



# Information Bulletin

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## THE PROVINCIAL SALES TAX ACT

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### PST EXEMPTION ON NEW ENERGY STAR® QUALIFIED FURNACES, BOILERS AND HEAT PUMPS

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This notice is to advise that the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) exemption for qualifying energy-efficient residential furnaces and boilers has been expanded to include qualifying energy-efficient heat pumps. For the period beginning November 8, 2005 until March 31, 2007, qualifying energy-efficient furnaces and boilers are exempt from PST if purchased or leased for a continuous period of one year or more. For the period beginning July 1, 2006 until March 31, 2007 qualifying ground and air source heat pumps, are exempt from PST if purchased or leased for a continuous period of one year or more.

#### What Qualifies?

New forced-air furnaces, boilers, ground and air source heat pumps qualify for an exemption from PST if, at the time of purchase or lease, they are listed as "ENERGY STAR®<sup>1</sup> Qualified" by the Office of Energy Efficiency, Natural Resources Canada. A listing of the qualifying furnaces, boilers, ground and air source heat pumps that are ENERGY STAR® qualified may be found on the Natural Resources Canada website at <http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/energystar/english/consumers/heating.cfm>. This list provides information on the brand names and model numbers of qualifying furnaces, boilers, ground and air source heat pumps. This list is made up of energy-efficient furnaces, boilers, ground and air source heat pumps that are normally used for residential purposes. A qualifying unit does not need to be installed in a residence in order to be eligible for the tax exemption.

The exemption applies to all parts and equipment that form part of the new furnace, boiler, ground and air source heat pump, as supplied by the manufacturer or system installer at the time of purchase or installation. The exemption does not include ground loop piping or circulating pumps, back-up electrical elements and heat distribution systems such as in-floor tubing or ductwork used to circulate air in a house or thermostats. Parts or repair services provided after that time are not eligible for the exemption.

<sup>1</sup> The ENERGY STAR® mark is administered and promoted in Canada by Natural Resources Canada and is registered in Canada by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

### **When Does the Exemption Apply to a Purchase?**

The effective date of the exemption for qualifying furnaces and boilers is November 8, 2005, and for qualifying ground and air source heat pumps the effective date is July 1, 2006. The exemption applies to all eligible purchases that occur on or after those dates but before April 1, 2007.

The exemption applies to a qualifying furnace, boiler or heat pump that is:

- purchased on or after the effective date; or
- ordered before the effective date, with or without a deposit, and paid for and delivered after the effective date, unless title passed before the effective date.

The exemption does not apply to a furnace, boiler or heat pump that is:

- purchased before the effective date;
- purchased by credit card or billed to a credit account before the effective date, regardless of when that credit charge is paid or when delivery occurs; or
- in all other situations where title or possession passed before the effective date.

### **When Does the Exemption Apply to a Lease?**

The exemption applies to leases for qualifying furnaces and boilers that are entered into on or after November 8, 2005 but before April 1, 2007, and for qualifying heat pumps that are entered into on or after July 1, 2006 but before April 1, 2007.

The exemption does not apply to lease payments that were paid or become payable after the effective date if the lease was entered into before November 8, 2005, for qualifying furnaces and boilers; or July 1, 2006 for qualifying heat pumps.

### **Refunds for Contractors**

Contractors who purchased and paid tax on qualifying furnaces or boilers prior to November 8, 2005, but have not yet installed them, may obtain a refund of PST paid. Installation of the qualifying item must take place between November 8, 2005 and March 31, 2007. All refund claims should be directed to Saskatchewan Finance at the address below.

### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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