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**CHURCH LESSORS' EXEMPTION CLAIM**

PROPERTY LEASED BY A CHURCH TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL, COMMUNITY COLLEGE, STATE COLLEGE, OR STATE UNIVERSITY, INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, USED JOINTLY WITH A CHURCH

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS  
*(Make necessary corrections to the printed name and mailing address)*

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To receive the full exemption, this claim must be filed with the Assessor by February 15.

**IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICANT**

LESSOR'S CHURCH OR ORGANIZATION NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
CORPORATE ID (IF ANY) \_\_\_\_\_

**IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY**

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY (NUMBER AND STREET) \_\_\_\_\_ FISCAL YEAR OF CLAIM 20\_\_ - 20\_\_  
CITY, COUNTY, ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**USE OF PROPERTY**  Check and state the primary and incidental qualifying uses of the property.

The exemption claim is made for the following property: *(if there are numerous properties, please attach a list that clearly identifies the property and the name and address of the lessee)*

PROPERTY TYPE	PRIMARY USE(S)	INCIDENTAL USE
<input type="checkbox"/> Land		
<input type="checkbox"/> Buildings and Improvements		
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Property		

NAME OF QUALIFYING PUBLIC SCHOOL INSTITUTION \_\_\_\_\_  
MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No The total income received by the church in the form of rents, fees, or charges from the lease does not exceed the ordinary and usual expenses in maintaining and operating the leased property.

**An affidavit must be attached in which the lessee declares it uses the property for exempt purposes.**

**CERTIFICATION**

*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 and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

SIGNATURE OF PERSON MAKING CLAIM ▶ _____	DATE _____
NAME OF PERSON MAKING CLAIM _____	TITLE _____
EMAIL ADDRESS _____	DAYTIME TELEPHONE ( ) _____

**THIS DOCUMENT IS SUBJECT TO PUBLIC INSPECTION**



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING CHURCH LESSORS' EXEMPTION CLAIM

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

This claim may be filed to claim the welfare exemption on property leased by a church to a public school, community college, state college, state university, including the University of California when the church and public school or college both use the property in a joint manner. (See Revenue and Taxation Code section 214.6.)

Although the church has previously been granted the religious exemption, which only requires a one-time filing, annual filing of this claim form is required for a property used in conjunction with a public school to be granted the welfare exemption.

Failure to submit the public school or college lessee's affidavit will result in denial of the exemption for the lessor. Submission of the lessee's affidavit after the date the lessors' claim form is due will result in a portion of the exemption being denied. A sample affidavit is included as page 3 of this form.

### IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

Enter your church, corporate or organization information.

### IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY

Enter the address of the property for which you are seeking exemption.

### FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year for which an exemption is sought must be entered correctly. The proper fiscal year follows the lien date (12:01 a.m., January 1) as of which the taxable or exempt status of the property is determined. For example, a person filing a timely claim in February 2011 would enter "2011-2012" on line four of the claim; a "2010-2011" entry on a claim filed in February 2011 would signify that a late claim was being filed for the preceding fiscal year.

### USES OF PROPERTY

Check each of the types of property being claimed, and state the primary and incidental uses of the property. Primary use may include both church and school use; incidental uses would include others who use the property for meetings, receptions, etc.

Enter the name and address of the public school or college lessee. If additional space is required, or if more than one lessee is being listed, attach an itemized list.

Check the appropriate box to affirm that the total income received by the church in the form of rents, fees, or charges from the lease does not exceed the ordinary and usual expenses in maintaining and operating the leased property. The exemption is not available if the income exceeds the ordinary and usual expenses in maintaining and operating the leased property.

Attach an affidavit in which the public school or college lessee declares it uses the property for exempt purposes.

If the property, or a portion thereof, for which exemption is claimed is a student bookstore that generates unrelated business taxable income as defined in section 512 of the Internal Revenue Code, property taxes are determined by establishing a ratio of the unrelated business taxable income to the bookstore's gross income.



