

INSTRUCTIONS TO SELLERS CONCERNING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR STUDENT TEXTBOOKS

Receipts from the sales of textbooks, for use by students, are exempt under Section 8.21 of the Sales Tax Act (reproduced below). The educational institution should prescribe through its academic departments the particular books that are required for school purposes. This form ST-16 should be completed by the student purchasing the exempt textbook and retained by the bookstore.

You may accept this certificate as a basis for exempting sales of textbooks to the purchaser providing he has:

- a. properly completed this form; and,
- b. presented valid proof of his enrollment in a school, college, university or other educational institution approved as such by the New Jersey Department of Education.

N.J.S.A. 54:32B-8.21 of the New Jersey Sales and Use Tax Act exempts the following:

“Sales of school textbooks for use by students in a school, college, university or other educational institution, approved as such by the Department of Education, when the educational institution, upon forms and pursuant to regulations prescribed by the director, has declared the books are required for school purposes and the purchaser has supplied the seller with the form at the time of the sale.”

For the purposes of the school textbook exemption, “textbook” means any book which the educational institution requires students to purchase for use in one of its courses.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This certificate (Form ST-16) must be retained by the seller for auditing purposes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Call the Customer Service Center (609) 292-6400. Send an e-mail to nj.taxation@treas.state.nj.us. Write to: New Jersey Division of Taxation, Information and Publications Branch, PO Box 281, Trenton, NJ 08695-0281.

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