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LIST OF ITEMS EXEMPT DURING THE AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY

G.S. 105-164.13C authorizes a sales tax holiday in North Carolina. Sales and use taxes do not apply to the following items of tangible personal property that are sold between 12:01 A.M. on the first Friday of August and 11:59 P.M. the following Sunday:

1. Clothing with a sales price of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or less per item.

“Clothing” is defined as all human wearing apparel suitable for general use including coats, jackets, hats, hosiery, scarves, and shoes. The items listed below are included in the term and are therefore exempt from tax during the sales tax holiday period if the sales price of the item is \$100 or less. This list is not all-inclusive.

Aprons, household and shop	Formal wear (does not include rentals)
Athletic supporters	Garters and garter belts; girdles; leotards
Baby receiving blankets	and tights; panty hose; socks; stockings
Bandannas	and footlets; underwear
Bathing suits and caps; beach capes and coats	Insoles for shoes
Belts and suspenders	Jogging suits
Boots; overshoes	Lab coats
Coats, jackets, capes, and wraps	Neckties
Costumes (does not include costume masks sold separately)	Rainwear
Diapers (children and adults, including disposables)	Rubber pants
Earmuffs; gloves and mittens for general use; hats and caps; hosiery; scarves	Sandals; shoes and shoelaces; slippers; sneakers; steel-toed shoes
	Uniforms (athletic and nonathletic uniforms when purchased for nonbusiness use)
	Wedding apparel (does not include rentals)

2. Sport or recreational equipment with a sales price of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or less per item.

“Sport or recreational equipment” is defined as items designed for human use and worn in conjunction with an athletic or recreational activity that are not suitable for general use. The items listed below are included in the term and are therefore exempt from tax during the holiday period if the sales price of the item is \$50 or less. This list is not all-inclusive.

Ballet and tap shoes	Life preservers and vests
Cleated or spiked athletic shoes	Mouth guards
Gloves (baseball, bowling, boxing, hockey, golf, and other sports)	Roller and ice skates
Goggles	Shin guards
Hand and elbow guards	Shoulder pads
Helmets (bicycle, skating, baseball, and other sports)	Ski boots
	Waders, wetsuits, and fins

3. Computers, including tablet computers and netbooks, with a sales price of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) or less per item.

A “computer” is an electronic device that accepts information in digital or similar form and manipulates it for a result based on a sequence of instructions. For purposes of the exemption during the sales tax holiday, a computer includes a central processing unit, monitor, keyboard, mouse, and speakers since these items are deemed to be necessary in the operation of the computer.

The separate sale of a monitor, keyboard, mouse, or speakers is subject to the applicable tax when the item is not sold in conjunction with a central processing unit. Peripherals are not considered part of a computer and are subject to the applicable tax notwithstanding that they may be sold with the computer as a package. Peripherals must be separately stated on the invoice and the appropriate tax charged on those items.

An eReader, is not a computer and is, therefore, taxable.

4. Computer supplies with a sales price of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or less per item.

A “computer supply” is an item commonly used by a student in a course of study in which a computer is used. The items listed below are included in the term and are therefore exempt from tax during the holiday period if the sales price of the item is \$250 or less. This list is all-inclusive.

Computer storage media, including diskettes and compact disks
Handheld electronic schedulers, except devices that are cellular phones
Personal digital assistants, except devices that are cellular phones
Computer printers
Printer supplies for computers, including printer paper and printer ink

5. School supplies with a sales price of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or less per item.

A “school supply” is an item commonly used by a student in a course of study; the term includes school art supplies and school instructional materials. The items listed below are included in the term and are therefore exempt from tax during the holiday period if the sales price of the item is \$100 or less. This list is all-inclusive.

Binders	Markers
Blackboard chalk	Notebooks
Book bags	Paintbrushes for artwork
Calculators	Paints (acrylic, tempora, and oil)
Cellophane tape	Paper (loose leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board, and construction paper)
Clay and glazes	Pencil boxes and other school supply boxes
Compasses	Pencil sharpeners
Composition books	Pencils
Crayons	Pens
Erasers	Protractors
Folders (expandable, pocket, plastic, and manila)	Rulers
Glue, paste, and paste sticks	Scissors
Highlighters	Sketch and drawing pads
Index card boxes	Watercolors
Index cards	Writing tablets
Legal pads	
Lunch boxes	

6. School instructional materials with a sales price of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or less per item.

“School instructional material” is written material commonly used by a student in a course of study as a reference and to learn the subject being taught. The term is mutually exclusive of the terms “school supply” and “computer supply.” The items listed below are included in the term and are therefore exempt from tax during the holiday period if the sales price of the item is \$300 or less per item. (Prior to the 2008 holiday, these items were categorized as “school supplies” and were exempt during the holiday period if the sales price of the item was \$100 or less per item.) This list is all-inclusive.

Reference books
Reference maps and globes
Textbooks
Workbooks