



Certificate for Purchases of Diesel Motor Fuel or Residual Petroleum Product for Farmers and Commercial Horse Boarding Operations

To purchasers and sellers: Carefully read the information on the back of this form and the certifications below before giving or accepting this certificate.

To sellers: You must collect the applicable taxes on the sale of diesel motor fuel or residual petroleum product unless the purchaser gives you a properly completed exemption document no later than 90 days after the delivery of the product sold. Keep the certificate for at least three years from the last sale covered by this certificate.

To purchasers: Complete this certificate and give it to the seller.

Please type or print

Table with 2 columns: Seller information (Name, Street address, City/State/ZIP) and Buyer information (Name, Street address, City/State/ZIP)

Single-purchase certificate. Enter invoice number and number of gallons.

Blanket certificate. This certificate will be considered part of any order given and will remain in effect until revoked by written notice from the purchaser or until the Tax Department notifies you that the purchaser may not make exempt purchases.

For diesel motor fuel purchases only (mark an X in the appropriate box in Part I and in Part II)

Part I (mark an X in box a or b)

- a The diesel motor fuel will be consumed directly and exclusively in the production of tangible personal property for sale by farming, and all of the diesel motor fuel covered by this certificate will be delivered to my farm site...
b The diesel motor fuel will be used or consumed either in the production of tangible personal property for sale by farming or in a commercial horse boarding operation...

Part II (mark an X in box c or d)

- c The total number of tax-exempt gallons of diesel motor fuel delivered directly to me from all sources for any 30-day period does not exceed 4,500 gallons.
d I have been granted clearance by the Department of Taxation and Finance to purchase diesel motor fuel tax exempt in amounts in excess of 4,500 gallons for each 30-day period.

For residual petroleum product purchases only (mark an X in the appropriate box in Part III)

Part III (mark an X in box e or f)

- e The residual petroleum product will be used or consumed directly and exclusively in the production of tangible personal property for sale by farming, and all of the residual petroleum product covered by this certificate will be delivered to my farm site...
f The residual petroleum product will be used or consumed in the production of tangible personal property for sale by farming or in a commercial horse boarding operation...

I certify that the above statements are true and complete, and I make these statements with the knowledge that willfully issuing a false or fraudulent certificate with the intent to evade tax is a misdemeanor under sections 1812(c)(4), 1812-f(c)(4), and 1817(m) of the New York State Tax Law and section 210.45 of the Penal Law, punishable by a fine up to \$10,000 for an individual or \$20,000 for a corporation.

Signature and Date fields for farmer, commercial horse boarding operator, or representative.

# Instructions

## General information

This form may be used by farmers and commercial horse boarding operators to purchase diesel motor fuel and residual petroleum product exempt from diesel motor fuel tax, petroleum business tax, and state and local sales taxes.

## Definitions

*Farming* includes agriculture, floriculture, horticulture, aquaculture, and silviculture; stock, dairy, poultry, fruit, fur bearing animal, truck, and tree farming; ranching; graping; operating nurseries, greenhouses, vineyard trellises, or other similar structures used primarily for the raising of agricultural, horticultural, vinicultural, viticultural, floricultural, or silvicultural commodities; operating orchards; raising, growing, and harvesting crops, livestock, and livestock products, as defined in subdivision 2 of section 301 of the Agriculture and Markets Law; and raising, growing, and harvesting woodland products, including, but not limited to, timber, logs, lumber, pulpwood, posts, and firewood.

*Commercial horse boarding operation* means an agricultural enterprise of at least seven acres and boarding at least 10 horses, regardless of ownership, that receives \$10,000 or more in gross receipts annually from fees generated either through:

- the boarding of horses; or
- the production for sale of crops, livestock, and livestock products; or
- both.

Under no circumstances shall this be construed to include operations whose primary on-site function is horse racing.

*Diesel motor fuel* means kerosene, crude oil, fuel oil or other middle distillate and also motor fuel suitable for use in the operation of an engine of the diesel type, excluding, however, any product specifically designated *No. 4 diesel fuel* and not suitable as a fuel used in the operation of a motor vehicle engine.

*Enhanced diesel motor fuel* is the product that results from the addition of kerosene or any other substance or additive, such as cetane improver, to fuel oil or other middle distillate that improves or enhances the middle distillate's performance in the operation of a diesel motor vehicle engine (other than the addition of a substance to No. 2 fuel oil for the purpose of lowering the cloud point or pour point). Enhanced diesel motor fuel includes any product designated as:

- diesel fuel;
- No. 1 diesel fuel;
- enhanced No. 2 fuel oil (the blended product that results from the mixing of No. 2 fuel oil with kerosene or cetane improver);
- No. 2 diesel fuel;
- any similar industry designation commonly applied to a fuel used in the operation of a diesel motor vehicle engine.

*Unenhanced diesel motor fuel* is No. 2 fuel oil, kero-jet fuel, kerosene, and other fuels of the diesel type that have not been enhanced.

## To the farmer or commercial horse boarding operator

This is the only certificate you may use to purchase, exempt from diesel motor fuel tax, petroleum business tax, or sales tax, diesel motor fuel or residual petroleum product for use in the production of tangible personal property for sale by farming or for use in a commercial horse boarding operation, or both.

**If you are a commercial fisherman, you may not use this form. You must pay the tax and apply for a refund** (see Form AU-631, *Claim for Refund/Reimbursement of Taxes Paid on Fuel Used in a Vessel Engaged in Commercial Fishing*).

The exemption for farmers from diesel motor fuel tax and petroleum business tax imposed on purchases of diesel motor fuel, or from petroleum business tax imposed on purchases of residual petroleum product, is limited to fuel used or consumed directly and exclusively in the production phase of farming. Purchases for use in administration, storage, or marketing, or for use indirectly in farming, do not qualify.

The exemption for farmers and commercial horse boarding operators from sales tax does not require the fuel to be used directly and exclusively in farm production or commercial horse boarding operations. The fuel must be used or consumed in the production of tangible personal property for sale by farming or in a commercial horse boarding operation, or both.

The exemption for farmers and commercial horse boarding operators from taxes on diesel motor fuel is limited to 4,500 gallons in a 30-day period, unless the farmer or commercial horse boarding operator obtains prior written clearance from the Tax Department (see the note below for the exemption for kerosene). To obtain prior written clearance, send a letter to the following address:

NYS TAX DEPARTMENT  
TTTB/FACCTS - FUELS AUDIT UNIT  
W A HARRIMAN CAMPUS  
ALBANY NY 12227-0250

**Note:** Kerosene is exempt from petroleum business tax if it is not blended or mixed with any other product constituting diesel motor fuel, motor fuel, or residual petroleum product, and is not sold or used in a motor vehicle or delivered into a tank equipped with a nozzle or other apparatus that can dispense fuel into a motor vehicle. The exemption from petroleum business tax for kerosene as described above is not subject to the 4,500 gallon limitation in Part II.

## Seller

You must be registered as a distributor of diesel motor fuel or as a retailer of heating oil only to sell diesel motor fuel for use directly and exclusively in the production of tangible personal property by farming. However, a retailer of heating oil only is not allowed to sell enhanced diesel motor fuel (box a).

To sell diesel motor fuel that is used (not directly and exclusively) in the production of tangible personal property by farming, or used in a commercial horse boarding operation, you must be registered as a distributor of diesel motor fuel (box b).

To sell residual petroleum product, you must be registered as a residual petroleum product business (boxes e and f).

If all entries have been completed and the certificate has been signed by the purchaser (or representative), you may accept the certificate in lieu of collecting tax on your sale of the fuel type described in the boxes marked.

The farmer or commercial horse boarding operator must give you an exemption certificate with all entries completed no later than 90 days after the delivery of the diesel motor fuel or residual petroleum product. Otherwise, the sale will be considered to have been taxable at the time the transaction took place. If, within the 90 days, you are given an exemption certificate that is deficient (for example, some required entries are left blank), it will be considered satisfactory if the deficiency is corrected within a reasonable period of time. If you do not receive the certificate within the 90 days, you will share with the purchaser the burden of proving the sale was exempt.

You must keep this exemption certificate for at least three years after either the due date of the last return to which it relates or the date when the return was filed (whichever is later). You must also maintain a method of associating an exempt sale made to a particular customer with the exemption certificate you have on file for that customer.

## Need help?



**Internet access:** [www.nystax.gov](http://www.nystax.gov)  
(for information, forms, and publications)



**Fax-on-demand forms:** 1 800 748-3676



**Telephone assistance** is available from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
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To order forms and publications: 1 800 462-8100  
Business Tax Information Center: 1 800 972-1233  
From areas outside the U.S. and outside Canada: (518) 485-6800

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