



**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION OF LOCAL HOTEL/MOTEL EXCISE TAX**

**ATTENTION: GEORGIA HOTEL AND MOTEL OPERATORS**

Effective April 2, 1987, Act Number 621 amending Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 48-13-51 provides that Georgia state or local government officials or employees traveling on official business should not be charged county or municipal excise tax on lodging, often referred to as local hotel/motel tax.

Upon verification of the identity of the government official or employee identified below, Georgia hotel and motel operators are required to exempt the individual from any applicable tax(es), as outlined below.

<b>Tax</b>	<b>Acceptable Payment Methods</b>	<b>Required Form(s) – Provided by the Traveler</b>
Occupancy Tax (local, county, or municipal lodging, or excise tax)	ALL payment methods accepted (Personal or Government payment)	State of GA Certificate of Exemption of Local Hotel/Motel Excise Tax

A copy of this exemption form must be maintained with hotel tax records to document the individual's status as a government official or employee traveling on official business. If you have any questions, please contact the traveler's accounting or fiscal office contact, identified below.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to certify that the lodging obtained on the date(s) identified below was required in the discharge of my official duties for the named agency, and qualifies for exemption of the local hotel/motel excise tax under Official Code of Georgia Annotated Chapter 48-13 (as amended by Act 621, Georgia Laws 1987).

Signature of Official or Employee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete below:**

Name of Official or Employee \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Official or Employee \_\_\_\_\_

Government Agency Represented \_\_\_\_\_

Accounting/Fiscal Office Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Lodging \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Government officials or employees are also exempt from Georgia State Sales Tax when individuals submit the "Department of Revenue Sales Tax Certificate of Exemption Form (ST-5)" to hotel operators. The payment methods that are applicable to the exemption of this sales tax are either a State of Georgia issued credit card or payments made by directly billing the governmental organization.**



STATE OF GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
SALES TAX CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION
GEORGIA PURCHASER

To: SUPPLIER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_
SUPPLIER'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES that all tangible personal property purchased or leased after this date will qualify for tax-free or tax exempt treatment as indicated below. (Check the Applicable Box)

- 1. Purchases or leases of tangible personal property or services for RESALE ONLY. O.C.G.A. § 48-8-30. A sales and use tax number is required unless the purchaser is one of the following: church, qualifying tax exempt child caring institution, tax exempt parent-teacher organization or association, private school (grades K-12), nonprofit entity raising funds for a public library, member councils of the Boys Scouts of America or Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. TAX-FREE TREATMENT DOES NOT EXTEND TO ANY PURCHASE TO BE USED BY THE PURCHASER, INCLUDING ITEMS THE PURCHASER WILL DONATE. O.C.G.A. §§ 48-8-3(15), (39), (41), (56), (59), (71).
2. Purchases or leases of tangible personal property or services made by the United States government, the state of Georgia, any county or municipality of this state, fire districts which have elected governing bodies and are supported in whole or in part by ad valorem taxes, or any bona fide department of such governments when paid for directly to the seller by warrant on appropriated government funds. A sales and use tax number is not required for this exemption. O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3(1).
3. Sales of tangible personal property and services made to the University System of Georgia and its educational units, the American Red Cross, a Community Service Board located in this state, Georgia Department of Community Affairs Regional Commissions, or specific qualified authorities provided with a sales tax exemption under Georgia law. A sales and use tax number is not required for this exemption. O.C.G.A. §§ 37-2-6.1(d), 48-8-3(B), 50-8-44.
4. The sale, use, consumption, or storage of materials, containers, labels, sacks, or bags used for packaging tangible personal property for shipment or sale. Materials purchased at a retail establishment for consumer use are not exempt. A sales and use tax number is not required for this exemption. O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3(94).
5. Aircraft, watercraft, motor vehicles, and other transportation equipment manufactured or assembled in this state when sold by the manufacturer or assembler for use exclusively outside this state and when possession is taken from the manufacturer or assembler by the purchaser within this state for the sole purpose of removing the property from this state under its own power when the equipment does not lend itself more reasonably to removal by other means. A sales and use tax number is not required for this exemption. O.C.G.A. § 48-3(32).
6. The sale of aircraft, watercraft, railroad locomotives and rolling stock, motor vehicles, and major components of each, that will be used principally to cross the borders of this state in the service of transporting passengers or cargo by common carriers and by carriers who hold common carrier and contract carrier authority in interstate or foreign commerce under authority granted by the United States Government. Replacement parts installed by carriers in such aircraft, watercraft, railroad locomotives and rolling stock, and motor vehicles that become an integral part of the craft, equipment, or vehicle are also exempt. The exemption does not extend to private or contract carriers. O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3(33)(A).
7. Purchases or leases of tangible personal property or services made by the Federal Reserve Bank, a federally chartered credit union, or a credit union organized under the laws of this state. A sales and use tax number is not required for this exemption. 12 U.S.C. §§ 531, 1768 § 1768; O.C.G.A § 48-6-97.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this certificate and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, this certificate is true and correct and made in good faith, pursuant to the sales and use tax laws of the State of Georgia. Further, I understand that any tangible personal property obtained under this certificate is subject to sales and use tax if the purchaser uses or consumes the property in any manner other than indicated above.

Purchaser's Name: Pioneer Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) Sales Tax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (IF REQUIRED)
Purchaser's Type of Business: Local Unit of Administration for Education
Purchaser's Address: P.O. Box 1789; 1342 Hwy 254 Cleveland GA 30528
Printed Name and Signature: Justin Old Title: Executive Director
Telephone Number: 706-865-2141 Email: accountspayable@pioneerresa.org

Supplier must secure and maintain one properly completed certificate of exemption from each purchaser making purchases without the payment of tax.