

THE QUOTATION

the minimum recommended information to include in a quotation.

What is a quotation?

A quotation is a written document issued by a professional before the purchase of a product or the provision of a service. It informs the potential customer of the price of the product or service so that they can make their purchasing decision with complete confidence. This document must be issued before the sale or the start of the service.

The quotation is optional. However, in Luxembourg, professionals are required to display the prices of products and services offered to consumers. When the final price cannot be set in advance, it is necessary to indicate the cost of the various elements included in the calculation of the total price. These parameters, as well as the final price, can be presented in a quote.

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For the professional!

Quotations are often free, but there is nothing to stop a professional from offering paid quotations. In this case, they must display the price of this service clearly, in a way that is easily identifiable and legible. The professional may deduct the cost of the quote from the final service.

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To avoid any misunderstanding, the quotation must include the following elements:

- the quotation number
- the place and date of issue of the document
- the full contact details of the professional (name, trading name, legal form, telephone number, email address, R.C.S. Luxembourg followed by the registration number, business permit number, VAT identification number)
- the customer's contact details (name and address, telephone number, email address)
- the deadline for acceptance and the period of validity of the quotation
- the description or list of products and services offered
- the estimated volume or quantity for each product or service
- the unit price excluding tax per volume (unit cost) or the flat rate excluding tax (flat-rate cost) or the calculation method used (e.g. hourly cost)
- the VAT rate applicable to each product and service
- the total amount of the quotation including all taxes (VAT included)
- · the date or deadline for the service
- the delivery address or place of service provision
- the payment terms and deadlines (e.g. instalments due or payment by instalments)
- the application of statutory interest in the event of late payment
- the date of signature
- the signature of the professional
- the customer's signature followed by the words "Agreed and accepted" or "Quotation accepted on ..."
- the clear indication of the right of withdrawal and the conditions and procedures for exercising it (time limit, starting point, etc.)



What are the legal consequences of the quotation?

Before the customer signs

The quotation, as an estimate by the professional of the work envisaged, constitutes a legally binding offer of contract. It commits the professional in a very precise manner throughout its period of validity. During this period, they must comply with the scope of the work, its cost, and the agreed deadlines.

The consumer is under no obligation to entrust the work to the professional.

After the customer has signed

Once signed by the customer, the quotation becomes a contract binding the professional and the consumer. Each party to the contract undertakes to comply with all the provisions set out in the quotation:

- The professional undertakes to perform the service within the agreed time frame and at the indicated rate.
- The client undertakes to pay for the service at the rate indicated, as accepted in the quotation.

Payment is generally made at the end of the service, once the invoice has been issued. If specified in the quotation, advance invoices may be issued before or during the performance of the service.



Practical Example!



