



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

**NONRESIDENT REAL ESTATE WITHHOLDING**

**I-290**

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Mail to: South Carolina Department of Revenue, Real Estate Withholding, Columbia, SC 29214-0024  
Website: [www.sctax.org](http://www.sctax.org)

Location of Property		Date of Withholding (PD CVD)		
County	Tax Map No.	Month	Date	Year
Seller's Name and Address (this block must be completed)				
▶				
Seller's FEI or SSN (this block is required)				
▶				
Buyer's Name and Address				
Buyer's FEI or SSN		Date of Closing		
		Month	Date	Year
1. The amount withheld is based on (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Gain, if seller provides affidavit of gain (if installment sale, see reverse side) <input type="checkbox"/> Amount realized, if no affidavit of gain is provided (if installment sale, see reverse side)		1.		
2. Check appropriate % and multiply by amount on line 1. 7% <input type="checkbox"/> If seller is not a corporation 14-0812-0004 5% <input type="checkbox"/> If seller is a corporation 14-0812-0003		▶ 2.		
3. Total payment to seller (gross sales price less selling expenses less certain mortgages paid or assumed).		3.		
4. Compare lines 2 and 3, enter the smaller amount. Send this amount with this form to the above address		▶ 4.		
5. <input type="checkbox"/> The Seller has elected out of installment sales treatment for South Carolina purposes. (See reverse side.)				
6. Due date of first installment _____				
7. The seller is to receive payment in the following manner: <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Attach an explanation				
<b>Two copies of this form should be given to each seller each time the buyer remits a withholding payment to the South Carolina Department of Revenue.</b> I -290 must be completed for <b>each</b> seller.				
When signing this form, it is important that the information contained in your report be correct and complete. To wilfully furnish a false or fraudulent statement to the Department is a crime.				
Buyer's Signature _____ Name _____ Date ____/____/____				
Telephone (____) _____ Title _____				

## Form I-290

Anyone making payment to a nonresident seller for the purchase of real property or real and associated tangible personal property must deduct and withhold on the sale. A copy of SC Revenue Advisory Bulletin #02-6 regarding nonresident seller withholding may be obtained from our website at [www.sctax.org](http://www.sctax.org) or by calling (803) 898-5320.

### ABBREVIATED INSTRUCTIONS:

**You must complete** information concerning the location of property, date of withholding (date of payment), the seller's name, and address, **seller's SSN or FEI number**, buyer's name and address, and buyer's SSN or FEI number, and the date of closing (date of sale of property). Only in the case of installment sales will the date of withholding and the date of closing be a different date.

Nonresidents should also file an income tax return during the appropriate filing season, reporting the capital gain from the sale and take credit for the nonresident real estate withholding. Individuals that are filing an individual income tax return, if there is more than one seller (filing separate individual income tax returns), then separate I-290 forms should be filed. If the seller is a partnership, subchapter S corporation, estate or trust, the buyer should issue one I-290 to the entity, reporting the total amount of withholding (using the federal identification number). The entity will then allocate the tax withheld to each partner, shareholder or beneficiary in proportion to their percent of ownership in the property sold.

Four copies should be completed for each sale. The buyer should send one copy to the Department of Revenue with payment of the withheld amount. The seller should receive two copies, one to be sent in with his income tax return reporting the sale and one for his records. The buyer should retain one copy for his record.

**Line 1** - The amount realized on the sale is the selling price less selling expenses. The term is defined in Internal Revenue Code §1001(b) as adopted for South Carolina income tax purposes. Amount realized is the figure used for computing gain or loss by subtracting the basis of the property. However, if the seller provides the buyer with an affidavit (I-295) stating the amount of gain he is required to recognize on the sale, the buyer must withhold based on gain. Form I-295 can be obtained from our website: [www.sctax.org](http://www.sctax.org)

If the transaction reported is an installment sale, enter on line 1 only the portion of gain (if the seller provided an affidavit of gain) or the portion of the amount realized (if the seller does not provide an affidavit of gain ) the withholding payment is based upon. If the election on line 5 is made, line 1 should indicate the entire gain if an affidavit of gain is provided by seller.

**Line 3** - Selling expenses include real estate commissions, advertising fees, legal fees, deed recording fees and termite or heat/air letter fees. The net proceeds payable to the seller is computed by reducing the sales price by mortgages or liens paid at closing on the property being sold and selling expenses. Mortgages, liens, advances on credit lines, and other debt secured by the properties assumed by the buyer in contemplation of the sale may not be deducted from the sales price. Loans or advances where the entire proceeds are used to purchase or improve the property being sold are not loans in contemplation of the sale. Unless the buyer knows otherwise, the buyer can presume that any liens, mortgages, or advances on credit lines made more than one year before the closing are not in contemplation of the sale and may be deducted. If the lien, mortgage, or credit line advance is made less than one year prior to the closing, the buyer cannot deduct the mortgage, lien, or credit line advance unless the buyer obtains an affidavit from the seller, which states that the loan or advance was not made in contemplation of the sale.

**Line 5** - The seller may give the buyer an affidavit (I-295) stating that, for South Carolina income tax purposes, he elects out of the installment sales treatment and chooses to remit the amount of tax due on the entire gain by its due date.

**Remitting the tax** - I-290 must be completed for each seller. The withholding must be paid on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the month in which the sale took place. Withholding on an installment sale, however, is not required where the total amount required to be withheld for the entire year would be less than \$350. Also, withholding on installment sales when the amount to be withheld is less than \$500 the buyer may wait to remit the amounts withheld to the Department of Revenue until the 15th day of the month following the month when the amounts withheld equals \$500 or more. However, if amounts withheld during a calendar year do not equal \$500 they must be remitted to the Department of Revenue by January 15th of the following year. See SC Revenue Advisory Bulletin #02-6 regarding installment sales.

See Form I-290X for refund prior to the end of the tax year of the sale. After year end, the appropriate income tax return must be used.

### Social Security Privacy Act

It is mandatory that you provide your social security number on this tax form. 42 U.S.C 405(c)(2)(C)(i) permits a state to use an individual's social security number as means of identification in administration of any tax. SC Regulation 117-201 mandates that any person required to make a return to the SC Department of Revenue shall provide identifying numbers, as prescribed, for securing proper identification. Your social security number is used for identification purposes.

### The Family Privacy Protection Act

Under the Family Privacy Protection Act, the collection of personal information from citizens by the Department of Revenue is limited to the information necessary for the Department to fulfill its statutory duties. In most instances, once this information is collected by the Department, it is protected by law from public disclosure. In those situations where public disclosure is not prohibited, the Family Privacy Protection Act prevents such information from being used by third parties for commercial solicitation purposes.

**In the case of a nonresident alien, that cannot obtain a Social Security number, you must contact the Internal Revenue Service to apply for and obtain an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number by using Federal Form W-7.**