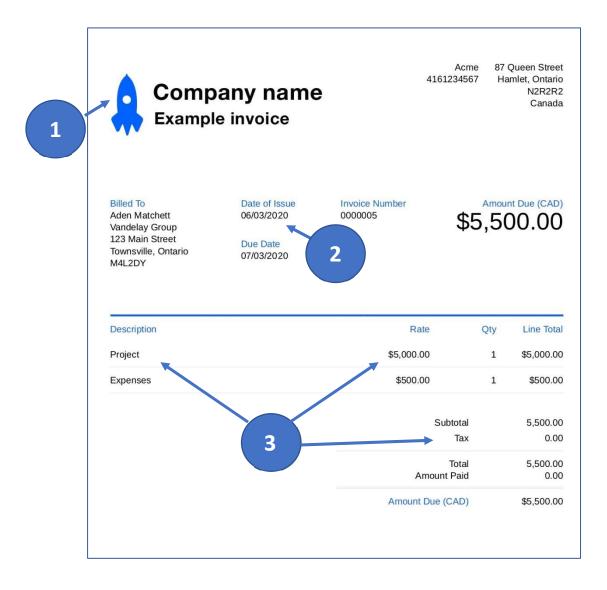


- * If submitting documentation that includes multiple purchases, highlight/make clear the eligible expense noted in the application.
- 1. e-receipts are accepted up to \$500 of eligible expenses, beyond that amount additional proof of purchase is required
- 2. Examples of Proof of payment: credit card statement, e-transfer, bank statement, wire transfer, cancelled cheque from a financial institution (For more details see **section C. II.** of this document)

I. Submitting a valid cashier's receipt or invoice

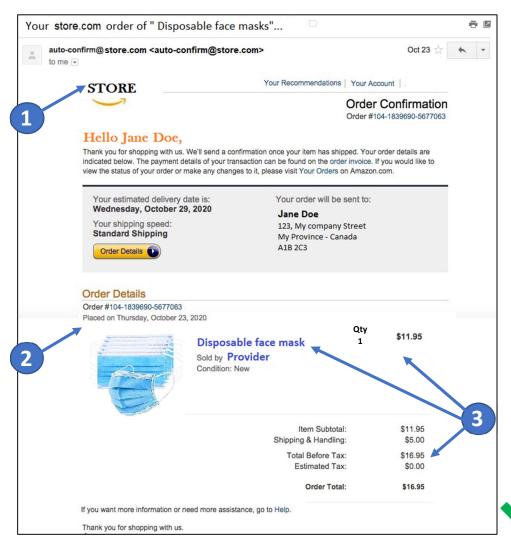
Please, make sure to submit documents that clearly state <u>at least</u> the following information:

- 1 Supplier's name
- 2 Purchase date
- 3 Clear description of the service/items with quantities and breakdown of the price



- → If submitting documentation that includes multiple purchases, highlight/make clear the eligible expense noted in the application.
- → Highlight the corresponding payment transaction if you are submitting bank statements as proof of payment.

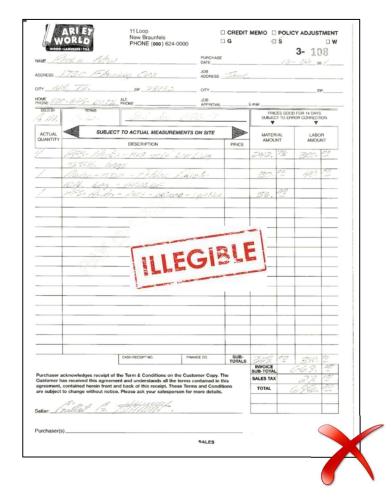
Other examples of **VALID** cashier's receipt or invoice:





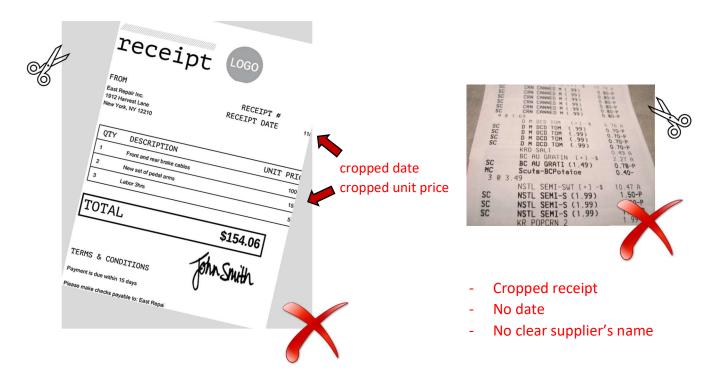
Examples of **INVALID** cashier's receipt or invoice:

• Illegible receipt/invoice will not to be processed.

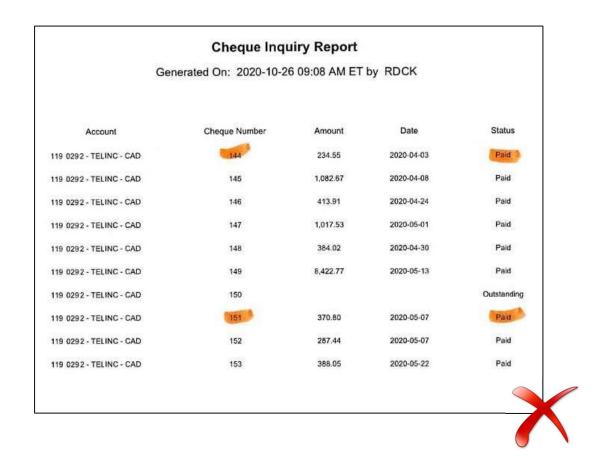


• Cropped receipts/invoice, or full documents with **missing essential information** <u>will not</u> be processed. (Again, be sure the document includes the supplier's name, purchase date, and the description of items with quantities and breakdown of the price)





Internal accounting documents marked paid will not to be accepted.



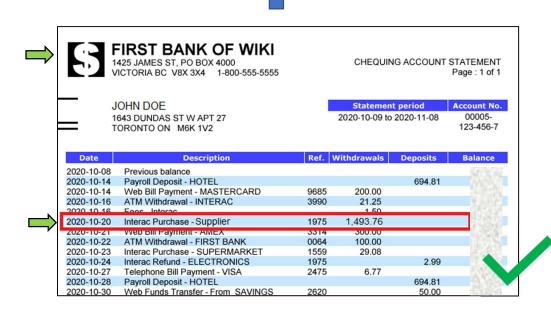
I. Submitting a valid proof of payment for purchases paid with:

a. Debit or Credit Card

To provide a valid proof of payment for purchases paid with debit or credit card, please, submit either a cashier's receipt **OR** an invoice <u>accompanied</u> by the bank statement or credit card statement.

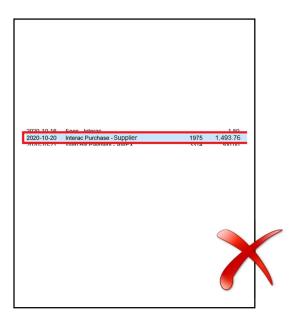
Example of VALID proof of payment:





Examples of **INVALID** proof of payment:

Cropped bank statement or credit card statement missing essential information will
<u>not</u> be processed. Remember, all bank financial statements/documents need the
financial institution name and/or logo.



Only an invoice masked as paid.



b. Cheque

To provide a valid proof of payment for purchases paid by cheque, please, submit the invoice accompanied by the **cancelled cheque**. Please, make sure to include the front and back if the cancelled cheque. A copy of the cheque or of the cheque stub will not be considered a valid proof of payment.

Example of a cancelled cheque:



Example of **invalid** proof of payment by cheque:

