The seller must collect the tax on a sale of taxable property or services unless the purchaser gives him a fully completed New Jersey exemption certificate.

# State of New Jersey DIVISION OF TAXATION

## SALES TAX FORM ST-3

### RESALE CERTIFICATE

PURCHASER'S NEW JERSEY	
TAXPAYER REGISTRATION NUMBER	₹

To be completed by purchaser and given to and retained by seller. See instructions on back. Seller should read and comply with the instructions given on both sides of an exemption certificate.

		(Name of Selle	er)		
395	GRAND.	AVE, RIDGEFIE	ELD, NJ 07657		
	Address		City	State	Zip
The u	undersigned ce	ertifies that:			
(1)	_		v (number shown above)	to collect State of New Jerse	v Sales and Use Ta
(2)	He is principa	ally engaged in the sale of	of (indicate nature of mer	chandise or service sold):	
(3)	The merchan	<mark>idise or services</mark> being he	erein purchased are desc	cribed as follows:	
(4)	The merchan	ndise described in (3) ab	nove is being purchased:	(check one or more of the bl	ocks which apply)
( · )	_	resale in its present form.	• .	(oncon one or more or and or	oene milen appiyy
	` '	•		f a product produced by the	undersigned.
	subje	ect of this Certificate be		ersonal property, where the erty being serviced or is lat mance of the service.	
(5)	The services	described in (3) above a	re being purchased: (ch	eck the block which applies)	
	(a) <b>☑</b> By a	seller who will either col	lect the tax or will resell t	he services.	
	(b) 🗆 To be	e performed on personal	property held for sale.		
Act we tax c	vith respect to the on the transaction	e use of the Resale Certification or transactions covered l	ate, and it is my belief that th	ules promulgated pursuant to the he seller named herein is not red dersigned purchaser hereby swe rue.	uired to collect the sa
		NAME OF PURCHASER*	)	(as registered with the New Jerse	ey Division of Taxation)
		(Address of Purchaser)*			
		Type of Business*			
		Ву			
		(Signature of owner, partn	er, officer of corporation, etc.)*	(Title)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF RESALE CERTIFICATES – ST-3

- 1. Registered sellers who accept fully completed exemption certificates within 90 days subsequent to the date of sale are relieved of liability for the collection and payment of sales tax on the transactions covered by the exemption certificate. The following information must be obtained from a purchaser in order for the exemption certificate to be fully completed:
  - Purchaser's name and address;
  - Type of business;
  - Reasons(s) for exemption;
  - Purchaser's New Jersey tax identification number or, for a purchaser that is not registered in New Jersey, the
    Federal employer identification number or out-of-State registration number. Individual purchasers must include their driver's
    license number;
  - If a paper exemption certificate is used (including fax), the signature of the purchaser.

The seller's name and address are not required and are not considered when determining if an exemption certificate is fully completed. A seller that enters data elements from paper into an electronic format is not required to retain the paper exemption certificate.

The seller may, therefore, accept this certificate as a basis for exempting sales to the signatory purchaser and is relieved of liability even if it is determined that the purchaser improperly claimed the exemption. If it is determined that the purchaser improperly claimed an exemption, the purchaser will be held liable for the nonpayment of the tax.

- 2. **Retention of Certificates** Certificates must be retained by the seller for a period of not less than four years from the date of the last sale covered by the certificate. Certificates must be in the physical possession of the seller and available for inspection.
- 3. Acceptance of an exemption certificate in an audit situation On and after October 1, 2011, if the seller either has not obtained an exemption certificate or the seller has obtained an incomplete exemption certificate, the seller has at least 120 days after the Division's request for substantiation of the claimed exemption to either:
  - 1. Obtain a fully completed exemption certificate from the purchaser, taken in good faith, which, in an audit situation, means that the seller obtain a certificate claiming an exemption that:
    - (a) was statutorily available on the date of the transaction, and
    - (b) could be applicable to the item being purchased, and
    - (c) is reasonable for the purchaser's type of business; OR
  - 2. Obtain other information establishing that the transaction was not subject to the tax.

If the seller obtains this information, the seller is relieved of any liability for the tax on the transaction unless it is discovered through the audit process that the seller had knowledge or had reason to know at the time such information was provided that the information relating to the exemption claimed was materially false or the seller otherwise knowingly participated in activity intended to purposefully evade the tax that is properly due on the transaction. The burden is on the Division to establish that the seller had knowledge or had reason to know at the time the information was provided that the information was materially false.

- **4. Additional Purchases by Same Purchaser** This certificate will serve to cover additional purchases by the same purchaser of the same general type of property. However, each subsequent sales slip or purchase invoice based on this Certificate must show the purchaser's name, address and New Jersey, Federal, or out of state registration number for purpose of verification.
- 5. Retention of Certificates Certificates must be retained by the seller for a period of not less than four years from the date of the last sale covered by the certificate. Certificates must be in the physical possession of the seller and available for inspection on or before the 90th day following the date of the transaction to which the certificate relates.

#### **EXAMPLES OF PROPER USE OF RESALE CERTIFICATE**

- a. A retail household appliance store owner issues a Resale Certificate when purchasing household appliances from a supplier for resale.
- b. A furniture manufacturer issues a Resale Certificate to cover the purchase of lumber to be used in manufacturing furniture for sale.
- c. An automobile service station operator issues a Resale Certificate to cover the purchase of auto parts to be used in repairing customer cars.

#### **EXAMPLES OF IMPROPER USE OF RESALE CERTIFICATE**

In the examples below, the seller should not accept Resale Certificates, but should insist upon payment of the sales tax.

- a. A lumber dealer can not accept a Resale Certificate from a tire dealer who is purchasing lumber for use in altering his premises.
- b. A distributor may not issue a Resale Certificate on purchases of cleaning supplies and other materials for his own office maintenance, even though he is in the business of distributing such supplies.
- c. A retailer may not issue a Resale Certificate on purchases of office equipment for his own use, even though he is in the business of selling office equipment.
- d. A supplier can not accept a Resale Certificate from a service station owner who purchases tools and testing equipment for use in his business.

REPRODUCTION OF RESALE CERTIFICATE FORMS: Private reproduction of both sides of Resale Certificates may be made without the prior permission of the Division of Taxation.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Read publication S&U-6 (Sales Tax Exemption Administration).

http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/pdf/pubs/sales/su6.pdf

### DO NOT MAIL THIS FORM TO THE DIVISION OF TAXATION

This form is to be completed by purchaser and given to and retained by seller.