



Understanding Commodity Codes

What are Commodity Codes?

NIGP Commodity Codes, their official name, make up the numbering system commonly used by state and local governments to categorize the products and services they buy.

Commodity codes are also used to tell eVA Buyers what you sell and to match you with bid opportunities.

How are Commodity Codes Categorized?

Commodity codes begin with a series of 3 digit main "parent" class codes, each with a broad industry title.

Tip: Commodity Codes beginning with "9" describe services. All others refer to products.

Tip: Sell everything under the main class? Add only that one number to your Vendor Account to get notified about all opportunities under that main class

Specific products/services within the "parent" class are 5 digit item codes that always begin with the parent code.

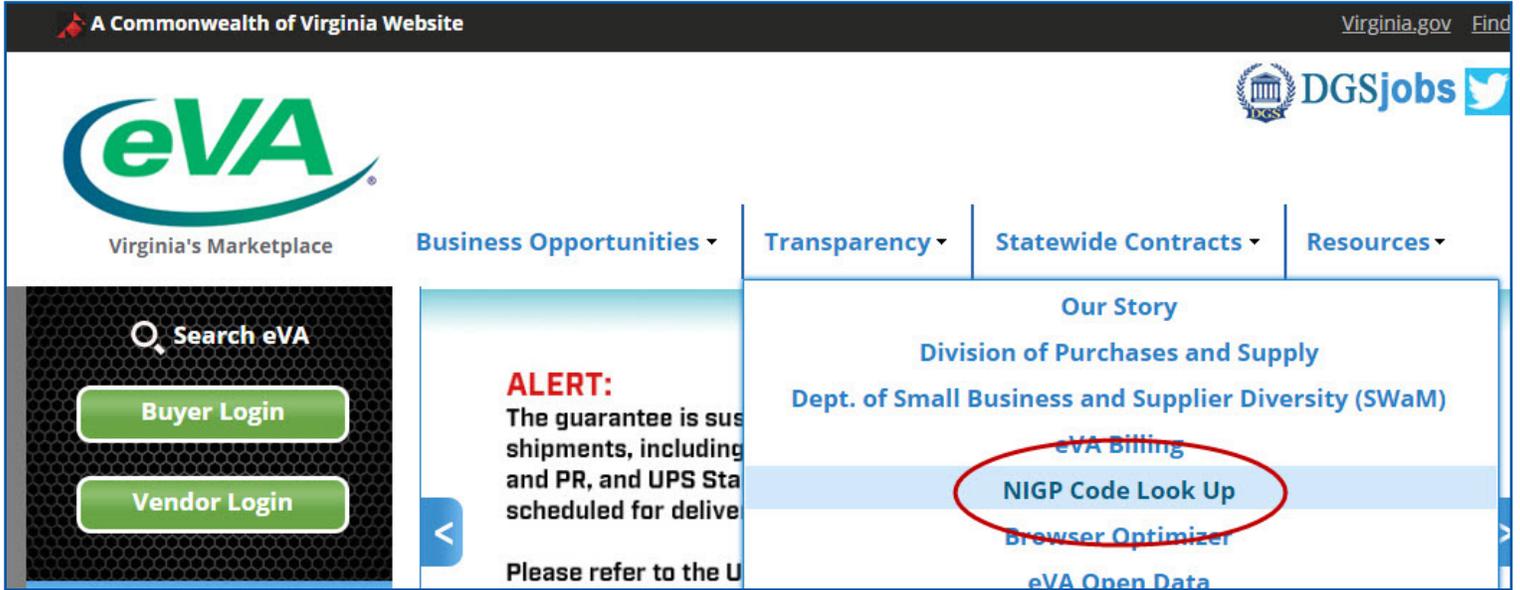
*Division of Purchases and Supply
Commodity Code Book*

Item	Description	Item	Description
005	ABRASIVES	01510	Addressing Machine Supplies, Pap
00500	Abrasives	01515	Chemicals and Supplies, Dry (For B Copying Machines)
00505	Abrasive Equipment and Tools	01516	Chemicals and Supplies, Wet (For Copying Machines)
00514	Abrasives, Coated: Cloth, Fiber, Sandpaper, etc.	01520	Chemicals and Supplies (For Spirit Machines)
00521	Abrasives, Sandblasting, Metal	01525	Chemicals, Inks, and Supplies (For Machines)
00528	Abrasives, Sandblasting (Other than Metal)	01538	Paper, Chemicals, and Supplies (F
00542	Abrasives, Solid: Wheels, Stones, etc.	01539	Paper, Chemicals, and Supplies (F Paper Type Copying Machines)
00556	Abrasives, Tumbling (Wheel)	01545	Paper, Chemicals, and Supplies (F Type Copying Machines)
00563	Grinding and Polishing Compounds: Carborundum, Diamond, etc. (For Valve Grinding Compounds See Class 075)	01555	Paper and Supplies (For Dual Spec Copying Machines)
00570	Pumice Stone	01570	Paper, Chemicals, and Supplies (F Copying Machines)
00575	Recycled Abrasives Products and Supplies	01577	Recycled Copying and Duplicating
00584	Steel Wool, Aluminum Wool, and Copper Wool		
010	ACOUSTICAL TILE, INSULATING MATERIALS, AND SUPPLIES		

Now that you understand how Commodity Codes are categorized, now it's time to find the right codes for your Vendor account.

Use 'NIGP Code Lookup' Tool to Quickly Find the Right Codes

Found at the top of the eVA Home Page under *Resources*, this tool will assist you with finding commodity codes that describe the goods and/or services you sell.

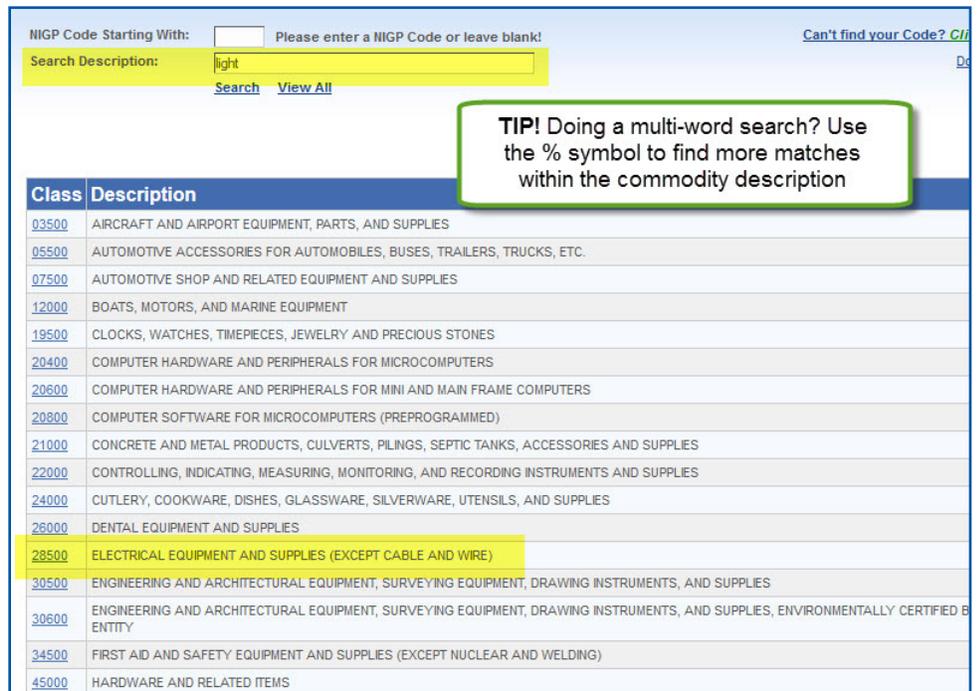


Step 1: Don't know your codes? Start by entering a keyword or words in the Search Description field.

This is a simple keyword search, which means your search will return commodity codes with your keyword or words in the description and only in the order the words were typed.

Step 2: Look for the main "parent" commodity code class that best describes what you sell...

For example, if you sell light fixtures and you search on the word *light*, you might choose "28500 Electrical Equipment and Supplies," because within the NIGP Code structure, at this high level search, light fixtures are considering electrical supplies.



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Click on the main class code to see a list of commodity codes under that main “parent” class that has your keyword in the description. You’ll see your search has returned item codes for lighting equipment.

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If you’d like to see all of the item codes under that main “parent” class, enter the number in the field *NIGP Codes starting with*.

NIGP Code Starting With: Please enter a NIGP Code or leave blank!

Search Description:

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TIP!
Do you provide all of the goods/services listed under a main category? If you said yes, then simply **select only the main class code for your Vendor Account** and you will receive notification for **every opportunity for every item code under that main class!**

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Using the *Advanced Search* Feature

Another example might be light bulbs. If you would have searched *light bulb* initially, no codes would have been returned because you're searching at a very high level within the NIGP Code structure. In this case, you could try using the *Advanced Search* to identify your codes.

NIGP Code Starting With: Please enter a NIGP Code or leave blank!

Search Description: [Search](#) [View All](#)

[Can't find your Code? Click here to use our Advanced Search tool](#)
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TIP!
Try reversing the word order to find more matches

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Class	Description
No data found. Please search for a different value and rerun the report.	

The advanced search looks for your keyword or words within an even more extensive list of products and services for each commodity code.



NIGP Advanced Search

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There are about **300,000** records available for search. Only 8 pages of data initially displays. To find your specific NIGP, please search by the item description or NIGP Code.

Use this NIGP Code	if you sell this Product or Service
05557	Lights and Accessories: Flashing, Light Bars, Revolving, and Warning (Including Strobe/Warning Lights) - LIGHT, DASH, (KOJACK), EMERGENCY, TEAR DROP DESIGN, POLYCARBONATE LENS, ROTATING HALOGEN BULB, APPROX. 90 FLASHES PER MINUTE, MAGNETIC BASE WITH PLATE AND VELCRO FOR TEMPORARY MOUNTING, AND COILED 12 VDC POWER CORD AND CIGAR PLUG.
05557	Lights and Accessories: Flashing, Light Bars, Revolving, and Warning (Including Strobe/Warning Lights) - LIGHT, DASH, EMERGENCY, HALOGEN, 50-55 WATT BULB, APPROX. 95 FLASHES PER MINUTE, APPROX. .65,000 CANDLE POWER, POLYCARBONATE OR LEXAN DOME, 8 FT. POWER CORD, 12 VDC WITH CIGAR PLUG, COMPLETE WITH MAGNETIC AND VELCRO FASTENERS. APPROX. 4 IN. H X 4.5 IN. W/D.
05557	Lights and Accessories: Flashing, Light Bars, Revolving, and Warning (Including Strobe/Warning Lights) - LIGHT, EMERGENCY, GRILL, KIT, CONSISTS OF TWO METALLIC LAMP HOUSINGS, TWO PLASTIC/LEXAN LENSES, COMPLETE WITH FLASHER FUSE SWITCH ASSEMBLY, HARDWARE AND WIRE NECESSARY FOR STANDARD INSTALLATION, TWO 12 VOLT DC, 55 WATT HALOGEN BULBS AND MOUNTING BRACKETS. OVERALL DIMENSIONS, APPROX. 6 IN. X 3.5 IN. X 2 IN. RECTANGULAR SHAPE.
05579	Sirens, Horns and Back-up Alarms - BEEP ALARM AND LIGHT, 12 VOLT, PRESS-IN TYPE BULB, STYLE 3156
26049	Lamps and Lights, Dental: Operating, Ultraviolet, etc. - MAXLIGHT LIGHTBULB, PATTERSON NO. 085-3143 OR EQUAL
28546	Lamps: Construction Equipment, and Miniature - EMERGENCY, LIGHTING, NO. T-5 BULB, APPROX. 5/8 IN. DIAMETER, WEDGE BASE, C-2R FILAMENT, APPROX. 50 LIFE HOURS, MAX OVERALL LENGTH OF APPROX. 1.49 IN., 6.0 DESIGN VOLTS, APPROX. .62 AMPS
28550	Lamps: Fluorescent, Incandescent, Mercury Vapor, Quartz, and Sodium Vapor - 150PAR3/FL, 150 WATT, 120 VOLT, REFLECTOR FLOODLIGHT, HEAT RESISTANT GLASS BULB, 24/PKG.
28550	Lamps: Fluorescent, Incandescent, Mercury Vapor, Quartz, and Sodium Vapor - 150PAR3/FL, 150 WATT, 120-130 VOLT, REFLECTOR FLOODLIGHT, HEAT RESISTANT GLASS BULB, 12/PKG
28550	Lamps: Fluorescent, Incandescent, Mercury Vapor, Quartz, and Sodium Vapor - 150PAR38/FL, 150 WATT, FLOODLIGHT, PAR38 BULB, OUTSIDE, 12/PKG.
28550	Lamps: Fluorescent, Incandescent, Mercury Vapor, Quartz, and Sodium Vapor - 150PAR38/FL/A, 150 WATT, FLOODLIGHT, PAR38 BULB, AMBER, 24/PKG.

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