

COLLEGE of CHARLESTON

Ways To Save Money

Saving Money On Computer and Qualifying Merchandise Purchases:

You can save money by purchasing computers and other eligible items during South Carolina's Sales Tax Holiday, 7-9 August 2009. You do not have to be a SC resident to qualify. SC residents simply make your purchases during the qualifying period whether online or at retail stores.

Out-of-state residents qualify for the sales tax exemption by purchasing the computer or other eligible merchandise online or telephone during the qualifying period and having it shipped to a valid SC mailing address. A student's official CofC mailing address obtained from Mail Services (843-953-5534) qualifies!

The packages are usually here when students arrive on campus. Some merchants may even allow purchases to be picked up at one of their local retail outlets, so it pays to inquire about such options when making your purchases. Details and a list of eligible items are currently posted at www.sctax.org/2009SalesTaxHolidayDates.

(NOTE: Many items at the CofC Bookstore qualify. Contact us at computerinfo@cofc.edu if you have questions. Other states such as GA and NC have similar tax free weekends. Check with your state's tax office for information.

Potential Savings for Military Personnel/Dependents:

Dell and Apple computers, as well as other brands, can be purchased through the Military Exchange online catalog (www.aafes.com). Use our recommended laptop features as a guide and compare the pricing in order to get the best deal possible.

In addition, the Exchange system has preferred vendor relationships with Office Depot and Books A Million. Enter the web sites of these vendors through the Exchange online and you can purchase computers, school supplies, electronics, and textbooks at reduced prices and no sales taxes. Shipping is free when you use the Military Star credit card to make your purchase.

Normally, free shipping applies to other credit cards if the purchase exceeds \$49. You owe it to yourselves to check out qualifying vendors and compare pricing.