

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.

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. In no case, however, is the tax, penalty, and interest for a given year to exceed \$250. A separate claim must be completed and filed for each property for which exemption is sought.

ORGANIZATIONAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

According to statutory provisions, the Assessor may not approve a property tax exemption claim until the claimant has been issued a valid *Organizational Clearance Certificate* issued 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 *Organizational Clearance Certificates* is available on the Board's website at www.boe.ca.gov and can be accessed through 1) Property Taxes, 2) Welfare and Veteran's Organization Exemption, 3) List of Eligible Organizations. You may also contact the Board at 916-274-3430.

HOUSING

If question 5 is answered **yes**, describe 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**.)

OWNER/OPERATOR

An organization that uses property belonging to another exempt organization must file and qualify for the exemption if it uses the property **more than once a week**. If that organization does not file and qualify, the owner organization will lose its exemption on any part of their property used by the non-qualifying organization. If an operator (non-owner) of the property files late, the part of the property used by that organization is subject to late filing. An organization that uses the property **once a week or less** does not need to file the Welfare Exemption Claim, but must provide evidence of exempt status under section 501 (C)(3) or 501 (C)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code or sections 23701d or 23701f of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

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 990T, 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.

SIGNATURE

An officer or duly authorized representative of the organization **owning** the property must sign the claim. An officer or duly authorized representative of the organization **operating** the property must sign and file a separate claim. If an organization both owns and operates the property, only one claim need be signed and filed with the Assessor.

ASSESSOR'S USE ONLY								
ASSESSED VALUES								
ITEM	TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE OF:				EXEMPTION ALLOWED ON:			
	LAND	IMP	PERS. PROP	TOTAL	LAND	IMP	PERS. PROP	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 _____ (date) _____
 (Assessor or designee)

