

DELAWARE FORM 5506CPE-0505  
Exemption from Public Utility Tax Upon Cell Phones  
INSTRUCTIONS

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**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION**

Section 5506(e) of Title 30 of the Delaware Code exempts from the Delaware public utility tax cell phone telecommunication services that are provided to residential consumers. In order to be eligible for the exemption, the consumer must demonstrate that their cell phone is the only means of telecommunication at their permanent residence and that no other operating telecommunication lines exist at the residence for the purpose of telephone, internet or fax communication. **The consumer must complete Form 5506CPE-0505 on an annual basis to maintain the exemption.** Please complete the form immediately and return to the Delaware Division of Revenue for the current year exemption.

Form 5506CPE-0505 must be completed and returned by December 31<sup>st</sup> in order to maintain the succeeding year's exemption. Please mail the completed form to:

Delaware Division of Revenue  
Business Audit Bureau  
820 North French Street  
Wilmington, DE 19801.

If you need assistance completing this form, please contact the Business Audit Bureau at (302) 577-8783.

**SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS**

- Line 1.** Enter the social security number of the person claiming the exemption.
- Line 2.** Enter the name of the person claiming the exemption.
- Line 3.** Enter the permanent residential address of the person claiming the exemption. A post office box address is not considered a valid address. A person owning/leasing a secondary home without active telecommunication lines cannot use the secondary address to obtain the exemption, irrespective of whether the secondary home is your only Delaware address.
- Line 4.** Enter the cell phone number of the person claiming the exemption.
- Line 5.** Enter the name of the cell phone provider that is currently providing cell phone service to the person claiming the exemption.
- Line 6.** Please check "Owner/Lessee" if the person claiming the exemption is the owner of record of the residence or whose name appears as the lessee on the lease agreement of the residence. Check "Other" if you are not the owner or lessee of the residence but permanently resides at the address. Please explain your relationship to the owner or lessee of the residence.

**YOU MUST FURNISH A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT CELL PHONE BILL AND DRIVER'S LICENSE, OR ANOTHER DOCUMENT WITH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS. THE DOCUMENT MAY BE A PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD, UTILITY BILL, PROPERTY TAX BILL, OR PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT.**

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**Line 7.** Please check “Yes” if the residence is equipped with an operating Internet telecommunication line connection for a computer and proceed to Question 8. Check “No” if no Internet telecommunication line connection exists or is not currently active and proceed to Question 9.

**Line 8.** You indicated in Question 7 that the residence is equipped with an operating Internet telecommunication line connection. Please indicate the type of Internet line connection that is currently installed and active in the residence.

**Line 9.** Please check “Yes” if the residence is equipped with an operating fax telecommunication line connection and proceed to Question 10. Check “No” if no fax telecommunication line connection exists or is not currently active and sign and date the exemption application and send to the address specified above.

**Line 10.** You indicated in Question 9 that the residence is equipped with an operating fax telecommunication line connection.

Please indicate the type of fax line connection that is currently installed and active in the residence.

After completing this application for exemption, please mail the application to the address indicated in the General Instructions. Upon review by the Delaware Division of Revenue, a letter will be mailed to your permanent residence to advise you of the Division’s determination. If approved, you will be required to send the approval letter to your current cell phone provider to have the Delaware public utility tax removed from your cell phone bill.

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