

20 CLAIM FOR WELFARE EXEMPTION (ANNUAL FILING)



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To receive the full exemption, a claimant must complete and file this form with the Assessor by February 15.

Organization Name and Mailing Address: (Make necessary corrections in ink to the printed name and address.)

Empty box for Organization Name and Mailing Address

Property Location:

This organization owns rents/leases the real property at this location:

Empty box for Property Location details, including Property No. and Class.

Last year your organization received the Welfare Exemption for all or part of the property your organization owns at the location listed above. To continue receiving the exemption for the property you own at this location, you must complete, sign and return this claim form to the Assessor. A separate claim form is required for each location.

A. If you no longer seek an exemption at this location, check here, sign and return this form to the Assessor. Date Vacated:

B. If your organization is dissolved and therefore no longer needs an Organizational Clearance Certificate, check here

C. Check, if changed within the last year: Mailing Address Organization Name

D. Does your organization have a valid Organizational Clearance Certificate (OCC) issued by the State Board of Equalization? If yes, enter OCC No. and date issued

E. Have you amended the organization's formative documents (i.e., articles of incorporation, constitution, trust instrument, articles of organization) since last year? If yes, please mail a copy of the amendment to the State Board of Equalization, County-Assessed Properties Division, P.O. Box 942879, Sacramento, CA 94279-0064.

Read the information on the reverse side before completing. All questions must be answered. If the answer to any question is "YES," explain in an attachment or complete the referenced form.

Identify the property that your organization owns at this location:

- Real property (land/buildings/improvements) Personal property Taxable Possessory Interest

YES NO Since January 1, last year:

- 1. Have any of the activities or use on any portion of the property that received an exemption last year changed?
2. Is any portion of this property being used for exempt purposes that was not being used in that manner last year?
3. Is any portion of this property vacant or unused?
4. Is any portion of this property used as a retail outlet or for other fundraising purposes?
5. Is any portion of the property used for living quarters?
6. Do other persons or organizations use any of this property?
7. Did this or any portion of this property generate taxable "unrelated business taxable income," as defined in section 512 of the Internal Revenue Code?
8. Have the organization's income and/or expenses increased by more than 25 percent since last year?
9. Is there any equipment or property at this location that is leased or rented to the claimant?

NAME OF PERSON TO CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (please print) DAYTIME TELEPHONE

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing and all information hereon, including any accompanying statements or documents, is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT TITLE DATE

EMAIL ADDRESS

ASSESSOR'S USE ONLY

Approved: ALL PART Denied Reason(s) for Denial:

THIS DOCUMENT IS SUBJECT TO PUBLIC INSPECTION



**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Welfare Exemption is available only to property, real or personal, **owned** by a religious, charitable, hospital, or scientific organization and **used exclusively** for religious, charitable, hospital, or scientific purposes. It is also available on a taxable possessory interest in publically owned real property used for exempt purposes by an organization that qualifies for the welfare exemption. A public owner is a local, state or federal agency.

To be eligible for the full exemption, the claimant **must** file a claim each year on or before February 15. Only 90 percent of any tax, penalty, or interest may be canceled or refunded when a claim is filed between February 16 and December 31 of the current year. If the application is filed on or after January 1 of the next year, only 85 percent of any tax, penalty, or interest may be canceled or refunded. The tax, penalty, and interest for a given year may not exceed \$250. A separate claim must be completed and filed for each property for which exemption is sought.

In accordance with Revenue and Taxation Code section 254.5(b)(2), the assessor may institute an audit or verification of the property's use to determine whether both the owner and user of the property meet the requirements of Revenue and Taxation Code section 214.

**ORGANIZATIONAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE**

The Assessor may not approve a property tax exemption claim until the claimant has been issued a valid *Organizational Clearance Certificate* (OCC) by the State Board of Equalization. If you are seeking exemption on this property, you must provide the organization's OCC No. and date issued. A listing of organizations with valid OCCs is available on the Board's website ([www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov)) and can be accessed at [www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/welfareeligible.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/welfareeligible.htm). You may also contact the Board at 1-916-274-3430.

**HOUSING**

If question 5, box "Other" is checked, the portion of the property used for living quarters (since January 1 of the prior year). Submit (1) documentation, including tenets, canons, or written policy, that indicates the organization requires housing be provided to employees and/or volunteers, or (2) include statement why such housing is incidental to and reasonably necessary for the exempt purpose of the organization. If the documentation described in items (1) or (2) has been submitted in a previous year for this location, please submit documentation including the occupant's position or role in the organization with a statement indicating that the housing continues to be used for organization's exempt purpose. (This question is not applicable where the exempt activity is **providing housing**.)

**USE OF THE PROPERTY BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

If question 8 is answered **yes**, and your organization's real property is used by another party submit BOE-267-O. If another party only uses your personal property, then submit an attachment providing the requested information for such personal property and confirm that no real property is used by other parties. The lease does not need to be provided if furnished in a prior year.

**UNRELATED BUSINESS TAXABLE INCOME**

If question 9 is answered **yes**, you must attach the following to the claim:

- the organization's information and tax returns, including Form 990-T, filed with the Internal Revenue Service for its immediately preceding year;
- a statement setting forth the amount of time devoted to the organization's income-producing and to its non income-producing activities and, where applicable, a description of that portion of the property on which those activities are conducted;
- a statement listing the specific activities and locations which produce unrelated business taxable income; and
- a statement setting forth the amount of income of the organization that is attributable to activities in this state and is exempt from income or franchise taxation and the amount of total income of the organization that is attributable to activities in this state.

| ASSESSED VALUES |                          |              |                   |          |       |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------|-------|
| ITEM            | TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE OF: |              |                   |          |       |
|                 | LAND                     | IMPROVEMENTS | PERSONAL PROPERTY | FIXTURES | TOTAL |
|                 |                          |              |                   |          |       |
|                 |                          |              |                   |          |       |
| ITEM            | EXEMPTION ALLOWED        |              |                   |          |       |
|                 | LAND                     | IMPROVEMENTS | PERSONAL PROPERTY | FIXTURES | TOTAL |
|                 |                          |              |                   |          |       |
|                 |                          |              |                   |          |       |

If another exemption, such as the church, religious, etc., was allowed this year on a portion of the property described in the claim, indicate the type and amount of the exemption: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(type) (amount)

By \_\_\_\_\_ (Assessor or designee) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

