



Form E-554 Consumer Use Tax Return

General Information and Instructions for Completing

If you purchased taxable merchandise outside of North Carolina for use in this State, a State and local use tax may be due on the purchase price, including transportation charges. This applies regardless of whether you made the purchase while in another state or had the merchandise delivered from another state to you in North Carolina. If you paid a sales tax on the merchandise in the other state, you are entitled to a tax credit for the state tax paid against the North Carolina State tax due and any local tax paid against any local tax due. Examples of merchandise subject to use tax include computers, software, audio and video tapes, compact discs, dvds, books, furniture, jewelry, food, and clothing purchased out of state by any means including mail, telephone, or internet.

If you make taxable purchases on which you owe use tax during a year, you must include the tax on your North Carolina Individual Income Tax Return. If you are not required to file a North Carolina Individual Income Tax Return, you must file this form and pay the amount due by April 15 of the following year. Forms filed late are subject to penalty and interest. Indicate the period covered by the return in the blocks provided along with your name, Social Security Number (SSN), address, county location, and telephone number. Use capital letters when entering your name and address. Use a pen with blue or black ink to complete this return. Additional information may be obtained from the Department's website at www.dorn.com or from the Taxpayer Assistance Call Center at telephone number 1-877-252-3052 (toll-free).

- Line 1a - Enter amount of purchases made prior to 12-01-06 and compute the General State tax due by multiplying by .045.
- Line 1b - Enter amount of purchases made from 12-01-06 through 6-30-07 and compute the General State tax due by multiplying by .0425.
- Line 1c - Enter amount of purchases made after 6-30-07 and compute the General State tax due by multiplying by .04.
- Line 2 - Enter amount of purchases subject to the 2% food tax rate and compute the food tax due by multiplying by .02.
- Line 3 - Enter amount of purchases subject to the 2.5% county tax rate and compute the county tax due by multiplying by .025.
- Line 4 - Enter amount of purchases made in Dare County from 1-01-06 through 6-30-06 subject to the 1% additional county sales and use tax rate and compute the county tax due by multiplying by .01.
- Line 5 - Enter amount of purchases subject to the .5% Mecklenburg Public Transportation sales and use tax rate and compute the county tax due by multiplying by .005.
- Line 6 - Enter amount of State and county tax due by adding Lines 1a through 5.
- Line 7 - Enter amount of tax paid to other states on the purchases reflected in Lines 1a through 3 above. If you paid a sales tax on merchandise in the other state, you are entitled to a tax credit for the state tax paid against your State tax liability in North Carolina and any local tax paid against your local tax liability.
- Line 8 - Subtract Line 7 from Line 6 and enter the result.
- Line 9 - If the return is filed after the due date, compute penalty of 5% per month of the State tax shown on Lines 1a, 1b, and 1c and 5% per month of the county tax shown on Lines 2, 3, 4, and 5 for each month the return is late. The maximum penalty for late filing is 25% of the State tax due and 25% of the county tax due, but in no case is the penalty less than \$5.00 for the State and \$5.00 for the county. If the tax is not paid when due, an additional penalty of 10% of the tax will be added for failure to pay, but in no case will the penalty be less than \$5.00 for the State and \$5.00 for the county.
- Line 10 - If the return is filed after the due date, compute the applicable interest. Contact the Department of Revenue for the current interest rate.
- Line 11 - Add Lines 8, 9, and 10 and enter the sum.

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North Carolina Department of Revenue

MAIL TO: P.O. Box 25000, Raleigh, NC 27640-0720

Period Beginning (MM-DD-YY)

Period Ending (MM-DD-YY)

SSN

Spouse's SSN

Name (First 12 Characters)

M.I.

Last Name (First 14 Characters)

Spouse's First Name (First 12 Characters)

M.I.

Spouse's Last Name (First 14 Characters)

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

County

Phone

Signature:

Date:

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this return is accurate and complete.

	Purchases	Rate		Tax
1a. General State Rate <i>Through 11/30/06</i>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	× 4.5%	=	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
1b. General State Rate <i>12/1/06 - 6/30/07</i>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	× 4.25%	=	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
1c. General State Rate <i>Effective 7/1/07</i>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	× 4%	=	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
2. 2% Food Rate	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	× 2%	=	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
3. 2.5% County Rate	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	× 2.5%	=	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
4. 1% Additional County Rate	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	× 1%	=	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
5. .5% Additional County Rate	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	× .5%	=	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
6. Total Tax (Add Lines 1a - 5)				<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
7. Credit for Sales or Use Tax Paid to Another State				<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
8. Tax Due (Line 6 Minus Line 7)				<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
9. Penalty				<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
10. Interest				<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
11. Total Due (Add Lines 8-10)				\$ <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>