


Alabama's Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday

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 **12:01** **12:01 a.m. 3rd Friday in July:** The time the sales tax holiday starts each year. The tax-free weekend ends at **midnight of the 3rd Sunday in July.** Plan for extended hours during the weekend.

10% Many cities and counties will also waive their local tax, meaning a savings of up to 10 percent in those Alabama localities.

18 The number of states, including Alabama, with a back-to-school sales tax holiday.

\$75⁰ OR LESS Single purchases of computers, tablets and computer equipment with this selling price are tax free.



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The number of years Alabama has had a back-to-school sales tax holiday. The first sales tax holiday was in August 2006. It moved to July in 2017.

4% The amount of tax saved statewide on the qualified items

MORE THAN 300

The number of cities and counties that usually participate in the sales tax holiday. Thirty days out, cities and counties must notify the state of their plans to add their savings to the tax holiday.

\$50 OR LESS

Each of the qualified school supplies can cost this amount and still be tax free. Not every item on schools' supply list will be tax free. Place copies of the Quick Reference at cash registers, group tax free items in a special display and/or create distinctive signage for tax-exempt school supplies.



For more free resources relating to the sales tax holiday, visit:

[alabamaretail.org/
alabamasalestaxholidays](http://alabamaretail.org/alabamasalestaxholidays)

There you will find a quick reference sheet of tax-exempt items and a downloadable promotional poster to help guide you and your employees through the holiday.



\$100 OR LESS

Value of each item of clothing (including diapers) customers can buy tax free during the weekend.

\$30 OR LESS Each book can be this much, and buyers pay no sales tax. Textbooks valued at \$50 or less also can be purchased tax free.

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