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# North Dakota CORPORATE INCOME TAX CREDITS



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### Special Reminder

Note that when claiming certain credits, a taxpayer must complete and include with its tax return a Property Tax Clearance Record form as certification that it is in good standing with each county the corporation (and its responsible officers) own at least a 50% interest in real property. The instructions in this booklet indicate which tax credits include the requirement.

**Lines 1, 2, and 3****Contributions to nonprofit private colleges, high schools and primary schools****North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) § 57-38-01.7**

Tax credits are allowed for contributions to qualifying nonprofit private primary, secondary and higher education schools located in North Dakota. A separate credit is allowed for each category of school. To qualify, a contribution must be made directly to or specifically designated for the exclusive use of a qualifying school. If a contribution is made to an account, fund, or entity benefiting both qualifying and nonqualifying schools, it qualifies for the credit only if the entity provides the donor with a statement showing the amount specifically designated for the use of the qualifying school.

If a contribution is made to a qualifying school that provides education in one or more grades in both the primary school category (K through 8th grades) and secondary school category (9th through 12th grades), a separate credit is allowed for the amount contributed to each category of school. Unless the school provides the donor with a statement showing the amount specifically designated for the use of each category of school, one-half of the contribution will be deemed to have been made to each category of school. A corporation may elect to treat a contribution as having been made during a tax year if made on or before the due date, including extensions, for filing Form 40 for that tax year.

The tax credit for contributions made to all eligible schools in **each** category of institution is equal to the lesser of:

- 50% of the contributions but not to exceed 50% of the total North Dakota income tax due for each corporation;
- \$2,500. Any excess credit may not be carried forward.

A corporation that holds an interest in a passthrough entity that qualifies for any of the three credits may claim its share of the tax credit in proportion to its interest in the entity. The credit must be claimed in the same taxable year in which the taxable year of the passthrough entity ends.

Enter on line 1 the tax credit computed for contributions to nonprofit private institutions of higher education (and the North Dakota Independent College Fund).

Enter on line 2 the tax credit computed for contributions to nonprofit private institutions of secondary education.

Enter on line 3 the tax credit computed for contributions to nonprofit private institutions of primary education.

For each contribution, attach a copy of a receipt from the nonprofit private institution, a copy of a cancelled check, or a copy of donee statement (front and back).

Following are the qualifying schools in each category of institutions, but can be subject to change:

**Primary Schools (K-8)**

Anne Carlsen Center (Jamestown)  
 Badlands Learning Center (Sentinel Butte)  
 Bishop Ryan Catholic School (Minot)  
 Brentwood Adventist Christian School (Bismarck)  
 Capstone Classical Academy (Fargo)  
 Cathedral of the Holy Spirit Elem. School (Bismarck)  
 Children's Montessori Center (Fargo)  
 Christ the King Catholic Montessori School (Mandan)  
 Dakota Memorial School (Minot)  
 Dakota Montessori School (Fargo)  
 Forest River School (Fordville)  
 Full Circle Academy (Fargo)  
 Grace Lutheran Elem. School (Fargo)  
 Hillcrest SDA School (Jamestown)  
 Holy Family – St. Mary's Elem. School (Grand Forks)  
 Holy Spirit Elem. School (Fargo)  
 Hope Christian Academy (Dickinson)  
 Invitation Hill Adventist School (Dickinson)  
 Johnson Corners Christian Academy (Watford City)  
 Little Flower Elem. School (Rugby)  
 Martin Luther School (Bismarck)  
 Nativity Elem. School (Fargo)  
 New Testament Baptist Christian School (Larimore)  
 Northern Lights Montessori Academy (Dickinson)  
 Oak Grove Lutheran Elem. School (Fargo)  
 Our Redeemer's Christian School-Minot  
 Prairie Learning Education Center (Raleigh)

Prairie Voyager Adventist School (Grand Forks)  
 School of the Holy Family (Mandan)  
 Shanley High-Sacred Heart Middle School (Fargo)  
 Shiloh Christian School (Bismarck)  
 SonShine Elem. (Minot)  
 St Alphonsus Elem. School (Langdon)  
 St Anne Elem. School (Bismarck)  
 St Ann's Catholic School (Belcourt)  
 St Bernard Mission School (Fort Yates)  
 St Catherine Elem. School (Valley City)  
 St John's Academy (Jamestown)  
 St John's Elem. School (Wahpeton)  
 St Joseph Elem. School (Mandan)  
 St Joseph Elem. School (Devils Lake)  
 St Joseph's Elem. School (Williston)  
 St Mary's Academy (Bismarck)  
 St Mary's Elem. School (Bismarck)  
 St Michael's Elem. School (Grand Forks)  
 St Monica's Montessori (Fargo)  
 The Innovation School (Bismarck)  
 Trinity Central (Dickinson)  
 Trinity Elem. East School (Dickinson)  
 Trinity Elem. North School (Dickinson)  
 Trinity Elem. School (West Fargo)  
 Trinity Elem. West School (Dickinson)  
 Trinity Jr/High School (Dickinson)  
 Valley City Christian School  
 Victory Christian School (Jamestown)  
 Williston Trinity Christian School (Williston)

**Secondary high schools (9-12)**

Anne Carlsen Center (Jamestown)  
 Badlands Learning Center (Sentinel Butte)  
 Bishop Ryan Catholic School (Minot)  
 Capstone Classical Academy (Fargo)  
 Dakota Adventist Academy (Bismarck)  
 Dakota Memorial School (Minot)  
 Hope Christian Academy (Dickinson)  
 Johnson Corners Christian Academy (Watford City)  
 New Testament Baptist Christian School (Larimore)  
 Oak Grove Lutheran Middle/High School (Fargo)  
 Our Redeemer's Christian School (Minot)  
 Prairie Learning Education Center (Raleigh)  
 School of the Holy Family (Mandan)  
 Shanley High-Sacred Heart Middle School (Fargo)  
 Shiloh Christian School (Bismarck)  
 St Mary's Central High School (Bismarck)  
 Trinity Jr/High School (Dickinson)  
 Victory Christian School (Jamestown)  
 Williston Trinity Christian School (Williston)

**Higher Education (Colleges)**

Jamestown College (Jamestown)  
 Trinity Bible College (Ellendale)  
 Turtle Mountain Community College  
 (Belcourt)  
 United Tribes Technical College  
 (Bismarck)  
 University of Mary (Bismarck)  
 ND Independent College Fund  
 (Bismarck)

**Line 4****Geothermal, solar, wind or biomass energy device credits carried forward****N.D.C.C. § 57-38-01.8**

In prior years a corporation could earn a tax credit for the cost of acquisition and installation of a geothermal, solar, biomass, or wind energy device. Depending on the year of installation and the type of device, the credit carryover on the amount exceeding the tax liability for the year varies. Include on this line any amount of credit that is carried forward from a previous year to 2025.

Attach a schedule showing the calculation of the amount carried over from prior years and claimed for 2025.

**Line 5****Employment of individuals with developmental disabilities or severe mental illness credit****N.D.C.C. § 57-38-01.16**

A tax credit is available to a corporation for employing an individual with a developmental disability or severe mental illness. To qualify, the corporation must apply for and obtain certification from the North Dakota Department of Human Services, Vocational Rehabilitation Division, that the individual has a severe disability, is eligible for the agency's services, and requires customized employment to become employed. The credit is equal to 25% of up to \$6,000 in wages paid annually to each employee. The total of credits allowed may not exceed 50% of the taxpayer's liability.

Attach a copy of the certification letter from Human Services. If the credit is received through a passthrough entity, attach a copy of the statement received from the passthrough entity.

**Line 6****Research and experimental expenditure credits generated by the taxpayer****N.D.C.C. § 57-38-30.5****Property Tax Clearance Record Required**

A corporation incurring research and experimental expenditures within North Dakota may be entitled to a tax credit.

The credit is based on the amount of qualified research expenses incurred in North Dakota in excess of the North Dakota base amount. The amount of the credit is 25% of the first \$100,000 in excess of the base amount, plus 8% of the amount over \$100,000 in excess of the base amount. (Note that in prior tax years, different percentages were applicable.)

For a taxpayer which first earned or claimed a credit in a tax year beginning before January 1, 2007, the maximum credit that may be earned for a taxable year is \$2 million. Any credit earned in excess of \$2 million may not be carried back or forward.

"Base amount" means base amount as defined in section 41(c) of the I.R.C. [26 U.S.C. 41(c)], except it does not include research conducted or sales outside the state of North Dakota.

"Qualified research" means qualified research as defined in section 41(d) of the I.R.C. [26 U.S.C. 41(d)], except it does not include research conducted outside the state of North Dakota. The qualified research expenses may not exceed 50% of the base amount.

Tax credits that exceed the current income tax liability, must be carried back for three years and then carried forward for up to 15 years. A claim to carry back credits must be filed within three years of the due date or extended due date of the return for the taxable year in which the credit was earned.

If a taxpayer acquires or disposes of the major portion of a trade or business or the major portion of a separate unit of a trade or business in a transaction with another taxpayer, the taxpayer's qualified research expenses and base period must be adjusted in the manner provided by I.R.C. § 41(f)(3).

Corporate taxpayers in a consolidated combined return may apply the credit against the aggregate tax liability on their North Dakota income tax return.

**NOTE:** This provision does not apply to tax credits received or purchased from other taxpayers (see Line 7 below).

A corporation that holds an interest in a passthrough entity that qualifies for this credit may claim its share of the tax credit in proportion to its interest in the entity. The credit must be claimed in the same taxable year in which the taxable year of the passthrough entity ends.

**Alternative Simplified Computation Method**

Beginning with tax year 2019, a taxpayer may elect to compute its credit using the Alternative Simplified Computation (ASC) method. The ASC method largely mirrors the ASC method included in federal law. A taxpayer may elect to use the ASC method regardless of whether the ASC method is used on its federal tax return. Under the ASC method, the North Dakota credit is equal to the sum of the following:

- 17.5% of the first \$100,000 of North Dakota alternative excess research and development expenses for the year.
- 5.6% of the North Dakota alternative excess research and development expenses in excess of \$100,000 for the year.

"North Dakota alternative excess research and development expenses" means the amount by which qualified research expenses incurred in North Dakota exceed 50% of the average qualified research expenses incurred in North Dakota for the three tax years preceding the tax year for which the credit is being determined. Under the ASC method, if zero qualified research expenses were incurred in any of the three preceding tax years, the North Dakota credit for a tax year

is equal to the sum of 7.5% of the first \$100,000 of qualified research expenses plus 2.4% of qualified research expenses in excess of \$100,000.

The ASC method may not be used to calculate the North Dakota research credit for any tax year prior to 2019. A taxpayer may choose between the regular method and the ASC method each tax year. However, the method of computing the credit as shown on the tax return is binding for that tax year, so the method may not be changed with a subsequent amended return.

A worksheet must be attached showing computation of the base amount and credit.

## Line 7

### Research and experimental expenditures credit purchased by the taxpayer

#### Property Tax Clearance Record Required

A taxpayer that is certified as a qualified research and development company may elect to sell, transfer or assign the unused research and experimental expenditure tax credits earned. A qualified research and development company is defined as a company that:

- is a primary sector business,
- has less than \$750,000 in annual gross revenues, and
- has not previously conducted research and development in North Dakota.

For more information on the certification process or to apply for certification, contact the Director of the North Dakota Department of Commerce Division of Economic Development and Finance at 701-328-5300 or access their website at [commerce.nd.gov](http://commerce.nd.gov). Certification applications may be accessed on the Department of Commerce's website.

For the sale, transfer or assignment of the credits, the transferor and transferee must jointly submit Form CTS. Contact the Office of State Tax Commissioner for a Form CTS. The form must be filed within 30 days after the date of the transfer and is used to report the various information regarding the transaction as required by law.

- A taxpayer's total credit assignment may not exceed \$100,000 over any combination of taxable years.
- The purchaser of the tax credit shall claim the credit beginning with the taxable year in which the credit purchase agreement was fully executed by the parties.
- The original purchaser of the tax credit may not sell, assign, or transfer the credit purchased. The purchaser is not allowed to carry back any unused credits.
- If the amount of the credit available is changed as a result of an amended return filed by the transferor, or as the result of an audit conducted by the IRS or the Tax Commissioner, the transferor shall report to the purchaser the adjusted credit amount within 30 days of the amended return or within 30 days of the final determination made by the IRS or the Tax Commissioner. The tax credit purchaser is required to file amended returns reporting the additional tax due or to claim a refund. The Tax Commissioner may audit these returns and assess or issue refunds, even though other time periods prescribed may have expired for the purchaser.
- Gross proceeds received by the tax credit transferor must be assigned to North Dakota on Form 40, line 14. The amount assigned cannot be reduced by the taxpayer's income apportioned to North Dakota or any North Dakota net operating loss of the taxpayer.
- Net income recognized from the tax credit transfer should be excluded from North Dakota apportionable income on Form 40, Schedule SA, line 15.
- The Tax Commissioner has four years after the date of the credit assignment to audit the returns of the credit transferor and the purchaser to verify the correctness of the amount of the transferred credit and if necessary assess the credit purchaser if additional tax is found due.

## Line 8

### Renaissance zone credits

#### N.D.C.C. Ch. 40-63

#### Property Tax Clearance Record Required

A corporation may qualify for a credit for purchasing, leasing, or making improvements to real property located in a North Dakota renaissance zone. A renaissance zone is a designated area within a city that is approved by the North Dakota Department of Commerce Division of Community Services. For more information, contact the local zone authority, the Department of Commerce Division of Community Services, or the Office of State Tax Commissioner.

If a corporation is claiming a tax credit as a result of the Renaissance Zone Act, enter the total amount of credits from the summary part of Schedule RZ and attach the Schedule RZ to the Form 40 when filed. Schedule RZ is available on our website at [tax.nd.gov/incentives/renaissance](http://tax.nd.gov/incentives/renaissance).

A corporation that holds an interest in a passthrough entity that qualifies for this credit may claim its share of the tax credit in proportion to its interest in the entity. The credit must be claimed in the same taxable year in which the taxable year of the passthrough entity ends. A copy of the statement received from the passthrough entity must be attached to the Form 40 along with the Schedule RZ.

A corporation may also be eligible to claim exempt income as a result of the Renaissance Zone Act. See Schedule RZ for more information on this exemption.

## Line 9

### Biodiesel or green diesel production credit

#### N.D.C.C. § 57-38-30.6

#### Property Tax Clearance Record Required

A corporation is allowed an income tax credit equal to 10% per year for five years of the direct costs incurred to adapt or add equipment to retrofit an existing facility or to construct a new facility in North Dakota to produce or blend diesel fuel containing at least 2% biodiesel or green diesel volume.

“Biodiesel” means fuel meeting the specifications adopted by the American Society for Testing and Materials. “Green diesel” means a fuel produced from nonfossil renewable resources, including agricultural or silvicultural plants, animal fats, residue, and waste generated from the production, processing, and marketing of agricultural products, silvicultural products, and other renewable resources, which meets applicable American society for testing and materials specifications.

The first taxable year in which the credit may be claimed is the taxable year in which the facility begins producing or blending biodiesel or green diesel fuel. Eligible costs incurred before the taxable year in which production or blending begins are taken into account in calculating the credit.

The credit may not exceed the corporation’s tax liability in any year, but any unused portion of a taxable year’s credit may be carried forward for up to five taxable years. The maximum cumulative credit allowed to a taxpayer for all taxable years is limited to \$250,000.

Attach a worksheet showing the calculation of the credit.

### **Line 10** **Soybean and canola crushing equipment costs credit**

**N.D.C.C. § 57-38-30.6**

#### **Property Tax Clearance Record Required**

Effective for tax years beginning after December 31, 2008, the biodiesel fuel production credit (Line 9) was amended to include direct costs incurred to adapt or add equipment to retrofit an existing facility or to construct a new facility for the purpose of producing crushed soybeans or canola. Refer to Line 9 for further instructions on claiming this credit.

### **Line 11** **Seed capital business investment tax credit**

**N.D.C.C. Ch. 57-38.5**

#### **Property Tax Clearance Record Required**

A tax credit is available to a corporation or a limited liability company treated like a corporation for its investment in a qualified business certified to participate in the seed capital investment program. The amount of the allowable credit is equal to 45% of the amount invested by the taxpayer in qualified businesses during the taxable year. The maximum annual credit a taxpayer may claim is \$112,500. The maximum cumulative amount a qualified business may claim for all tax years is limited to \$500,000.

For an investment to qualify it must be made on or after the date the business was certified by the North Dakota Department of Commerce for the program and must be claimed first in the taxable year in which the investment is received by the qualified business. The investment must be at risk and must remain in the business for at least three years. Investment monies placed in escrow are not at risk until paid out of escrow to the qualified business for its use.

A corporation that holds an interest in a passthrough entity that qualifies for this credit may claim its share of the tax credit in proportion to its interest in the entity. The credit must be claimed in the same taxable year in which the taxable year of the passthrough entity ends.

The amount of the allowable credit not used in the taxable year the investment was made may be carried over to the following four taxable years.

The amount of tax credits allowed for all investments made in all qualified businesses is limited to \$3.5 million per calendar year.

A copy of the completed qualified seed capital business investment reporting form ([tax.nd.gov/incentives/income](http://tax.nd.gov/incentives/income)) must be attached to the Form 40 for each year the credit is claimed, or if the credit is received through a passthrough entity, a copy of the statement received from the passthrough entity must be attached.

### **Line 12** **Biodiesel or green diesel fuel blending credit**

**N.D.C.C. § 57-38-01.22**

#### **Property Tax Clearance Record Required**

A fuel supplier (wholesaler) licensed under North Dakota law that blends biodiesel fuel in North Dakota is entitled to an income tax credit equal to five cents for each gallon blended during the taxable year. To qualify, the biodiesel or green diesel fuel must have at least a 5% blend (“B5”). “Biodiesel” means fuel meeting the specifications adopted by the American Society for Testing and Materials. “Green Diesel” means a fuel produced from nonfossil renewable resources, including agricultural or silvicultural plants, animal fats, residue, and waste generated from the production, processing, and marketing of agricultural products, silvicultural products, and other renewable resources, which meets applicable American society for testing and materials specifications.

The credit for blending biodiesel may only be earned on the initial blending of B100. Subsequent blending of gallons of other than B100 does not earn a credit.

If the credit exceeds the tax liability, the unused portion of the credit may be carried forward for five taxable years.

A corporation that holds an interest in a passthrough entity that qualifies for this credit may claim its share of the tax credit in proportion to its interest in the entity. The credit must be claimed in the same taxable year in which the taxable year of the passthrough entity ends.

Attach a worksheet showing the calculation of the credit, or if the credit is received through passthrough entity, attach a statement showing the passthrough entity’s name and Federal Employer Identification Number and the corporation’s share of the credit.

**Line 13****Biodiesel or green diesel fuel sales equipment costs credit****N.D.C.C. § 57-38-01.23****Property Tax Clearance Record Required**

A fuel seller (retailer) that incurs costs to adapt or add equipment to a facility licensed under North Dakota law to enable the facility to sell diesel fuel containing at least 2% biodiesel fuel by volume is entitled to an income tax credit. "Biodiesel" means fuel meeting the specifications adopted by the American Society for Testing and Materials. "Green Diesel" means a fuel produced from nonfossil renewable resources, including agricultural or silvicultural plants, animal fats, residue, and waste generated from the production, processing, and marketing of agricultural products, silvicultural products, and other renewable resources, which meets applicable American society for testing and materials specifications.

The credit is equal to 10% of the seller's direct costs incurred to adapt or add the equipment. The credit is allowed in each of five taxable years, beginning with the taxable year in which the seller begins selling the eligible biodiesel or green diesel fuel. The portion of the credit not used in each year may be carried forward for five taxable years. A seller may claim no more than \$50,000 in credits for all taxable years. Eligible costs incurred before the taxable year in which sales begin may be included in the calculation of the credit.

A corporation that holds an interest in a passthrough entity that qualifies for this credit may claim its share of the tax credit in proportion to its interest in the entity. The credit must be claimed in the same taxable year in which the taxable year of the passthrough entity ends.

Attach a worksheet showing the calculation of the credit, or if the credit is received through a passthrough entity, attach a statement showing the passthrough entity's name and Federal Employer Identification Number and the corporation's share of the credit.

**Line 14****Agricultural commodity processing facility investment credit****N.D.C.C. Ch. 57-38.6****Property Tax Clearance Record Required**

A tax credit is available to a corporation or a limited liability company treated like a corporation for its investment in a qualified business certified or recertified to participate in the agricultural commodity processing facility investment tax credit program.

An agricultural commodity processing facility means "a facility that through processing involving the employment of knowledge and labor adds value to an agricultural commodity capable of being raised in this state" and includes a livestock feeding, handling, milking, or holding operation that uses as part of its operation a by-product produced at a biofuels production facility. A biofuels production facility is a North Dakota business that produces diesel fuel containing at least 5% biodiesel or green diesel, produces corn-based or cellulose-based ethanol, or crushes soybeans or canola.

The allowable credit is equal to 30% of the total amount invested in all qualified agricultural commodity processing businesses during the taxable year. For an investment to qualify for the credit, the processing facility must have been previously certified for eligibility by the North Dakota Department of Commerce. The maximum allowable credit that may be used in any taxable year is \$50,000 and the investment must be made on or after the effective date in which the business became certified. The investment must be at risk and must remain in the business for at least three years. Investment monies placed in escrow are not at risk until paid out of escrow to the qualified business for its use.

A qualified investment may include a transfer of a fee simple interest in real property. In that case, the following conditions apply:

- Personal property that becomes a fixture to the real property after the transfer of the real property to the qualified business is not a qualified investment.

- The value of the contribution may not exceed the appraised value as established by a licensed or certified appraiser.
- The value of the contribution must be approved by the governing body of the qualified business, subject to the standards for valuing consideration for shares under North Dakota corporation law.
- The qualified business is required to provide to the Tax Commissioner a copy of the appraised valuation, a copy of the governing body's resolution approving the value of the contribution, and a copy of the statement of full consideration within thirty days after the instrument transferring title to the real property is recorded with the recorder.
- The tax credit is allowed in the tax year in which the instrument transferring title to the real property is recorded with the recorder.

The tax credit must be claimed first in the taxable year in which the investment is received by the qualified business. The credit cannot exceed the taxpayer's tax liability and any tax credit not used in the taxable year the investment was made may be carried over to the following 10 taxable years. A taxpayer is allowed no more than \$250,000 in credits for all tax years under this program.

A corporation that holds an interest in a passthrough entity that qualifies for this credit may claim its share of the tax credit in proportion to its interest in the entity. The credit must be claimed in the same taxable year in which the taxable year of the passthrough entity ends.

A copy of the completed ag commodity processing facility investment reporting form ([tax.nd.gov/incentives/income](http://tax.nd.gov/incentives/income)) must be attached to the Form 40 for each year the tax credit is claimed, or if the credit is from a passthrough entity, a copy of the statement received from the passthrough entity must be attached.

**Line 15****Endowment fund contribution credit****N.D.C.C. § 57-38-01.21**

A tax credit is available for a corporation that makes a charitable contribution to a qualified endowment fund.

**Qualified endowment fund.** A qualified endowment fund means a permanent, irrevocable fund that meets all of the following:

1. It is held by a qualified nonprofit organization (defined below) or by a bank or trust company on behalf of a qualified nonprofit organization.
2. It is comprised of cash, securities, mutual funds, or other investment assets.
3. It is established for a specific religious, educational, or other charitable purpose.
4. It may expend only the income generated by, or the increase in value of, the assets contributed to it.

**Qualified nonprofit organization.** A qualified nonprofit organization means:

1. An organization incorporated or established in North Dakota and
  - has a physical presence in North Dakota; and
  - is a tax-exempt organization under I.R.C. § 501(c) that qualifies as a charitable organization under I.R.C. § 170; or
2. An organization incorporated or established in a state bordering North Dakota that:
  - is a tax-exempt organization under I.R.C. § 501(c) that qualifies as a charitable organization under I.R.C. § 170; and
  - supports or benefits a hospital, nursing home, or medical center, or any combination of these, that is located outside North Dakota but within five miles of a North Dakota city with a population of 5,000 or more that does not have a hospital.

The credit is equal to 40% of the contribution and the maximum allowable credit for a tax year is \$10,000.

North Dakota taxable income must be increased by the amount of the contribution upon which the credit is computed to the extent the contribution reduced federal taxable income. If claiming the credit, enter the amount of the contribution related to the credit claimed on line 5 of the Form 40, Schedule SA.

A corporation that holds an interest in a passthrough entity that qualifies for this credit may claim its share of the tax credit in proportion to its interest in the entity. The credit must be claimed in the same taxable year in which the taxable year of the passthrough entity ends.

The credit may not exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability. Any unused credit may be carried forward for three taxable years.

If the contribution is recovered, the tax credit must be added to tax due in the year recovery occurs. Contact our office for instructions on how to report the recovery of the contribution.

Attach a copy of the front and back of the cancelled check, or a receipt from the qualified nonprofit organization acknowledging its I.R.C. § 501(c)(1) status and the date and amount of the eligible contribution. If the credit is received through a passthrough entity, attach a copy of the statement received from the passthrough entity.

**Line 16****Internship employment credit****N.D.C.C. § 57-38-01.24****Property Tax Clearance Record Required**

A corporation who is an employer in this state may take a tax credit for qualified compensation paid to an intern employed by the taxpayer in this state.

For the internship to qualify for the credit:

- The intern must be an enrolled student in an institution of higher education or vocational technical education program, seeking a degree or certification in a major field of study closely related to the internship work experience;
- The internship must be taken for academic credit or count toward the completion of the vocational technical education program;

- The intern must be supervised and evaluated by the taxpayer; and
- The internship must be located in North Dakota.

The credit is 10% of the stipend or salary paid to the intern employed by the taxpayer and the credit cannot be claimed for more than five interns employed at the same time. A taxpayer may not claim more than \$3,000 in credits for all tax years combined.

A corporation that holds an interest in a passthrough entity that qualifies for this credit may claim its share of the tax credit in proportion to its interest in the entity. The credit must be claimed in the same taxable year in which the taxable year of the passthrough entity ends.

Attach a schedule listing the names of the employees, their social security number and wages paid. If the credit is received through a passthrough entity, attach a copy of the statement received from the passthrough entity.

**Line 17****Employer child care contribution tax credit****N.D.C.C. § 57-38-01.42**

A corporation that is an employer can earn an income tax credit for making child care payments to employees or their child care providers. The income tax credit is 50% of the first \$1,000 of contributions per employee per tax year. Qualifying contributions can be payments to employees for reimbursement of qualified child care costs or payments to licensed child care providers on behalf of a specific employee. To claim this credit, the supporting Schedule ECC must be completed and included.

Other provisions of the tax credit include:

- The employer must provide an equal opportunity for all its employees with child care costs to participate.
- Qualified payments include those made to child care facilities licensed in North Dakota or located within 10 miles of North Dakota.
- There is no limit on the amount of tax credit that may be earned for any tax year.

- The credit is nonrefundable and any credit earned in excess of a taxpayer's tax liability may not be carried over to succeeding tax years.

For corporations that are included in a North Dakota consolidated return (which file using filing method b1 or c1), a separate Schedule ECC must be completed for each taxpayer that earns a tax credit, which is reported on Form 40, Schedule CR, Part III for each taxpayer.

A corporation that holds an interest in a passthrough entity which earns this credit may claim its share of the tax credit in proportion to its interest in the entity. The credit must be claimed in the same taxable year in which the taxable year of the passthrough entity ends.

Attach Schedule ECC showing the calculation of the amount of credit earned.

## Line 18

### Workforce recruitment credit

#### N.D.C.C. § 57-38-01.25

#### Property Tax Clearance Record Required

A corporation that is an employer in North Dakota is entitled to a credit for costs incurred during the tax year to recruit and hire employees for hard-to-fill employment positions for which the annual salary for the position meets or exceeds the state average wage.

- "Hard-to-fill employment position" means a job that requires the employer to use extraordinary recruitment methods and for which the employer's recruitment efforts for the specific position have been unsuccessful for six consecutive calendar months.
- "State average wage" means 125% of the state average wage published annually by Job Service North Dakota and which is in effect at the time the employee is hired.
- "Extraordinary recruitment methods" means using all of the following:
  - A person with the exclusive business purpose of recruiting employees and for which a fee is charged by the recruiter.

- An advertisement in a professional trade journal, magazine, or other publication, the main emphasis of which is providing information to a particular trade or profession.
- A website, the sole purpose of which is to recruit employees and for which a fee is charged by the website.
- Payment of a signing bonus, moving expenses, or nontypical fringe benefits.

A credit may be claimed for 5% of the salary paid to an employee in a qualified hard-to-fill position for the first 12 consecutive months of that employee's employment in that position.

The credit may be claimed in the first tax year beginning after the employee filling the hard-to-fill position has completed their first 12 consecutive months of employment in the hard-to-fill position.

Also enter on line 18, the number of qualified employees hired to claim the credit. Any unused credit may be carried forward for four succeeding taxable years.

A corporation that holds an interest in a passthrough entity that qualifies for this credit may claim its share of the tax credit in proportion to its interest in the entity. The credit must be claimed in the same taxable year in which the taxable year of the passthrough entity ends.

Attach a schedule listing the names of the employees, their social security numbers, wages paid and employment start date.

## Line 19

### Wages paid to a mobilized military employee credit

#### N.D.C.C. § 57-38-01.31

A tax credit is available to an employer of an employee in the National Guard or a reserve component of the U.S. armed forces who is mobilized for federal active duty under Title 10 of the U.S. Code.

The credit is equal to 25% of the lesser of:

- the amount of compensation the employer continues to pay during the period of mobilization; or
- the reduction in compensation.

Reduction in compensation is defined as the excess of the amount of compensation the employer would have paid had there been no mobilization over the total military compensation paid because of the mobilization. In determining the amount of compensation the employer would have paid, the amount may include the employer's portion of any voluntary or matching contributions paid, or that would have been paid, into a defined contribution plan. In determining the reduction in compensation, the civilian and military compensation must be compared for the same time period. If the military compensation is equal to or more than the civilian compensation, the reduction in compensation is zero and no credit is allowed.

The maximum credit allowed per eligible employee is \$1,000, and the credit may not exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability. Any unused credit may be carried forward for five taxable years.

A corporation that holds an interest in a passthrough entity that qualifies for this credit may claim its share of the tax credit in proportion to its interest in the entity. The credit must be claimed in the same taxable year in which the taxable year of the passthrough entity ends.

To claim this credit, attach a copy of the completed Schedule ME, Credit for Wages Paid to Mobilized Employee ([tax.nd.gov/incentives/income](http://tax.nd.gov/incentives/income)) to the Form 40. If the credit is received through a passthrough entity, a copy of the statement received from the passthrough entity must be attached.

**Line 20****Housing incentive fund credit carried forward****N.D.C.C. § 57-38-01.32**  
(Effective through 2016)

For taxable years prior to 2017, a tax credit could be earned for a contribution to the Housing Incentive Fund. A credit that exceeded the tax liability for the year of the contribution may be carried forward up to 10 years. Include on this line any amount of credit that is carried forward from a previous year to 2025.

Attach a schedule showing the calculation of the amount carried over from prior years and claimed for 2025.

**Line 21****Maternity home, child placing agency, or pregnancy help center credit****N.D.C.C. § 57-38-01.39**

A tax credit is available to a corporation for 100% of contributions to a maternity home, child placing agency, or pregnancy help center.

The credit may not exceed 50% of the taxpayer's tax liability or \$2,500, whichever is less.

A corporation that holds an interest in a passthrough entity that qualifies for this credit may claim its share of the tax credit in proportion to its interest in the entity.

Any excess credit cannot be carried forward.

Attach Schedule MCP showing the calculation of the amount claimed for 2025.

**Line 22****Automation manufacturing equipment purchase credit****N.D.C.C. § 57-38-01.41****Property Tax Clearance Record Required**

A tax credit is available to a corporation for purchases of machinery and equipment to automate a manufacturing or animal agricultural process. To qualify for the credit, the corporation must be certified as a primary sector

business and timely file an application with the North Dakota Department of Commerce. Visit the Department of Commerce website [commerce.nd.gov](http://commerce.nd.gov) for application information including deadlines and includable costs. The credit includes the following provisions:

- The credit is first allowed in the tax year in which the taxpayer takes title to the machinery and equipment. For purposes of this credit, a purchase includes equipment acquired with a capital lease.
- The credit is up to 15% of the cost of qualifying new or used equipment purchased, as approved by the Department of Commerce.
- The equipment must result in either improved job quality or increased productivity.
- Improved job quality means either a 5% increase in average wages or a 5% improvement in workplace safety as documented through participation in a ND Workforce Safety & Insurance safety incentive program. Increased productivity means a 5% or more increase in either output or number of units produced per automated line per time period.
- Within one year after earning a credit, a business is required to file a report with the Office of State Tax Commissioner documenting the improved job quality or increased productivity. The report is available on our website at [tax.nd.gov](http://tax.nd.gov). Search "job quality."
- If the credit exceeds the tax liability, the excess may be carried over for up to five years.
- The total credit allowed for all qualifying purchases by all taxpayers is limited to \$3 million for each calendar year. If the statewide limit for a year is met, credits are allowed to each taxpayer in proportion of all the approved credits for that year. If the statewide limit for any year is not met, the amount of unused credits are rolled over and added to the available statewide credits for the following year.
- Of the \$3 million annual total amount, \$500,000 of tax credits is reserved each year for first-time claimants for automation equipment and \$500,000 of tax credits is reserved each year for first-time claimants for animal ag equipment.

- Corporate taxpayers in a consolidated combined return may apply the credit against the aggregate tax liability on their North Dakota tax return.

A corporation that holds an interest in a passthrough entity that qualifies for this credit may claim its share of the tax credit in proportion to its interest in the entity. The credit must be claimed in the same taxable year in which the taxable year of the passthrough entity ends. Also include on this line the amount carried forward from a prior year.

The Office of State Tax Commissioner issues a final notification of credit to the taxpayer. To claim this credit, attach to the return a copy of that letter indicating the amount of credit allowed to the taxpayer. If the credit is received through a passthrough entity, a copy of the statement received from the passthrough entity must be attached.

**Line 23****Rural leadership North Dakota program contributions credit****N.D.C.C. § 57-38-01.34**

A tax credit is available to a corporation for contributions to the Rural Leadership North Dakota Program conducted by the NDSU Extension Service. The credit is equal to 50% of the total contributions made during the tax year. Contributions may be designated for a specific individual. Any unused credit may not be carried over to subsequent tax years.

Enclose a copy of a receipt for each qualifying contribution or a cancelled check (front and back) with Form 40.

**Line 24****Apprentice tax credit****N.D.C.C. § 57-38-01.40**

- A tax credit is available to a corporation for compensation paid to an apprentice. The credit equals 10% of the stipend or salary paid to an apprentice. The maximum credit available for all years combined is \$3,000. The earning of the tax credit is limited to only five apprentices at the same time. Any credit in excess of the tax liability may not be carried back or forward.

## Need forms or assistance?

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State Capitol, 8th Floor

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- A corporation that holds an interest in a passthrough entity that earned this credit may claim its share of the tax credit in proportion to its interest in the entity. The credit must be claimed in the same taxable year in which the taxable year of the passthrough entity ends.

Attach a schedule listing the names of the employees, their social security numbers, wages paid and employment start date.