



Information sheet on redistribution of the CO₂
and VOC levies

CHF 527 million for the public

Taxes on harmful substances

Switzerland levies an incentive tax on climate-damaging CO₂ emissions (**CO₂ levy**) and on environmentally harmful solvent components (**VOC levy**). These levies are designed to encourage more sparing use of harmful substances – **helping the climate and our health**.

Redistribution to the public

The benefits of these incentive taxes are twofold: firstly, part of the revenue is redistributed to companies and the **public**. In 2027, a total of **CHF 527 million will be passed on to the public**. This equates to CHF 57 per person.

Promotion of climate protection

Secondly, the CO₂ levy is used specifically **for climate protection**. In 2027, around **CHF 475 million** will be available for climate-friendly buildings (Buildings Programme), sustainable technologies (Technology Fund) and boosting renewable energies.

In 2027, you will
get back
CHF 57 from the
CO₂ and VOC levies

Each year, revenue from these levies is redistributed to the public directly and efficiently through a **refund on your health insurance premium**. Anyone who lives in Switzerland and has basic health insurance with a Swiss provider is entitled to a share of the redistribution.

Important note:

Incentive taxes are not general taxes. They are based on the 'polluter pays' principle – those who harm the environment pay more. **If you reduce your environmental impact, you will pay less and reap the benefits.**

Video on redistribution:



youtu.be/yS4CRnXBTUk
(de, fr)

Further information:

- www.bafu.admin.ch/co2-levy-private-individuals
- www.bafu.admin.ch/voc (de, fr, it)
- www.dasgebaeudeprogramm.ch (de, fr, it)
- www.technologyfund.ch



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