



CLEAR BAG REGULATION

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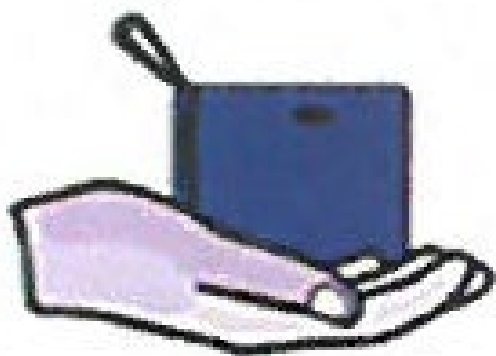
**12"x12"
Clear Plastic Bag**



**1 Gallon Plastic
Freezer Bag**



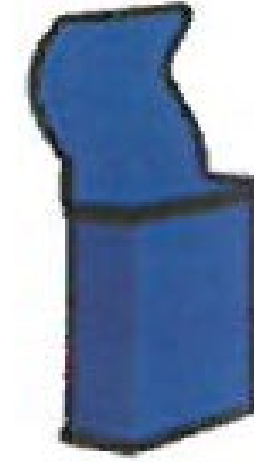
**Clutch With
Shoulder Strap
No Larger than
4.5"x6.5"**



**Clutch With Wrist
Strap No Larger
than 4.5"x6.5"**



Backpack



**Binocular
Case**



Camera Case



**Tinted
Plastic Bag**



**Printed
Pattern Plastic
Bag**



**Oversized
Tote Bag**



Cinch Bag



Fanny Pack



Diaper Bag



Mesh Bag



Purse



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North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University is committed to ensuring all guests have a safe and enjoyable commencement experience. Accordingly, the university has instituted a clear bag regulation for all commencement ceremonies. Similar to regulations already adopted at many professional and college stadiums, arenas and other venues nationwide, the regulation will enhance existing safety and security measures taken for all guests and will expedite entry into the venue.

All attendees are required to abide by the regulation and are subject to bag size and type limits. The university reserves the right to impose the regulation at its discretion.

Attendees should comply with the following bag requirements and/or options:

- **Clear plastic, vinyl or PVC Bags must not exceed 12" x 12" x 6"**
- **One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar) is permitted**
- **Small clutch bags, 4.5" x 6.5" or smaller are permitted**
- **Diaper bags are subject to search and must be accompanied by a child (up to 36 months)**

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to:

- **Purses larger than a clutch bag**
- **Coolers**
- **Briefcases**
- **Backpacks/Cinch bags/Fanny packs**
- **Luggage**
- **Computer bags/Camera bags or any bag larger than the permissible size**
- **Air horns, bull horns, cow bells, tambourines and/or any other disruptive noise makers**

Exceptions may be granted for medically-necessary items, event personnel and credentialed media. Entry may be denied for individuals who fail to comply or allow inspections. The university reserves the right to deny entry of any item deemed inappropriate.

For additional questions about the permissibility of items or other needs, contact the Office of Special Events at 336-256-0863.

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FAQ's

Why did N.C. A&T adopt this regulation for Commencement?

Our guests are our most prized partners and ensuring their safety is a top priority. N.C. A&T regularly evaluates safety and security concerns and will make changes as necessary to protect its community and guests.

How does this regulation improve public safety?

The Clear Bag Regulation also supports the Department of Homeland Security's "See Something, Say Something" campaign. What happens if I show up at the venue with a bag that is not permitted? Guests carrying bags that do not meet clear bag regulation criteria will not be admitted into the venue. They may return their bag or item to their vehicle.

How does this expedite my entry into the venue?

Clear bags are easier and faster to search, greatly reducing individual bag searches and guest wait times. Shorter lines mean fewer delays, while ensuring guest safety. If I have certain items that I need to bring into the venue for medical reasons and they won't fit in the clear bag, what do I do? Guests carrying medically-necessary items into the venue will be subject to screening and/or bag inspection. For additional information, please contact the Office of Special Events at: 336-256-0863

How many bags can each person bring into the venue?

One large, clear bag - either a one-gallon freezer style bag, or a 12" x 12" x 6" clear bag - plus a small clutch. The larger clear bag must be a standard 12" x 12" x 6" made of clear PVC vinyl and easily searched. The one-gallon freezer bag is readily available, inexpensive and easily searched. The small clutch, 4.5" x 6.5", allows privacy for small personal items and is also easily searched.

Can guests carry cameras, binoculars, smart phones or tablets separately from what they put in a clear bag?

Yes. Binoculars, phones or cameras can be brought into the venue if it is not in a separate bag.

