

NEW JERSEY STATUTES ANNOTATED TITLE 18 CHAPTER 12
SUBCHAPTER 1 CATEGORIES OF NONUSABLE DEED TRANSACTIONS

18:12-1.1 (a) The deed transactions of the following categories are not usable in determining assessment-sales ratios pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:1-35.1 et seq.

1. Sales between members of the immediate family;
2. Sales in which “love and affection” are stated to be part of the consideration;
3. Sales between a corporation and its stockholders, its subsidiaries, its affiliates or other corporation whose stock is in the same ownership;
4. Transfers of convenience; for example: for the sole purpose of correcting defects in title, a transfer by a husband either through a third party or directly to himself and his wife for the purpose of creating a tenancy by the entirety, etc;
5. Transfers deemed not to have taken place within the sampling period. Sampling period defined as the period from July 1 to June 30, inclusive, preceding the date of promulgation, except as hereinafter stated. The recording date of the deed within the period is the determining date since it is the date of the official record. Where the date of the deed or the date of formal sales agreement occurred prior to January 1, next preceding the commencement date of the sampling period, the sale shall be deemed nonusable;
6. Sales of property conveying only a portion of the assessed unit, usually referred to as apportionments, split-offs or cut-offs, for example, a parcel sold out of a larger tract where the assessment is for the larger tract;
7. Sales of property substantially improved subsequent to the assessment and prior to the sale thereof;
8. Sales of an undivided interest in real property;
9. Sales of properties that are subject to an outstanding Municipal Tax Sales Certificate, a lien for more than one year in unpaid taxes on real property pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-6, or other governmental lien;
10. Sales by guardians, trustees, executors and administrators;
11. Judicial sales such as partition sales;
12. Sheriff’s sales;
13. Sales in proceedings in bankruptcy, receivership or assignment for the benefit of creditors and dissolution or liquidation sales;
14. Sales of doubtful title including, but not limited to, quit claim deeds;

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15. Sales to or from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, or any political subdivision of the State of New Jersey, including Boards of Education and public authorities;
16. Sales of property assessed in more than one taxing district;
17. Sales to or from charitable, religious, or benevolent organization;
18. Transfers to banks, insurance companies, savings and loan associations, mortgage companies when the transfer is made in lieu of foreclosure where the foreclosing entity is a bank or other financial institution;
19. Sales of property whose assessed value has been substantially affected by demolition, fire, documented environmental contamination, or other physical damage to the property subsequent to assessment and prior to the sale thereof;
20. Acquisitions, resale or transfer by railroads, pipeline companies or other public utility corporations for right-of-way purposes;
21. Sales of low/moderate income housing as established by the Council on Affordable Housing;
22. Transfers of property in exchange for other real estate, stocks, bonds or other personal property;
23. Sales of commercial or industrial real property which include machinery, fixtures, equipment, inventories, or goodwill when the values of such are indeterminable;
24. Sales of property, the value of which has been materially influenced by zoning changes, planning board approvals, variances or rent control subsequent to the assessment and prior to the sale;
25. Transactions in which the full consideration as defined in the "Real Transfer Act" is less than \$100.00
26. Sales which for some reason other than specified in the enumerated categories are not deemed to be a transaction between a willing buyer, not compelled to buy, and a willing seller, not compelled to sell;
27. Sales occurring within the sampling period but prior to a change in assessment practice resulting from the completion of a recognized revaluation or reassessment program, i.e. sales recorded during the period July 1 to December 1 next preceding the tax year in which the result of such revaluation or reassessment program is placed on the tax roll.

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28. Sales of properties which are subject to a leaseback arrangement;
29. Sales of properties subsequent to the year of appeal where the assessed value is set by the court order, consent judgment, or application of the "Freeze Act";
30. Sale in which several parcels are conveyed as a package deal with an arbitrary allocation of the sale price for each parcel;
31. First sale after foreclosure by the Federal or State chartered financial institution;
32. Sale of a property in which an entire building or taxable structure is omitted from the assessment;
33. Sales of qualified farmland or currently exempt property;

(b) Transfers falling within the foregoing category numbers

1,,3,9,10,15,17,26,28 (under section (a) above), should generally be excluded but may be used if after full investigation it clearly appears that the transaction was a sale between a willing buyer, not compelled to buy, and a willing seller, not compelled to sell, with all conditions requisite to a fair sale with the buyer and seller acting knowledgeably and for their own self-interests, and that the transaction meets all other requisites of a usable sale.