

1) Q: What information are we allowed to disclose to the public about vendor's licenses, out-of-state seller's licenses and direct pay permits?

A: (1) Vendor's license number (or out-of-state seller's license number or direct pay permit number), (2) Name of business, including proprietor's name and doing business as, (3) Location address (or primary address, if there is no location address available), (4) Status (active or inactive) and date of status. Nothing else.

2) Q: If a caller asks for information on more than one vendor, or asks for a written or electronic response, what do we do?

A: Refer multiple requests, or requests for written or electronic responses, to Taxpayer Service / Compliance Support Division, P.O. Box 182215, Columbus, Ohio 43218-2215. These requests need to be in writing.

3) Q: If the caller asks, Is there a vendor's license number at ABC Shirt Shak on 123 Main St?, what are we allowed to say?

A: We can check the system and respond Yes or No. If asked, we can provide the four items of information in Answer 1.

4) Q: If the caller asks, What is the vendor's license number at ABC Shirt Shak on 123 Main St?, what are we allowed to say?

A: Check the system and provide the vendor's license number.

5) Q: If the caller asks, I've seen Terry Jones on Elm Street selling lemonade, does he have a vendor's license?, what are we allowed to tell them?

A: We can check the system and respond Yes or No. If asked, we can provide the four items of information in Answer 1.

6) Q: What about if the caller asks, I've got this exemption certificate with a vendor's license on it. Can you tell me if it is a good number?

A: We can check the system and respond Yes or No. If asked, we can provide the four items of information in Answer 1.

7) Q: Can we give out vendors' phone numbers?

A: No.

8) Q: What addresses are we allowed to give out, primary, location and/or mailing?

A: Give the location address. If there is no location address, give the primary address.

9) Q: What can the County Auditors do? Are they limited to the same thing we are?

A: The County Auditors are limited to providing the same four items of information that ODT agents are.

10) Q: If the caller asks, I want a list of all the vendors in Breman, Ohio. Do we have to provide that list?

A: Requests for information on more than one vendor should be referred to Taxpayer Service / Compliance Support Division. The requests should be in writing.

11) Q: The Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the County Clerks of Courts, through the vehicle titling system, have access to certain vendor information. The Treasurer of State also has access to some vendor's license information. Can they divulge any vendor's license information?

A: Only ODT and the County Auditors are authorized to provide the public with vendor's license information. Inquiries to other agencies should be directed to ODT or the County Auditors.

12) Q: What is the Ohio Revised Code section which covers disclosure of vendor's license information?

A: As follows:

Ohio Revised Code 5703.21(C)

Division (A) of this section does not prohibit any of the following:

(7) Providing information regarding the name, account number, or business address of a holder of a vendor's license issued pursuant to section 5739.17 of the Revised Code, a holder of a direct payment permit issued pursuant to section 5739.031 of the Revised Code, or a seller having a use tax account maintained pursuant to section 5741.17 of the Revised Code, or information regarding the active or inactive status of a vendor's license, direct payment permit, or seller's use tax account.

13) Q: Does the new statute allow for the disclosures of this information for consumer's use tax accounts.

A: No, it does not include consumer's use tax accounts.