

Tax Compliance: Using commonsku + Avalara

Avalara is the leader in tax automation software, helping small businesses navigate complex sales tax compliance with ease. Rather than manually managing shifting tax rates, new legislation, and taxability rules across state lines — Avalara does the heavy lifting for you. When you connect Avalara to commonsku, you get a seamless, end-to-end solution from project creation to compliant invoicing.

How commonsku's integration with Avalara works:

- 1. Create you Avalara Account** 🎉
Sign up with Avalara and gather your Account ID and License Key. If you're already an Avalara customer, you can connect your existing account directly to commonsku.
- 2. Connect Avalara to commonsku**
Navigate to Company Settings > Integrations > Avalara tab. Enter your Account ID and License Key to connect. Users must have permission to manage company settings to complete this step.
- 3. Configure your default settings & tax categories**
Set your default company, default product category, and default shipping category. Add tax categories manually, import a CSV list, or choose from commonsku's preset industry-specific categories to get up and running fast.
- 4. That's it! You're all set** ✅
Calculate tax on estimates, sales orders, or invoices with a single click. Tax is committed to Avalara automatically when invoices are exported to QuickBooks Online — no double entry required.

[View our complete steps on how to connect to the integration here](#)

What makes Avalara and commonsku such a powerful combination

- **Eliminate manual tax lookups:** Avalara automatically calculates the correct sales tax rate based on your client's shipping address — no guesswork required.
- **Stay compliant across state lines:** Avalara tracks your sales volume by state and notifies you when you've hit nexus, so you always know when to start collecting.
- **Tax-exempt clients, handled:** Assign Avalara tax-exempt categories directly to clients in commonsku and upload exemption certificates in Avalara — it all stays connected.
- **Seamless accounting export:** Tax is committed to Avalara the moment an invoice is exported to QuickBooks Online, keeping your records clean and audit-ready.
- **Works for US and Canada:** Avalara supports both Canadian and US sales, so your entire book of business is covered.
- **Shop-ready tax automation:** commonsku Shops automatically calculate tax based on ship-to addresses, so you can accept payments with confidence.