



MISSOURI SALES TAX

ALL SALES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND TAXABLE SERVICES ARE GENERALLY PRESUMED TAXABLE UNLESS SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED BY LAW.

Required Identification of Sales Tax

The amount of sales tax collected must be identified and set forth separately on each cash register receipt, sales slip, credit card sales slip, and invoice. A publisher may set the individual copy price to a round amount including tax provided that the publication states somewhere that the amount of the price includes tax.

Sales

Sales tax must be collected on internet orders if the delivery point is in Missouri.

If a customer is not from Missouri, the customer must still pay the sales tax if he/she picks up the goods in Missouri. If the goods are shipped outside the state of Missouri and title passes to the buyer at the point of destination, then no sales tax needs to be collected.

Freight charges do not need to include sales tax if the charges are stated separately and are not a mandatory part of the purchase.

Phone cards are taxable at the location where the card is purchased.

Exemption from Collection of Sales Tax

- Tuition, fees, use and service fees, room and board (when part of a room contract), damages, parking
- Admission to entertainment, games, athletic events museums when it is owned or operated by a municipality or other political subdivision where all the proceeds benefit the municipality or political subdivision
- Rent
- Advertising
- Ticket sales to any collegiate athletic championship event held on a neutral site in a facility which is owned or operated by a University
- Sale of livestock for breeding or feeding purposes as part of a business enterprise

Textbook Sales

Textbook sales are exempt from the state portion of sales tax. Student must possess proof of current enrollment at a Missouri postsecondary institution, and the books purchased must be required or recommended for a particular class. This exemption does **not** apply to any local sales tax.

“Buy backs” are considered purchases for resale rather than refunds; therefore, no sales tax is to be refunded.

Medical Supplies

Exempt Items: prescription drugs or samples; insulin; hearing aids and hearing aid supplies; over-the-counter medications purchased by a person with a disability; prosthetic devices (other than dental); orthopedic devices (rigid or semi-rigid leg, arm, neck, back braces; casting materials); trusses; artificial legs, arms, and eyes including terminal devices such as artificial hands, hoods, and space shoes which replace part of a foot; stump stockings and harnesses; orthotics; ambulatory aids such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and crutches; medical grade oxygen.

Taxable Items: Eyeglasses, contact lenses, bedpans, incontinent pants, elastic braces, elastic stockings, arm slings, elastic wraps, garter belts.

Food

Qualifying food sales have a reduced state tax rate of 1.225% plus any local tax. Sales of qualifying food through vending machines are also subject to the reduced tax rate. All other sales of food are taxed at the full state rate of 4.225% plus any local tax. Hot food items ready for immediate consumption do not qualify for the reduced rate.

Media

Radio and television broadcasters are exempt from sales tax (state and local) on purchases of utilities, machinery, and equipment used or consumed directly in the broadcasting of their programs.

Newspapers, magazines, newsletters, periodicals, trade journals, books, and other publications are tangible personal property, and their sale is subject to tax to the same extent as any other personal property. The seller must collect sales tax if the publication is received in the state of Missouri. Any local sales tax at the seller’s place of business in Missouri applies as well. Sales tax must be charged on delivery, handling, postage costs, or similar service charges if it is required as part of the purchase. The publisher may set the individual copy price to a round amount including tax provided that the publication states somewhere that the amount of the price includes tax.

Leases

The lease payments for a not-for-profit organization are exempt from sales tax if the organization uses the equipment for its not-for-profit activities. If the purchase of the same equipment would be exempt, then the lease payments are also exempt.