

## Form ST-5 Sales Tax Exempt Purchaser Certificate

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Massachusetts
Department of

Revenue

Address			
City		State	Zip
Exemption number			
Issue date		Date of exp	iration of certificate
or 6(e). All purchases of tangible person property or services are used in the co	onal property or services by this organization	purchaser under Massachusetts General Laws, ation are exempt from taxation under said chap. Any abuse or misuse of this certificate by any twiolation and will lead to revocation.	ter to the extent that such
Signature	Title	Date	
corporations) in fines.	·	sion sanctions of up to one year in prison an	nd \$10,000 (\$50,000 for
Name of agent's organization	tion. To be completed by agent of exemp	t government or 501(c)(3) organization.	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Agent's name			
Address		State	Zip
Address  City  I certify that in making this purchase, I  Government organization (local pu Attach Form ST-2, if available. If F	I am acting as an agent for the exempt of a school, city/town government, state form ST-2 is not available, enter exempt school, Scout troop, etc.). Form ST-2 mu	organization named above (select one): agency, etc.). ion number, if known:	Zip
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Part 4. Description of property purchased

Date	Description	Quantity	Cost
			\$
			\$
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			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
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			\$
			\$
		Total cost	\$

## **General information**

An exempt 501(c)(3) organization must have obtained a Certificate of Exemption (Form ST-2) from the Commissioner of Revenue certifying that it is entitled to exemption under G.L. c.64H, §6(e). The 501(c)(3) organization must submit to the vendor a properly completed Sales Tax Exempt Purchaser Certificate (Form ST-5) signed by the 501(c)(3) organization with a copy of its Form ST-2 attached.

Any person, group or organization purchasing as an agent on behalf of a 501(c)(3) organization must certify that it is doing so by presenting to the vendor a properly completed Form ST-5 signed by the 501(c)(3) organization. It must also present a copy of the 501(c)(3) organization's Form ST-2. The agent of the exempt 501(c)(3) organization must complete Part 2 of Form ST-5.

Any government organization is encouraged to obtain a Certificate of Exemption (Form ST-2) from the Commissioner of Revenue, certifying that it is entitled to exemption under G.L. c.64, § 6(d). The exempt government organization is encouraged to submit to the vendor a properly completed Sales Tax Exempt Purchaser Certificate (Form ST-5) with a copy of its Form ST-2 attached. If the government organization does not present Form ST-5, the vendor must maintain adequate documentation (generally, a copy of the government check) verifying that the purchaser is an exempt government agency.

Any person, group or organization purchasing on behalf of exempt government organizations must certify that they are doing so by presenting to the vendor a properly executed Form ST-5 when making such purchases. Part

1 of Form ST-5 should be filled out by the exempt government organization. If Part 1 is not completed by the exempt government organization, the agent must enter the name, address, and, if available, the exemption number of the government organization on whose behalf the purchases are being made. Also enter a description of the property purchased into Part 4. The agent must complete Part 2 when acting on behalf of the exempt government organization. The purchaser must attach to the Form ST-5 a copy of the exempt government organization's Form ST-2 if available. If it is not available, the purchaser must enter the exemption number of the exempt government organization.

## Other information for vendors

Vendors should verify the validity of the certificate presented to them by checking the expiration date on the certificate. Vendors must **not** honor a Certificate of Exemption that has expired.

Government organization maintain Form ST-2 Certificates of Exemption that have an expiration date of "None."

Vendors should call the Customer Service Bureau at (617) 887-6367 if they have any questions regarding a Certificate of Exemption which is presented to them.

If you have any questions about completing this certificate, please contact: Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Customer Service Bureau, 200 Arlington Street, Chelsea, MA 02150; (617) 887-6367.