



# TAX EXEMPTION CARDS

The U.S. Department of State issues tax exemption cards to eligible foreign missions, accredited members and dependents on the basis of international law and reciprocity. These cards authorize exemption from sales tax, occupancy tax, and similarly imposed taxes at the point of sale.

Please verify the validity of a tax exemption card at <https://ofmapps.state.gov/tecv/> or by contacting the **Office of Foreign Missions (OFM)** during business hours:

✓ **YES** *most goods and services, hotel stays, and restaurant meals (subject to restrictions)*

✗ **NO** *motor vehicles, gasoline/diesel fuel, utility services, or property tax (requests must be sent to OFM)*

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For more information, please visit <http://www.state.gov/ofm/tax>.

## OFFICIAL PURCHASES

- ▶ Used by missions
- ▶ Payment in mission's name
- ▶ Individual pictured need not be present
- ▶ **OWL:** no restrictions
- ▶ **BUFFALO:** some restrictions (please read card)



## PERSONAL PURCHASES

- ▶ Not transferable
- ▶ Any form of payment
- ▶ For benefit of individual pictured
- ▶ **EAGLE:** no restrictions
- ▶ **DEER:** some restrictions (please read card)



# AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN TAX EXEMPTION CARDS

Under U.S. law, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO), Taipei Economic and Cultural Offices (TECOs), their eligible employees and dependents are also eligible for tax exemption privileges. These privileges are authorized by the **American Institute in Taiwan (AIT)** and not the U.S. Department of State.

Please verify the validity of an AIT tax exemption card at <https://ofmapps.state.gov/tec/> or by contacting AIT during business hours at **(703) 525-8474**.

Like the other tax exemption cards, these cards authorize exemption from sales tax, occupancy tax, and similarly imposed taxes at the point of sale.

✓ **YES** *most goods and services, hotel stays, and restaurant meals*

✗ **NO** *motor vehicles, gasoline/diesel fuel, utility services, or property tax (requests must be sent to AIT)*

## OFFICIAL PURCHASES

- ▶ Used by TECRO/TECO
- ▶ Payment in TECRO/TECO's name
- ▶ Individual pictured need not be present
- ▶ **OWL: no restrictions**



## PERSONAL PURCHASES

- ▶ Not transferable
- ▶ Any form of payment
- ▶ For benefit of individual pictured
- ▶ **EAGLE: no restrictions**

