**Purchases and Indiana Sales or Use Tax**

The State of Indiana and its instrumentalities are not subject to sales or use tax on any purchases to be used primarily to carry out a governmental function. The governmental function of Indiana University is education, research and public service. Any purchases lying outside this function are a proprietary function and taxable. The [ST-105](https://controller.iu.edu/services/suppliers/st-105) is required for an exemption from Indiana sales tax on purchases.  The ST-105 is an official certificate from the state of Indiana which serves as proof of Indiana University's sales tax exempt status.

**Consult the**[**Purchases Matrix**](https://controller.iu.edu/compliance/form-library)**for specific guidance on exempt or taxable purchases.**

