



Information sheet on redistribution of the CO<sub>2</sub>  
and VOC levies

# CHF 567 million for the public

## Taxes on harmful substances

Switzerland levies an incentive tax on climate-damaging CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (**CO<sub>2</sub> 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 2026, a total of **CHF 567 million will be passed on to the public**. This equates to CHF 61.80 per person.

## Promotion of climate protection

Secondly, the CO<sub>2</sub> levy is used specifically **for climate protection**. In 2026, around **CHF 324 million** will be available for climate-friendly buildings (Buildings Programme), sustainable technologies (Technology Fund) and boosting renewable energies.

This year, you  
will get back  
CHF 61.80 from  
the CO<sub>2</sub> 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](https://youtu.be/yS4CRnXBTUk)  
(de, fr)

## Further information:

- [www.bafu.admin.ch/co2-levy](http://www.bafu.admin.ch/co2-levy)
- [www.bafu.admin.ch/voc](http://www.bafu.admin.ch/voc) (de, fr, it)
- [www.dasgebaeudeprogramm.ch](http://www.dasgebaeudeprogramm.ch) (de, fr, it)
- [www.technologyfund.ch](http://www.technologyfund.ch)



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