



Sales and Use Tax Exclusion (STE) Program Notice of Application Periods 2026 Calendar Year

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Applications for the STE Program will be accepted **by 1:00 PM of the last day** during the following periods:

Application Periods and Deadlines to Submit Applications	Tentative Board Meeting Dates to consider Applications	Amount of Sales and Use Tax Exclusion Available to Award
April 10, 2026 through May 1, 2026	August 18, 2026	\$98,101,831 ¹
August 7, 2026 through August 28, 2026	December 8, 2026	Any remaining unawarded amounts from the previous application period ²

IMPORTANT: Please read this announcement in its entirety.

The Executive Director may reschedule or amend any previously announced application period by providing notice on the Authority website and may reschedule or relocate any previously announced Authority Board meeting so long as the information is posted on the Authority website at least ten (10) days before the scheduled meeting.

Please note that CAEATFA is currently undergoing regulatory changes to the STE Program and as a result, the relevant application materials are not yet available. Once the updated regulations are effective and the application materials have been revised to reflect these changes, [the new application materials will be posted on the STE website here](#). Applicants may refer to the current application materials to better understand the scoring criteria and the type of information that will be required; however, **new application materials will be released in April 2026 prior to the start of the first application period. CAEATFA will not consider any submissions using outdated versions of the application.**

For more information, please visit the [STE page on the California State Treasurer Site here](#).

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¹ Pursuant to program regulation Section 10032(a)(7)(A), when the amount requested in the final (2025) Application considered exceeds the STE available in the calendar year, the Authority shall award the remaining STE request using STE from the following calendar year, up to \$2 million in STE.

² Pursuant to program regulation Section 10032(a)(6), to the extent the total sales and use tax exclusion awarded during the calendar year reaches the Statutory Cap, additional Applications will not be reviewed during that calendar year. Applications that are received but not awarded due to the Statutory Cap will be placed on a waiting list. To the extent that additional STE becomes available during the calendar year, it will be awarded first to the last Applicant considered, if that Applicant did not receive its full STE request, then Applications on the waiting list will be reviewed and presented to the CAEATFA Board for approval in the order in which those Applications are ranked based on Competitive Criteria.