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Leased Personal Property

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Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments regarding this information or any other CTAS website material.

Sincerely,

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Leased personal property is classified according to the lessee's use and assessed to the lessee, unless the property is the subject of a lawful agreement between the lessee and a local government for payments in lieu of taxes.¹ For the purpose of assessing leased property, it is the duty of the taxpayer to list fully on a schedule provided by the assessor all tangible personal property which is leased by the taxpayer for the conduct of the taxpayer's business.² Leased property shall include equipment, machinery and all tangible personal property used in the conduct of, or as a part of, the taxpayer's business.³ The lessor, or owner of leased tangible personal property, must provide such information as the assessor may request regarding the location, valuation or use of such property.⁴

¹T.C.A. § 67-5-502(c).

²T.C.A. § 67-5-904(a)(1).

³T.C.A. § 67-5-904(a)(2).

⁴T.C.A. § 67-5-904(b).

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