



# BUYERS' RETAIL SALES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

*Not to be used as a resale certificate*

Vendor/Seller		Date	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code

I, the undersigned buyer, certify I am making an exempt purchase for the following reason: *(check applicable box(es))*

**1. Manufacturing Machinery and Equipment:**

- Check here if using as a blanket certificate for these purchases.
  - a.  Used directly in a manufacturing operation.
  - b.  Used directly in a research and development operation.

**2. Nonresident:**

Place of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of proof of residence accepted (drivers license, fishing license, etc) \_\_\_\_\_, including any identification numbers \_\_\_\_\_ and expiration date \_\_\_\_\_.

- a.  Equipment for use in a farming activity *(Include brand, model and address of use):*

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- b.  Watercraft *(Include make, model and serial number of vessel):*

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- Registered or documented with the US Coast Guard or state of principal use and will leave Washington waters within 45 days; or
- Buyer is a resident of a foreign country. Purchase is for use outside Washington and will leave Washington waters within 45 days.

Seller's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- c.  Tangible personal property other than motor vehicles and those mentioned above for use outside Washington by a resident of a state, possession, or province of Canada, with a sales tax rate of less than three percent.

**3. Interstate or Foreign Commerce or Commercial Deep Sea Fishing Business:**

- a.  Motor vehicles, trailers and component parts thereof used to transport persons or property *for hire* in interstate or foreign commerce.
- b.  Airplanes, locomotives, railroad cars or watercraft and component parts thereof used in transporting persons or property *for hire*.
- c.  Labor and services rendered to construct, repair, clean, alter or improve *for hire* carrier property.
- d.  Items for use connected with private or common carriers engaged in air, rail or water in interstate or foreign commerce. *(Note: Items consumed in the state are subject to use tax.)*
- e.  Fuel to be consumed outside of Washington by a vessel primarily engaged in foreign commerce.

Vessel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Fuel: \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

- f.  Watercraft, component parts, labor and services, and/or diesel fuel used in a qualifying commercial deep sea fishing operation.

Registered Vessel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Vessel Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Sales to Indians:**

- a.  Tangible personal property or services purchased by Indians or Indian tribes when the goods are delivered to or services provided within Indian country.
- b.  Supplies or services purchased by prime contractors hired by Indian tribes to perform construction in Indian Country when the goods are delivered to or services provided in Indian country.

**5. Other:**

- a.  Prescription items (*describe*): \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Machinery and equipment (*including labor and services to install*) used in generating electricity using fuel cells, wind, solar energy or landfill gas.
- c.  Biofuel blend machinery and equipment and the construction of retail biofuel blend facilities.
- d.  Biofuel blend delivery vehicles and labor and service charges related to such vehicles.
- e.  Equipment rental and purchase of services for use in motion picture and video production.
- f.  Objects of art or cultural value purchased by an artistic or cultural organization.
- g.  Livestock for breeding purposes.

Animal Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Breed Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- h.  Animal pharmaceuticals purchased by veterinarians (*describe*): \_\_\_\_\_
- i.  Computer hardware, peripherals, software and related installation, used by the aerospace industry.
- j.  Computer hardware, peripherals, software and related installation, purchased by publishers and printers.
- k.  City, County, Tribal, or Inter-Tribal Housing Authorities.
- l.  Tangible personal property for use in a noncontiguous state delivered to the usual receiving terminal of the shipper.

Type of Goods Purchased: \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Delivery: \_\_\_\_\_ Carrier/Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

- m.  Gases and chemicals used by a manufacturer or processor for hire in the production of semiconductor materials.
- n.  Solar hot water systems, water heating collectors, solar heat exchanges or differential solar controllers and labor to repair, install, or clean equipment.
- o.  Tangible personal property under the weatherization assistance program.
- p.  Waste vegetable oil used to produce biodiesel fuel for personal use.
- q.  Trail Grooming Services
- r.  Honey bees purchased by an eligible apiarist. Apiarist ID #: \_\_\_\_\_
- s.  Federal credit union purchases

I, the undersigned buyer, understand that by completing and signing this certificate I am certifying that I qualify for the tax-exempt purchase(s) indicated above. I understand that I will be required to pay sales or use tax on purchases that do not qualify for an exemption. In addition, I understand that false or erroneous use of this certificate will result in liability for unpaid tax with interest and may result in additional penalties.

Type of entity:  Individual  Corporation  Sole Proprietor  Partnership  Other (Explain)

Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Registration No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Buyer: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Buyer: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Seller must maintain a copy. Do not send to Department of Revenue.**

*Each exemption on this form has specific rules (see instructions)*

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

**Buyers must ensure entitlement to the exemption before using this Certificate.** For information regarding exemptions, contact Washington State Department of Revenue Taxpayer Information Center at (360) 705-6705 or 1-800-647-7706 or visit the Department's web site at: dor.wa.gov.

**Lines 1a and 1b** apply to machinery and equipment for use directly in a manufacturing, processing for hire or research and development activity as outlined in RCW 82.08.02565. This exemption **does not** apply to: consumable items, nonpowered hand tools, property with a useful life of less than one year, or building fixtures that are not integral to the manufacturing operation. Certain repair or replacement parts are also exempt. Reference: RCW 82.08.02565 and WAC 458-20-13601.

**Line 2a** applies to machinery, implements, repair parts and labor purchased in this state by a nonresident for use in conducting a farming activity outside the state. The equipment must be transported outside the state immediately upon purchase. **Seller must examine and record buyer's proof of residency.** See WAC 458-20-239 for acceptable proof of residency. Reference: RCW 82.08.0268 and WAC 458-20-239.

**Line 2b** applies to watercraft purchased by a nonresident for use outside Washington when delivery takes place in Washington. The buyer must provide proof of residency (picture ID) and check the applicable box. By checking the box, the buyer certifies that the vessel will leave Washington State waters within forty-five days. Sellers must examine and document the proof of residency provided by the buyer. **Seller must sign the form.** By signing the form, the seller certifies that the seller has examined and listed the buyer's proof of residency. See WAC 458-20-238 for acceptable proof of residency for corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies. Reference: RCW 82.08.0266, RCW 82.08.02665, and WAC 458-20-238.

**Line 2c** applies to purchases of tangible personal property other than motor vehicles and that mentioned on lines 2a, b, and c for use outside Washington by a resident of a state, possession, or province of Canada with a sales tax rate of less than three percent (e.g. Oregon, Alaska). Reference: RCW 82.08.0273, WAC 458-20-193 (6)(b) and ETA 2014.08.193.

**NOTE:** *Sales of motor vehicles are not covered by this certificate; please refer to RCW 82.08.0264 and WAC 458-20-177 for certificate and exemption information.*

**Line 3a** applies to the purchase of motor vehicles, or trailers by a business operating or contracting to operate for the holder of a carrier permit issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The exemption also applies to component parts and repairs of such carrier property including labor and services rendered in the course of constructing, repairing, cleaning, altering or improving the same. The buyer must attach a list stating make, model, year, serial number, motor number and ICC permit number. Reference: RCW 82.08.0263 and WAC 458-20-174.

**Line 3b** applies to the purchase of airplanes, locomotives, railroad cars, or watercraft for use in conducting interstate or foreign commerce by transporting therein or therewith persons or property **for hire**. The exemption also applies to component parts of such carrier property. Reference: RCW 82.08.0262 and WAC 458-20-175.

**Line 3c** applies to charges for labor and services rendered in the course of constructing, repairing, cleaning, altering or improving carrier property when carrier property is used **for hire**. Reference: RCW 82.08.0262 and WAC 458-20-175.

**Line 3d** applies to purchases of durable goods or consumables, other than those mentioned in line 3b, for use in connection with interstate or foreign commerce by such businesses. The goods must be for exclusive use while engaged in transporting persons or property in interstate or foreign commerce. The exemption **does not** apply to charges for labor or services in regard to the installing, repairing, cleaning or altering of such property. Although exempt from retail sales tax, materials are subject to use tax if consumed in Washington. Unregistered businesses must attach a list stating the description and quantity of items that will be consumed in Washington and pay use tax to the seller. Reference: RCW 82.08.0261 and WAC 458-20-175.

**Line 3e** applies to fuel consumed outside the territorial waters of the United States by vessels used primarily in foreign commerce. Buyers must list the vessel name, type of fuel and quantity. Reference: RCW 82.08.0261 and WAC 458-20-175.

**Line 3f** applies to the purchase of vessels, component parts, or repairs by persons engaged in commercial deep sea fishing operations outside the territorial waters of the state of Washington. The exemption also applies to the purchase of diesel fuel used in commercial deep or commercial passenger fishing operations when annual gross receipts therefrom are at least five thousand dollars. Reference: RCW 82.08.0262, RCW 82.08.0298, and WAC 458-20-176.

**Line 4a** applies to the purchase of tangible personal property or services by an Indian or Indian tribe. The goods or services must be delivered to, or performed on the reservation. The purchaser must present a tribal membership card, a treaty fishing card, a certificate of enrollment, or a letter from a tribal official. Sellers must document the buyer's name, dollar amount of purchase, tribal affiliation and reservation where delivery is made. Reference: RCW 82.08.0254 and WAC 458-20-192.

**Line 4b** applies to the purchase of consumable supplies, equipment rentals or services by a prime contractor hired by an Indian tribe to perform construction in Indian Country where the goods or services are delivered to, or performed on the reservation. The purchaser must present a construction contract with the tribe or a letter from a tribal official evidencing that they are working directly with the Tribe. Sellers must document the buyer's name, dollar amount of purchase, and reservation where delivery is made. Reference: RCW 82.08.0254 and WAC 458-20-192.

**Line 5a** applies to the purchase by a medical practitioner, chiropractor, nursing home, or hospital of items to be prescribed and used for the treatment of illness or ailments of human beings. To qualify, certain of these items must be prescribed. Reference: WAC 458-20-18801.

**Line 5b** applies to the purchases of qualifying machinery and equipment (and charges for labor and services to install) used directly in generating electricity using wind, solar energy, or landfill gas as the principal source of power at a facility capable of generating not less than two hundred watts of electricity. Effective July 1, 2001, the exemption includes purchases of fuel cells used in generating electricity. Reference: RCW 82.08.02567 and WAC 458-20-263.

**Line 5c** applies to the purchase of machinery and equipment and the construction of facilities used directly for the retail sale of biodiesel fuel blend, E85 motor fuel, and wood biomass fuel blend. Reference: RCW 82.08.955 and RCW 82.08.960.

**Line 5d** applies to the purchase of fuel delivery vehicles and labor and service charges related to such vehicles provided 75% of the fuel distributed by them is biodiesel fuel blend, alcohol fuel blend, and wood biomass fuel blend. Reference: RCW 82.08.955 and RCW 82.08.960.

**Line 5e** applies to the rental of production equipment and the purchase of production services by motion picture and video production companies. Reference: RCW 82.08.0315 and Motion Picture-Video Production Special Notice, available from the Department.

**Line 5f** applies to the purchase of objects of art or cultural value and items used in the creation of such objects, or in displaying art objects or presenting artistic or cultural exhibitions or performances by artistic or cultural organizations. Reference: RCW 82.08.031 and WAC 458-20-249.

**Line 5g** applies to the purchase of livestock for breeding purposes. "Livestock" is defined in RCW 16.36.005. The animal must be registered in a nationally recognized breed association. Reference: RCW 82.08.0259 and WAC 458-20-210.

**Line 5h** applies to the purchase of animal pharmaceuticals by veterinarians or farmers for the purposes of administering to an animal raised for sale by a farmer. Animal pharmaceuticals must be approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration or the United States Department of Agriculture. Reference: RCW 82.08.880.

**Line 5i** applies to the purchase of computer hardware, peripherals, and software, and related installation, not otherwise eligible for the M&E exemption, used primarily in development, design, and engineering of aerospace products or in providing aerospace services. Reference: RCW 82.08.975.

**Line 5j** applies to the purchase of computer hardware, peripherals, digital cameras, software, and related installation not otherwise eligible for the M&E exemption that is used primarily in the printing or publishing of printed materials. The exemption includes repairs and replacement parts. Reference: RCW 82.08.806.

**Line 5k** applies to all retail purchases of goods and services by City, County, Tribal, or Inter-Tribal Housing Authorities. Reference: RCW 35.82.210.

**Line 5l** applies to the purchase of goods for use in a state, territory or possession of the United States which is not contiguous to any other state such as Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and American Samoa. For the exemption to apply, the seller must deliver the goods to the usual receiving terminal of the for-hire carrier selected to transport the goods. Reference: RCW 82.08.0269 and WAC 458-20-193 (6)(c).

**Line 5m** applies to the sales of gases and chemicals used by a manufacturer or processor for hire in the production of semiconductor materials. Limited to gases and chemicals used to grow the product, deposit or grow permanent or sacrificial layers on the product, to etch or remove material from the product, to anneal the product, to immerse the product, to clean the product, and other uses where the gases and chemicals come into direct contact with the product during the production process, or gases and chemicals used to clean the chambers and other like equipment in which processing takes place. Reference: RCW 82.08.9651.

**Line 5n** applies to the purchase of OG-300 rated solar water heating systems, OG-100 rated solar water heating collectors, solar heat exchanges, or differential solar controllers, including repair and replacement parts and charges for labor and services to install, repair, clean, alter, or improve equipment. Reference: RCW 82.08.835.

**Line 5o** applies to purchases of tangible personal property used in the weatherization of residences under the weatherization assistance program. The tangible personal property must become a component part of the residence. Reference: ESHB 2847 (chapter 92, Laws of 2008).

**Line 5p** applies to purchases of waste vegetable oil from restaurants and food processors to produce biodiesel fuel for personal use. The exemption does not apply to persons that are engaged in selling biodiesel fuel at wholesale or retail. Reference: House Bill 3188, (chapter 237, Laws of 2008).

**Line 5q** applies to the purchases of trail grooming services by the state of Washington and nonprofit corporations organized under chapter 24.03 RCW. Trail grooming activities include snow compacting, snow redistribution, or snow removal on state or privately-owned trails. Reference: SB 6375.

**Line 5r** applies to the purchase of all honey bees purchased by an eligible apiarist. An eligible apiarist is a person who: owns or keeps one or more bee colonies; grows, raises, or produces honey bee products for sale at wholesale; and registers their hives/colonies with the WA State Department of Agriculture as required by RCW 15.60.021. Reference: SSSB 6468.

**Line 5s** applies to the purchase of goods and retail services by federally chartered credit unions. Federal credit unions are exempt from state and local consumer taxes under federal law, such as sales tax, lodging taxes and rental car tax. To be exempt, the federal credit union must pay for goods and services directly, such as by a check written on the federal credit union or a credit card issued to the federal credit union. Sellers should keep a copy of the check or credit card used for payment to substantiate the exempt nature of the sale. Reference: Det. No. 92-239, 17 WTD 32 (1998).

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