

## Tax-Exempt Purchases

### Policy/Procedure

Dickinson College's (the "College") status as a nonprofit educational institution allows for an exemption from sales and use tax in Pennsylvania and many other states. Sales and use taxes are typically imposed on retail purchases, and on the consumption, rental or use of tangible personal property.

Sales and use taxes are governed at the state (and local) level and exemption rules vary from state to state. The College has filed for exemption certificates in the following states based on the frequency of employee travel and purchases made in those states:

Colorado	Minnesota
Connecticut	Mississippi
Florida	New Jersey
Indiana	New York
Kansas	Ohio
Kentucky	Pennsylvania
Maryland	Tennessee
Massachusetts	Virginia
Michigan	Wisconsin

Exemption descriptions and certificates may be found on the Financial Operations website at [http://www.dickinson.edu/info/20082/financial\\_operations/1344/sales\\_tax\\_exemption](http://www.dickinson.edu/info/20082/financial_operations/1344/sales_tax_exemption). Employees traveling or making purchases from suppliers in an exempt state must provide the vendor with the appropriate exemption certificate to avoid paying sales tax on exempt purchases. Use of an exemption certificate is subject to the instructions on each form.

### Related Information

Petty Cash  
Procurement of Goods and Services  
Personal Purchases  
Purchasing Card  
Purchase Order Terms and Conditions  
Travel and Related Expenses

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**Also Found In:**