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1 Overview

As part of the COVID-19 package adopted by the German government, the VAT will be temporarily reduced. During the period from July 1st 2020 until December 31st 2020 the regular VAT will be reduced from 19% to 16%. The reduced VAT will also be lowered from 7% to 5%.

This affects the software applications of the pCon family, too. Therefore, please find below more detailed information on what has to be considered for the respective pCon applications.

2 Offline Apps

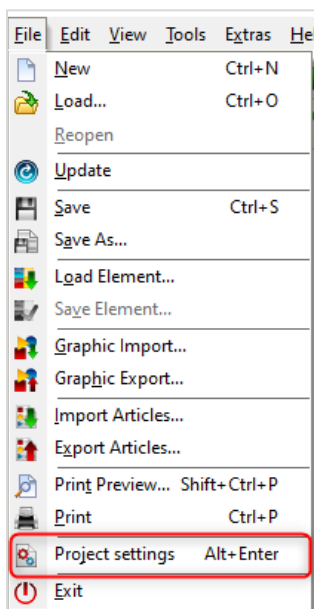
2.1 pCon.planner 5 / pCon.configurator 5

pCon.planner 5 / pCon.configurator 5 currently work with the default value of 19% for the VAT in Germany, unless you already set a different VAT during your installation. An adjustment of this default value can easily be made via the project settings.

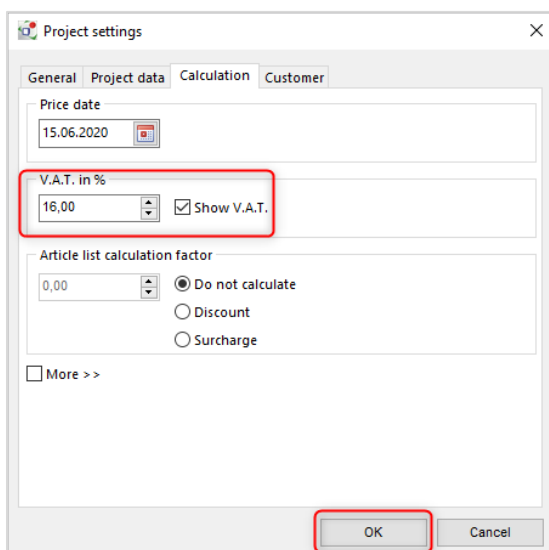
For new projects:

If you create a new planning in pCon.planner 5 or pCon.configurator 5 during the period from July 1st 2020 until December 31st 2020, the default value for the VAT must be changed separately for each project.

Proceed as follows:



1. Open the "File" menu and click on "Project settings". Alternatively, use the key combination "Alt + Enter".



2. Switch to the "Calculation" tab.
3. Change the setting for the input field "V.A.T. in %" to 16%.
4. Click on „OK“.

The VAT rate will be saved within the project and is retained when you continue working with the project.

For existing projects:

If you would like to continue working with existing projects within the period from July 1st 2020 until December 31st 2020, the adjustment of the VAT rate according to the above-mentioned steps must also be taken into account. Please load your existing project first. In order to save the new VAT rate permanently within your project, please save the project again after changing the VAT.

NOTES:

Updating the price date has no effect on the used VAT rate.

If a project created in pCon.planner 5 / pCon.configurator 5 is further processed in another pCon application, the VAT setting of the respective pCon application is used, not the one saved in the project!

Please note, that the VAT rate in Germany will be increased again to 19% from January 1st 2021! For this reason a further adjustment of those existing projects becomes necessary, which have been saved with 16% in the meantime.

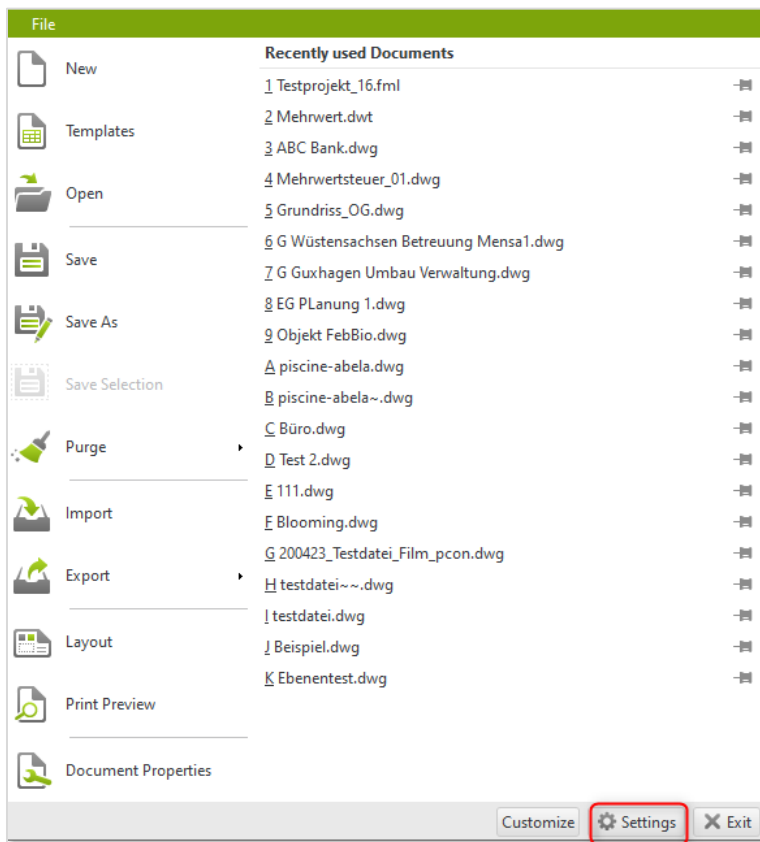
2.2 pCon.planner 8

pCon.planner 8 currently uses a default value of 19% for the VAT in Germany, unless you have set a different VAT rate during your installation. Within the application, there are several ways to adjust this value.

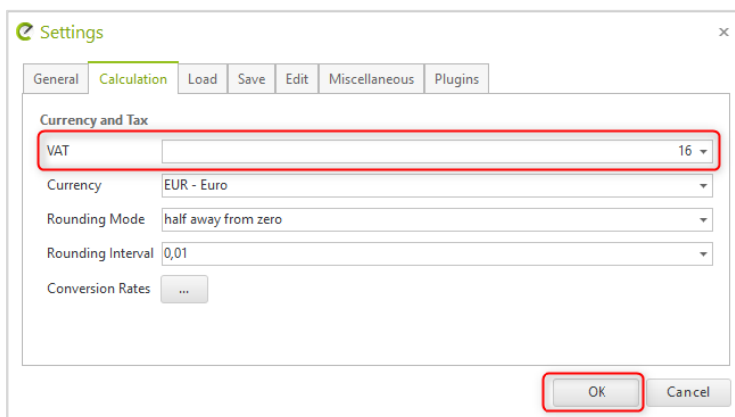
For new projects:

Via the program settings of pCon.planner, the VAT rate can be changed for all projects. This way you can easily ensure that all new projects automatically use the changed VAT.

Proceed as follows:



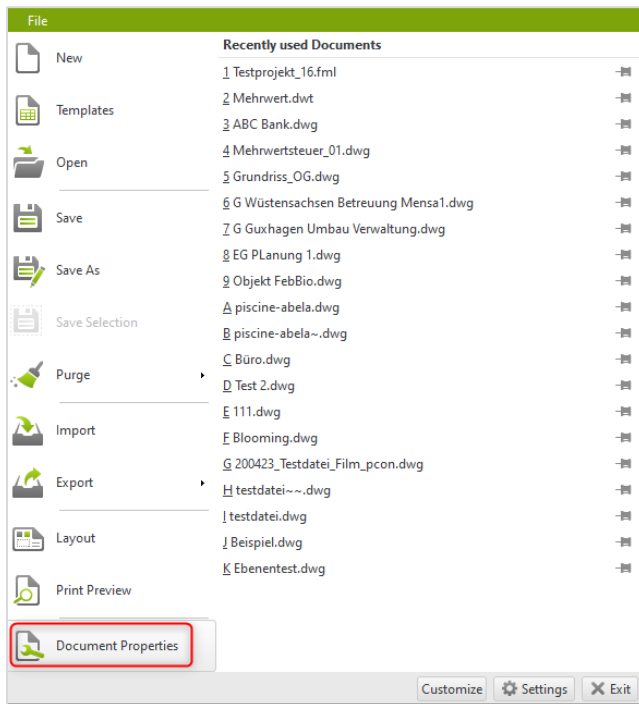
1. Open the "File" menu and click on "Settings" in the lower area.



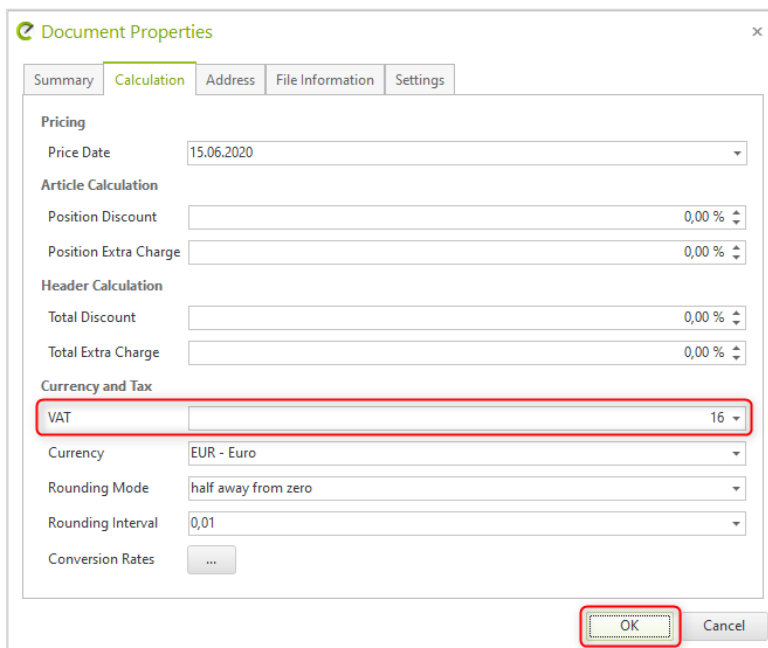
2. Switch to the "Calculation" tab.
3. Change the setting in the "VAT" input field to 16%.
4. Click on the "OK" button.

The changed setting will be automatically adapted for all new projects.

However, there is also the possibility to set a project-specific based VAT rate. Proceed as follows:



1. Open the "File" menu and click on "Document Properties".



2. Switch to the "Calculation" tab.
3. Change the setting for the input field "VAT" to 16%.
4. Click on the „OK“ button.

The changed setting is only used on the current project.

For existing projects:

If it is necessary to adjust the VAT rate for existing projects, this can also be made on a project-specific basis, as described above. Please load your existing project first.

NOTES:

Updating the price date has no effect on the used VAT rate.

Please note, that the VAT rate in Germany will be increased again to 19% from January 1st 2021! For this reason a further adjustment of those existing projects becomes necessary, which have been saved with 16% in the meantime.

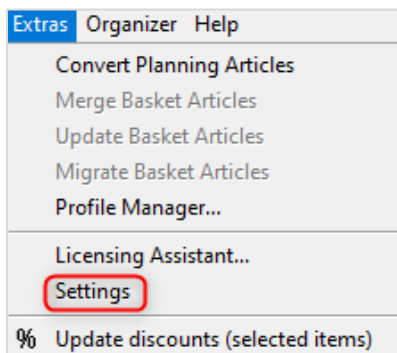
2.3 pCon.basket (Offline)

The pCon.basket (offline) uses the VAT rate that was selected during installation. Normally this will be the VAT rate of 19% for Germany. There are also various options for adjusting this value.

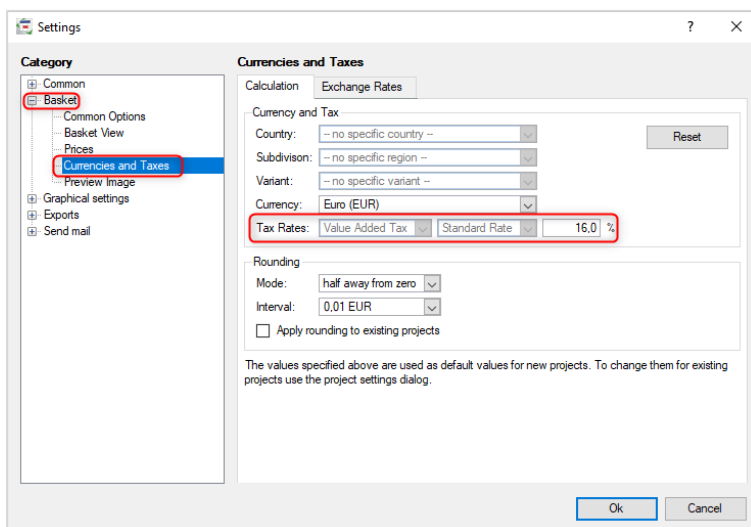
For new projects:

Via the program settings of pCon.basket, the VAT rate can be set for all projects. This way you can easily ensure that all new projects automatically use the changed VAT rate.

Proceed as follows:



1. Open the menu „Extras” and click on the menu item “Settings”.

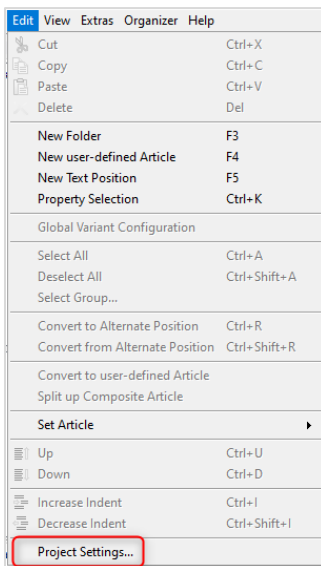


2. Click on "Basket" within the tree structure in the section "Category" on the left hand.
3. Now, click on the entry "Currencies and Taxes" within the section "Basket".
4. Change the percentage value for the "Tax Rates" to 16%.
5. Confirm with „OK”.

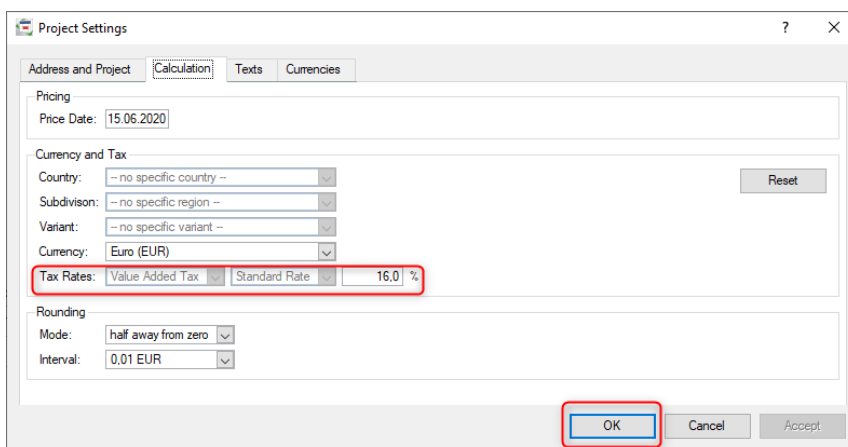
The changed setting made in this way will be automatically used for all new projects.

Alternatively, it is also possible to adjust the VAT rate for a new project on a project-specific basis only.

Proceed as follows:



1. Open the menu „Edit“ and click on the menu item “Project Settings...”.



2. Switch to the "Calculation" tab.
3. Change the percentage value for the “Tax Rates” to 16%.
4. Click on „OK“.

The changed setting is only used on the current project.

For existing projects:

If it is necessary to adjust the VAT rate for existing projects, this can also be done on a project-specific basis, as described above. Please load your existing project first.

NOTES:

Updating the price date has no effect on the used VAT rate.

Please note, that the VAT rate in Germany will be increased again to 19% from January 1st 2021! For this reason a further adjustment of those existing projects becomes necessary, which have been saved with 16% in the meantime.

2.4 pCon.xCad

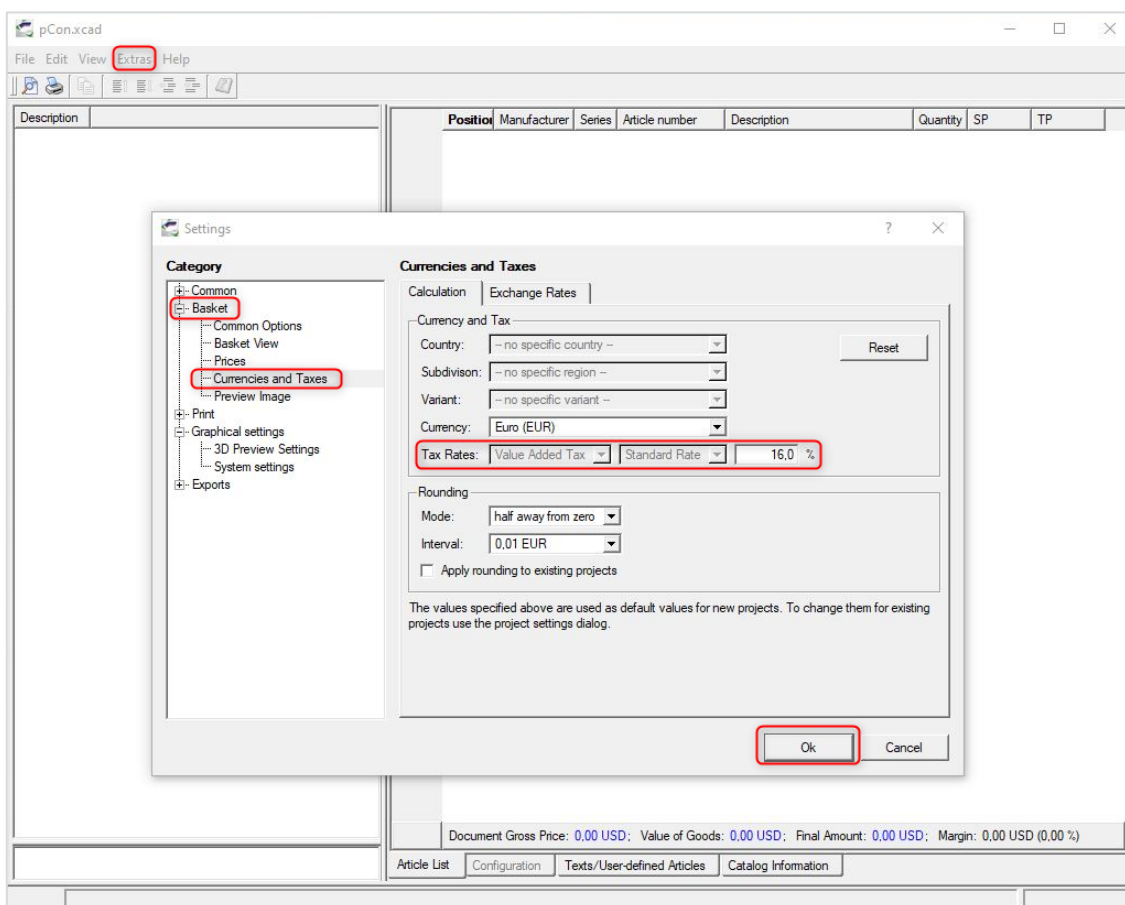
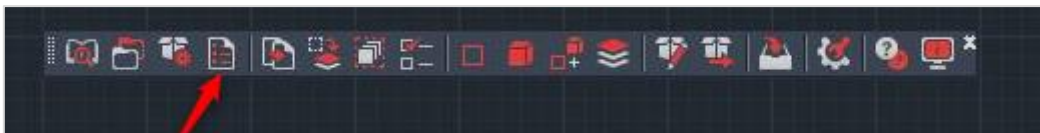
The pCon.xCad uses the VAT rate that was selected during installation. Normally this will be the VAT rate of 19% for Germany. There are also various options for adjusting this value.

For new projects:

Via the program settings within the article list of pCon.xCad, the VAT rate can be set for all projects. This way you can easily ensure that the changed VAT rate is automatically applied to all new projects in the time period from July 1st 2020 until December 31st 2020.

Proceed as follows:

1. Open the "Extras" menu and click on the menu item "Settings" within the article list.



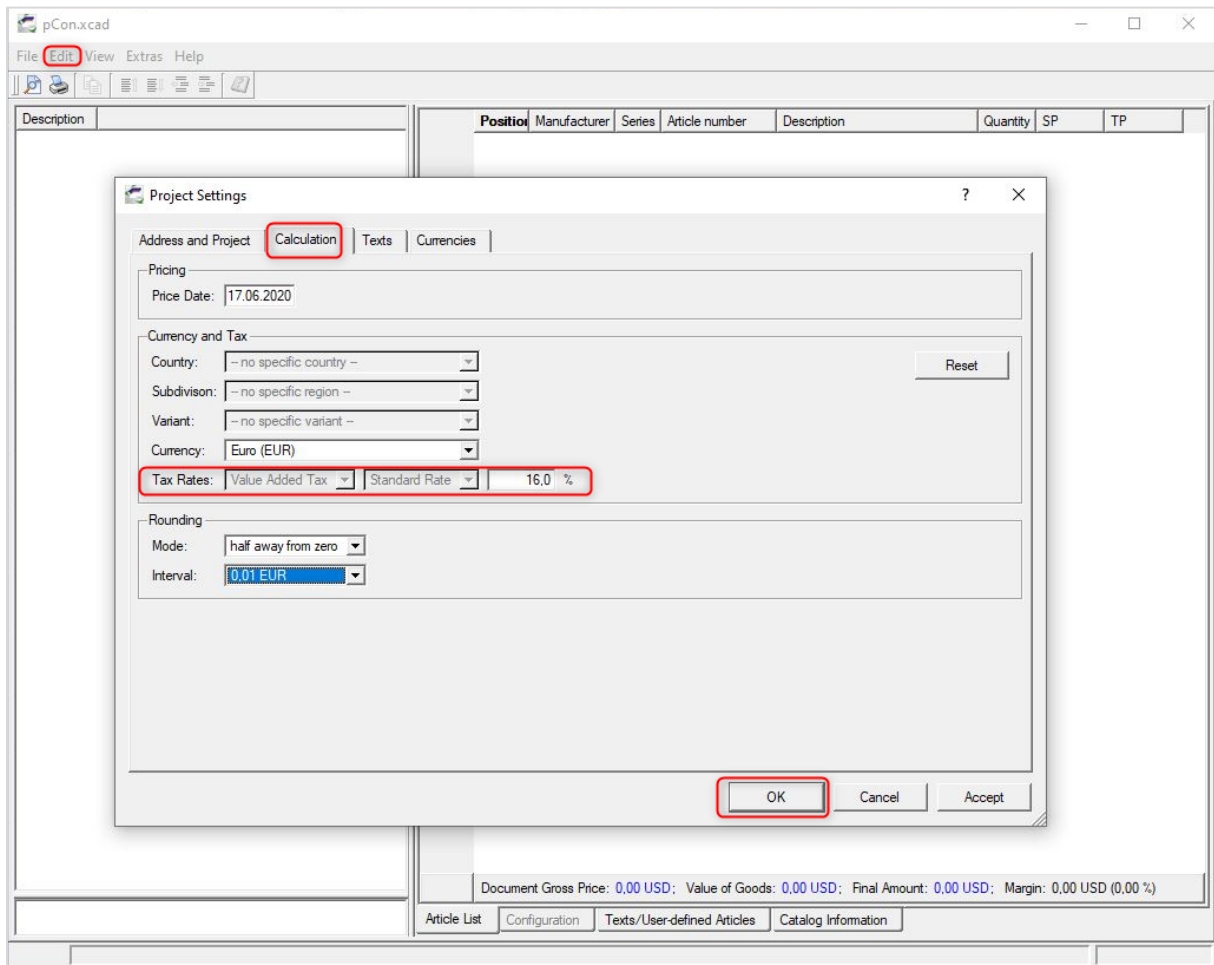
2. In the section "Category" on the left hand side click on "Basket" within the tree structure.
3. Now, click on the entry "Currencies and Taxes" within the section "Basket".

4. Change the percentage value for “Tax Rates” to 16%.
5. Confirm with „OK“.

The changed setting will be automatically used for all new projects.

Alternatively, it is also possible to adjust the VAT rate for a new project on a project-specific basis only.

Proceed as follows:



1. Open the menu „Edit“ and choose „Project settings“ within the article list.
2. Switch to the „Calculation“ tab.
3. Change the percentage value for the “Tax Rates” to 16%.
4. Click on „OK“.

The changed setting made in this way is only used only the current project.

For existing projects:

If it is necessary to adjust the VAT rate for existing projects, this can also be done on a project-specific basis, as described above. Please load your existing project first.

NOTES:

Updating the price date has no effect on the used VAT rate.

Please note, that the VAT rate in Germany will be increased again to 19% from January 1st 2021! For this reason a further adjustment of those existing projects becomes necessary, which have been saved with 16% in the meantime.

3 Online Apps

3.1 pCon.box

Our pCon.box online app currently does not display any taxes information. For this reason, there are no setting options in pCon.box that affect the VAT.

If a project file is exported from pCon.box to other pCon applications, the VAT setting options of the respective application must be taken into account.

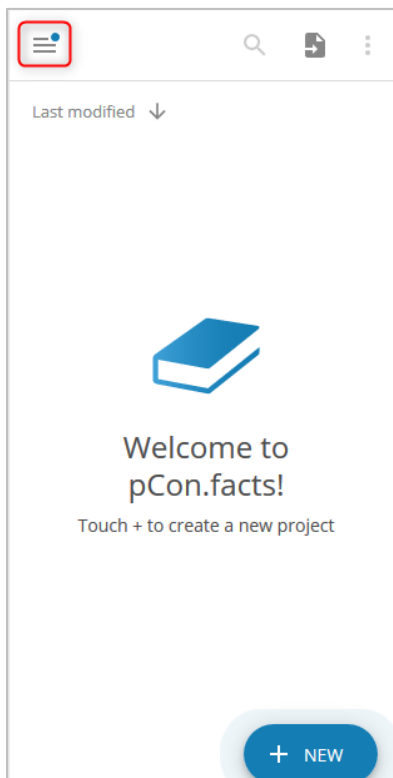
3.2 pCon.facts

In the online app pCon.facts, the following must be taken into account regarding the settings for the VAT:

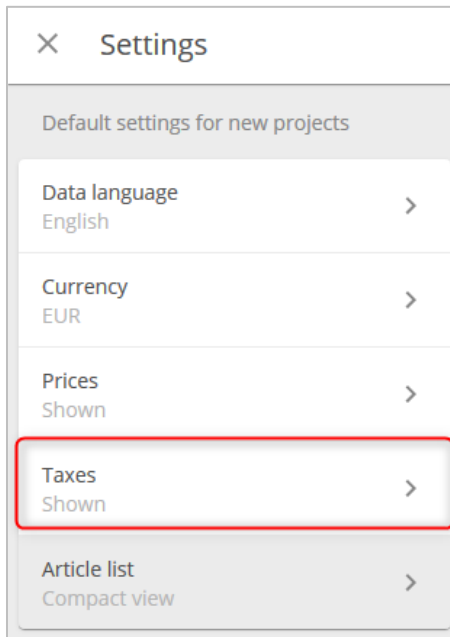
In the default settings for new projects an explicit adjustment of the VAT rate is not necessary. The used VAT rate depends solely on the selection of the preset tax country and is handled autonomously by our server.

Starting from July 01st 2020 at 00:00 a.m., the regular VAT rate will be automatically reduced from 19% to 16%. The reduced rate will be lowered from 7% to 5% for the tax country Germany.

The tax country can be selected as follows:

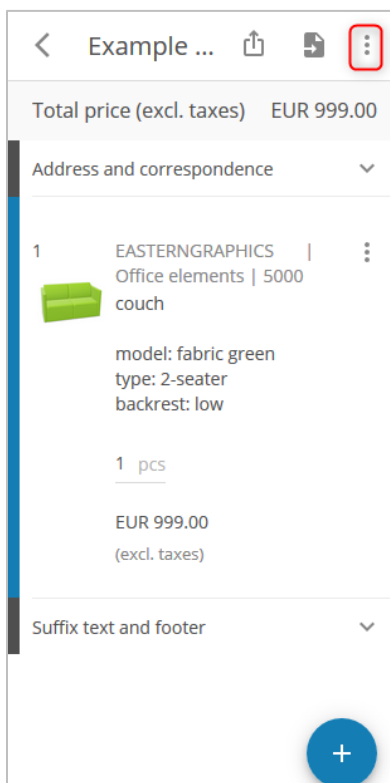


1. After starting pCon.facts, click on the sandwich menu in the upper left area.
2. Choose "Settings".

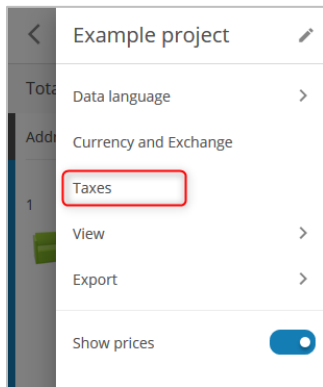


3. Click on "Taxes" within the "Setting" dialog.
4. Now select the desired tax country - in this case "Germany" - and define, whether the prices should be displayed inclusive or exclusive of VAT.

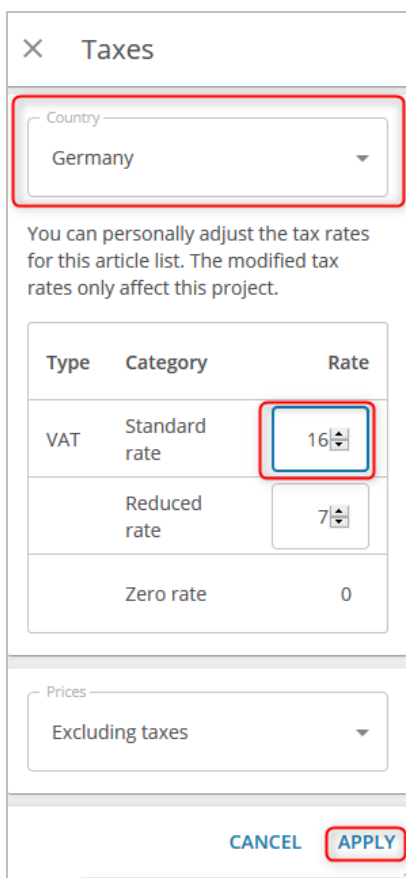
The tax value can also be changed for specific projects. Proceed as follows:



1. Open your project or create a new project.
2. Click on the 3-point-menu in the upper right corner within your opened project.



3. Click on the menu item "Taxes".



4. Select the desired tax country.

5. After selecting the tax country, you have the option of adjusting the VAT values for the current project.

6. Afterwards select, whether the display in the basket should be inclusive or exclusive of VAT.

7. Confirm with „Apply“.

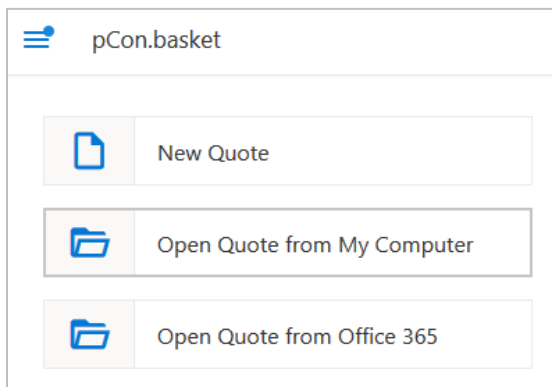
3.3 pCon.basket (Online)

For pCon.basket (Online), the following notes must be taken into account regarding VAT.

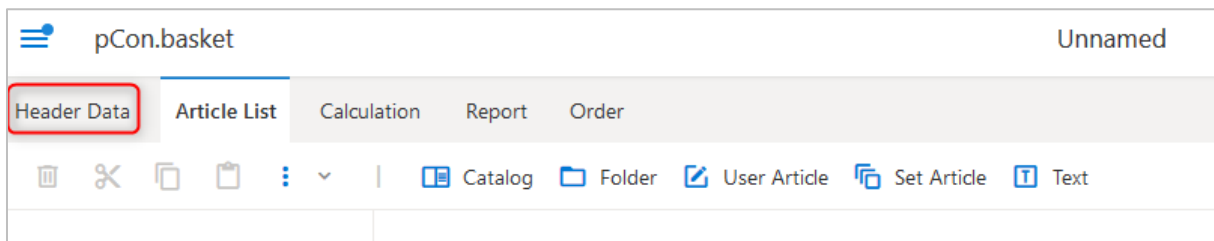
The global value of the value added tax for all projects is taken from our server. Therefore, no manual adjustment is needed. Starting from July 01st 2020 at 00:00 a.m., the regular VAT rate will be automatically reduced from 19% to 16%. The reduced rate will lowered from 7% to 5% for the tax country Germany.

Furthermore, the VAT rate can also be changed on a project-specific basis.

Proceed as follows:



1. Create a "New Quote" or open an existing project.
2. Afterwards, switch to the tab page "Header Data".



3. Click on the menu item "Currency and Taxes" in the left area.
4. If Germany is not yet defined for the "Country" setting, select it here.
5. In the "Tax rate" section you will find the VAT rates currently applicable to the project. These can be adjusted by clicking in the input field "Standard rate" or "Reduced rate".
6. The tax rates changed in this way are retained for the current project until they are updated again.

pCon.basket Unnamed EasternGraphics visualize your business

Header Data Article List Calculation Report Order

Quote

Customer

Person In Charge

Terms and Conditions

Currency and Taxes

Country: Germany

Region: (Unspecified Region)

Tax Variant: (Unspecified Variant)

Currency: EUR - Euro

Tax Type	Tax Category	Tax Rate
Value Added Tax	Standard rate	19.0
	Reduced rate	7.0
	Zero rate	0.0

Save As Default

Exchange Rates

Currency: EUR - Euro from EUR: 1.0 to EUR: 1.0

Save As Default

NOTE: If you click on "Save as Default", the changed tax rates are stored in pCon.basket (Online) for all projects. If you want to reset these settings to the default value, click on the blue arrow behind the input field.

Tax Rate	↺
16.0	↺
7.0	
0.0	

Save As Default | ▾

3.4 pCon.ui

For the online app "pCon.ui" no adjustment of the VAT rates is necessary. The tax rates used are automatically read in from our server. Thus, an adjustment will take place on July 01st 2020 at 00:00 a.m. For the tax country Germany the regular VAT rate will be reduced from 19% to 16% and the reduced rate will be lowered from 7% to 5%.

3.5 Advices for Customized Online Solutions

Please note that customers with their own EAIWS server solution have to organize independent adjustments within their own infrastructure. If you need assistance or you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our support team via e-mail at support@easterngraphics.com.

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