

INDUSTRY GUIDANCE

Category:	Pharmacies & Drug Stores	Tax Type:	Sales & Use Tax
Brief Description:	Pharmacies & Drug Stores Tax Matrix	Effective Date:	10-24-2022
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The taxability of sales and purchases of tangible personal property and labor services by pharmacies and drug store industries are summarized below. While this document provides general information as to the taxability of sales and purchases of tangible personal property and labor services by businesses in the pharmacy and drug store industry, it may not necessarily cover every situation as the taxability may depend on facts and circumstances around the specific transaction. Should a more definitive determination be desired, businesses may request a letter ruling from the Department. [MODOR Letter Ruling Page](#)

This list is not all-inclusive.

Missouri sales or use tax applies to those purchases identified or designated as taxable in the chart below. The applicable Missouri sales or Missouri consumer's use tax must be paid to the vendor or accrued and remitted directly to the Missouri Department of Revenue. Purchases from Missouri vendors should be reported using the retailer's sales tax return. Purchases from outside this state which are delivered to this state are to be reported on the Missouri consumer's use tax return.

Sales by Pharmacies & Drug Stores:	Taxable/Exempt
Prescription drugs sold at retail prescribed by a licensed health care practitioner	Exempt
Nonprescription drugs sold at retail	Taxable
Durable medical equipment including iron lungs, oxygen tents, hospital beds, and wheelchairs	Exempt
Orthopedic devices such as artificial legs, arms and eyes, back supports, elbow supports, finger splints, thumb protectors, trusses, and wrist supports	Exempt
Prosthetic devices such as anesthesia/oxygen masks, cardiac pacemakers, dialyzer, hemodialysis equipment, and stents	Exempt
Vitamins and dietary supplements either prescribed or not prescribed by a licensed health care practitioner (supplement facts label)	Taxable (full tax rate)
Vitamins and dietary supplements either prescribed or not prescribed by a licensed health care practitioner (nutrition facts label)	Taxable (reduced food tax rate)
Over-the-counter drugs prescribed by a licensed health care practitioner	Exempt
Over-the-counter drugs without a prescription	Taxable
Medicines & treatments such as cough, cold & flu, allergy & sinus, digestive health & nausea, homeopathic remedies etc.	Taxable

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Sales by Pharmacies & Drug Stores (continued):	Taxable/Exempt
Hearing aids and hearing aid supplies	Exempt
Blood pressure equipment	Taxable
Medical grade oxygen, oxygen tubing, and home ventilator equipment	Exempt
Insulin sales	Exempt
Insulin pumps	Exempt
Glucose monitoring system	Taxable
Blood testing strips	Taxable
Wound care supplies	Taxable
Health related equipment and accessories including but not limited to ambulatory parts, braille writers, electronic braille equipment, stairway lifts, home respiratory equipment & accessories etc.	Exempt
Testing services including covid tests, flu tests etc.	Exempt
Sound amplifier products	Taxable
Household essentials such as laundry care, cleaning supplies, trash bags, toilet paper, trash bags, etc.	Taxable
Home goods such as home decor, storage & organization, small appliances, arts & crafts, outdoor living, etc.	Taxable
Beauty products such as skin care, make up, hair care, fragrance, sun care, bath & body, etc.	Taxable
Feminine hygiene products for managing menstrual flow	Exempt
Hygiene products for urinary incontinence	Exempt
Child or adult diapers	Exempt

Purchases by Pharmacies & Drug Stores:	Taxable/Exempt
Prescription drugs and insulin	Exempt
Prescription packaging items including but not limited to tubes, vials, jars, bottles, bags, oral syringes, boxes, labels, etc.	Exempt
Merchandise taken from inventory for store use or consumption	Taxable

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Purchases by Pharmacies & Drug Stores (continued):	Taxable/Exempt
Items used in the course of the business such as pill counting devices, mortars, pestles, medication measuring scales & devices, spatulas, spoons, scoops, gloves, tape, security seals, etc.	Taxable
Automated photo printing and developing equipment	Taxable
Promotional items including but not limited to calendars, mugs, clothing, balloons, etc.	Taxable
Complimentary bottled water, soft drinks, coffee, creamer, sugar, cups and stir sticks, candy, etc.	Taxable
Refrigerators, lab coats, smocks, safes, filing cabinets and boxes, bins, etc.	Taxable
Paper and plastic bags, wire, ties, tape, bubble wrap, gift boxes, giftwrap, and other supplies used for items sold	Exempt
Compounding equipment	Taxable
Shelving, display racks, shopping carts, bar code scanners, checkout counters, display cases, storage cabinets, cash registers, floor mats, etc.	Taxable
Furniture and fixtures, including but not limited to desks, lamps, tables, chairs, artwork, signs, plants and planters, shelving, etc.	Taxable
Office supplies such as staplers, paper, pens, pencils, labels, business cards, paper, toner, cartridges, etc.	Taxable
Break room supplies used such as microwaves, refrigerators, paper products, etc.	Taxable
Janitorial supplies such as vacuums, sweepers, carpet cleaners, rags, floor waxers, etc.	Taxable
Pest control services	Exempt
Utilities	Taxable
Specialty advertising	Taxable
Media advertising	Exempt
Security cameras, security tags, tag detachers, mirrors, and other security related equipment purchased	Taxable
Security monitoring service	Exempt
Newspaper and magazine subscriptions, including promotional brochures, reference books and materials, etc.	Taxable
Canned software and software upgrades to maintain or update software delivered via CD Rom	Taxable
Canned software provided via electronic download through the internet	Exempt
Custom software and software upgrades to maintain or update software developed for a single end user	Exempt

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TAX MATRIX

Purchases by Pharmacies & Drug Stores (continued):	Taxable/Exempt
Repairs, maintenance, and remodeling services to existing structure/facility through a hired contractor	Exempt
Repair and replacement parts for repairing, altering, or maintaining tangible personal property such as computers, printers, copiers, security equipment, etc.	Taxable
Warranty or service agreements for tangible personal property such as computers, printers, copiers, security equipment, etc.	Exempt