

Part II Allowable Credit

12	Regular tax before credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals. Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 44 or Form 1040NR, line 41 Corporations. Enter the amount from Form 1120, Schedule J, line 2, or the applicable line of your return Estates and trusts. Enter the sum of the amounts from Form 1041, Schedule G, lines 1a and 1b, or the amount from the applicable line of your return 		12	
13	Alternative minimum tax: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals. Enter the amount from Form 6251, line 36 Corporations. Enter the amount from Form 4626, line 14 Estates and trusts. Enter the amount from Schedule I (Form 1041), line 56 		13	
14	Add line 12 and line 13		14	
15a	Foreign tax credit	15a		
b	Personal credits from Form 1040 or 1040NR (see instructions)	15b		
c	Credit from Form 8834	15c		
d	Alternative motor vehicle credit (Form 8910, line 18)	15d		
e	Alternative fuel vehicle refueling property credit (Form 8911, line 19)	15e		
f	General business credit (see instructions)	15f		
g	Credit for prior year minimum tax (Form 8801, line 28; or Form 8827, line 8b)	15g		
h	Add lines 15a through 15g		15h	
16	Net income tax. Subtract line 15h from line 14		16	
17	Credit to holders of tax credit bonds allowed for the current year. Enter the smallest of line 9, line 16, or the amount as limited by the formula in the instructions for line 17 (if line 17 is smaller than line 9, see instructions). Estates and trusts , enter the smallest of line 11, line 16, or the amount as limited by the formula in the instructions for line 17 (if line 17 is smaller than line 11, see instructions). Report this amount on Form 1040, line 54 or Form 1040NR, line 49; Form 1120, Schedule J, line 5e; Form 1041, Schedule G, line 3; or the applicable line of your return		17	

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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

What's New

Holders of qualified zone academy bonds that were issued before October 4, 2008, under section 1397E must now use Form 8912 to claim the credit.

The following tax credit bonds have been created and were added to the form.

- The Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008 added the new clean renewable energy bonds and the qualified energy conservation bonds.
- The Tax Extenders and Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008 added the Midwestern tax credit bonds.
- The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 added the qualified forestry conservation bonds.
- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009 added the qualified school construction bonds and build America bonds.

Purpose of Form

Use Form 8912 to claim the credit for the following tax credit bonds.

- Clean renewable energy bond (CREB).
- Gulf tax credit bond (GTCB).
- Midwestern tax credit bond (MTCB).
- Qualified forestry conservation bond (QFCB).
- New clean renewable energy bond (NCREB).

- Qualified energy conservation bond (QECCB).
- Qualified zone academy bonds (QZAB).
- Qualified school construction bond (QSCB).
- Build America bond (BAB).

Generally, in lieu of receiving periodic interest payments from the issuer, the holder of the bond is allowed an annual income tax credit. The credit compensates the holder for lending money to the issuer and functions as interest paid on the bond. Build America bond holders receive taxable interest from the issuer in addition to being allowed an annual income tax credit.

Note. Beginning in 2008, holders of QZABs who previously figured their credit on Form 8860, Qualified Zone Academy Bond Credit, must now use Form 8912 to figure their credit. Form 8860 has been obsoleted for tax years beginning after 2007.

Who Can Claim the Credits

A taxpayer holding a CREB, GTCB, MTCB, or qualified tax credit bond (a qualified tax credit bond does not include a QZAB issued before October 4, 2008) on 1 or more credit allowance dates can claim the credit by filing Form 8912 for each tax year in which it holds the bond on a credit allowance date.

Generally, the credit allowance dates are:

- March 15,
- June 15,
- September 15, and
- December 15.

The credit allowance date also includes the last day on which the qualified tax credit bond is outstanding.

Holders of QZABs issued before October 4, 2008. An eligible taxpayer holding a QZAB on the credit allowance date can claim the credit by filing Form 8912. To be an eligible taxpayer, the taxpayer must be a bank, insurance company, or other corporation actively engaged in the business of lending money. In addition, the shareholder of an S corporation may claim the credit from an S corporation that is an eligible taxpayer. The credit allowance date is the last day of: (a) the 1-year period beginning on the date the bond was issued and (b) each successive 1-year period thereafter. See section 1397E (as in effect on October 3, 2008).

IMPORTANT: QZABs issued after October 3, 2008, are considered qualified tax credit bonds and the rules of section 54E apply.

Holders of BABs. A taxpayer holding a BAB on an interest payment date can claim the credit by filing Form 8912. An interest payment date is any date on which the bondholder of record is entitled to a payment of interest under the bond.

Definitions

CREB. A CREB is any bond issued after 2005 by a **qualified issuer**, the proceeds of which are used for capital expenditures incurred by a **qualified borrower** for a **qualified project**. In addition, the bond must be designated by the issuer as a CREB under section 54. An issuer can make such a designation only if it applied for and received a CREB allocation from the IRS.

A **qualified issuer** is either a:

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- Cooperative electric company—a mutual or cooperative electric company described in section 501(c)(12) or 1381(a)(2)(C), or a not-for-profit electric utility that has received a loan or loan guarantee under the Rural Electrification Act,
- Clean renewable energy bond lender—a lender that is a cooperative which is owned by, or has outstanding loans to, 100 or more cooperative electric companies and is in existence on February 1, 2002, and including any affiliated entity which is controlled by such lender, or
- Governmental body—any state, territory, possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, Indian tribal government, and any political subdivision thereof.

A **qualified borrower** is a mutual or cooperative electric company described in section 501(c)(12) or 1381(a)(2)(C), or a governmental body.

A **qualified project** is any qualified facility (as determined under section 45(d) without regard to paragraph (10) and to any placed in service date) owned by a qualified borrower.

GTCB. A GTCB is any bond with a maturity of not more than 2 years that was issued after 2005 and before 2007 by the state of Alabama, Louisiana, or Mississippi, and designated by the governor of that state as a Gulf tax credit bond. At least 95% of the proceeds of the bond must be used to pay principal, interest, or premiums on qualified bonds issued by that state or any political subdivision thereof, or to make a loan to any political subdivision thereof to pay principal, interest, or premiums on a **qualified bond** issued by that subdivision.

A **qualified bond** for purposes of the GTCB credit means any obligation of a state or political subdivision which was outstanding on August 28, 2005. This term does not include any private activity bond, any bond for which there is any outstanding refunded or refunding bond during the period a GTCB is outstanding for such bond, or any bond issued as part of an issue if any portion of the proceeds of such issue was (or is to be) used to provide any property described in section 144(c)(6)(B).

MTCB. An MTCB is any bond with a maturity of not more than 2 years that was issued after 2008 and before 2010 by any state in which a Midwestern disaster area is located or any instrumentality of the state as a Midwestern tax credit bond. At least 95% of the proceeds of the bond must be used to pay principal, interest, or premiums on qualified bonds issued by that state or any political subdivision, or to make a loan to any political subdivision to pay principal, interest, or premiums on a qualified bond issued by that subdivision. A qualified bond for purposes of the MTCB credit means any obligation of a state or political subdivision which was outstanding on the earliest applicable disaster date for Midwestern disaster areas within the state. This term does not include any private activity bond, any bond for which there is any outstanding refunded or refunding bond during the period an MTCB is outstanding for such bond, or any bond issued as part of an issue if any portion of the proceeds of such issue was (or is to be) used to provide any property described in section 144(c)(6)(B).

Qualified tax credit bond. A qualified tax credit bond means a qualified forestry conservation bond, new clean renewable energy bond, qualified energy conservation bond, qualified zone academy bond, or qualified school construction bond that is a part of an issue that meets the requirements of section 54A(d)(2), (3), (4), (5), and (6).

QFCB. A QFCB is any bond issued after May 22, 2008, a **qualified issuer** as a qualified forestry conservation bond and 100% of the available project proceeds are used for one or more **qualified forestry conservation purposes**.

A **qualified issuer** for purposes of the QFCB is a state or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof, or a 501(c)(3) organization (as defined in section 150(a)(4)).

Qualified forestry conservation purpose means the acquisition by a qualified issuer from an unrelated person of forest and forest land that meets the following qualifications.

- Some portion of the land acquired must be adjacent to the United States Forest Service Land.
- At least half of the land acquired must be transferred to the United States Forest Service at no net cost to the United States and not more than half of the land acquired may either remain with or be conveyed to a State.

- All of the land must be subject to a native fish habitat conservation plan approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

- The amount of acreage acquired must be at least 40,000 acres.

NCREB. An NCREB is any bond issued after October 3, 2008, a **qualified issuer** as a new clean renewable energy bond and 100% of the available project proceeds are used for capital expenditures incurred by governmental bodies, public power providers, or cooperative electric companies for one or more **qualified renewable energy facilities**.

A **qualified issuer** is a public power provider, a cooperative electric company, a governmental body, a clean renewable energy bond lender, or a not-for-profit electric utility that has received a loan or loan guarantee under the Rural Electrification Act.

A **clean renewable energy bond lender** is a lender that is a cooperative that is owned by, or has outstanding loans to, 100 or more cooperative electric companies and is in existence on February 1, 2002, and shall include any affiliated entity that is controlled by that lender.

A **cooperative electric company** is a mutual or cooperative electric company described in section 501(c)(12) or section 1381(a)(2)(C).

A **governmental body** is any state or Indian tribal government, or any political subdivision thereof.

A **public power provider** is a state utility with a service obligation, as defined in section 217 of the Federal Power Act (as in effect on October 3, 2008).

A **qualified renewable energy facility** is a qualified facility (as determined under section 45(d) without regard to paragraphs (8) and (10) thereof and to any placed in service date) owned by a public power provider, a governmental body, or a cooperative electric company.

QECB. A QECB is any bond issued after October 3, 2008, a state or local government as a qualified energy conservation bond and 100% of the available project proceeds are used for one or more qualified conservation purposes. See section 54D(f) for the definition of qualified conservation purposes.

QZAB. A QZAB is any bond issued by a state or local government as a qualified zone academy bond and 100% of the available project proceeds are used to improve certain eligible public schools (for QZABs issued before October 4, 2008, 95% of the available project proceeds are used to improve certain eligible public schools).

QSCB. A QSCB is any bond issued after February 17, 2009, by a state or local government as a qualified school construction bond and 100% of the available project proceeds are for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of a public school facility or for the acquisition of land on which the bond-financed facility is to be constructed.

BAB. A BAB is any bond (other than a private activity bond) issued after February 17, 2009 and before January 1, 2011, by an issuer who makes an irrevocable election to have the rules of section 54AA apply and except for that election, the interest on the bond would have been excludable under section 103.

Specific Instructions

Separate entries and calculations are required for each bond with a different issuance date or a different credit rate.

If you have more than one tax credit bond, attach a statement for each bond showing the information for lines 1 through 4 and include the column 4(f) total for each statement on line 5.

Part I—Current Year Credit

Line 3

Enter the date the bond was redeemed, sold, or otherwise disposed of.

Line 4, Column (b)

Enter the face amount of the CREB, GTCB, MTCB, qualified tax credit bond, or QZAB (issued before October 4, 2008) minus any payment of principal received. For a BAB, enter the amount of interest payable.

Line 4, Column (c)

The credit rate for the CREB, GTCB, MTCB, qualified tax credit bond, and QZAB (issued before October 4, 2008) is the rate published on the Treasury Direct website under "IRS Tax Credit Bond Rates" at: www.treasurydirect.gov/govt/rates/rates_irstcb.htm for the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale or exchange of the bond.

The credit rate for QZABs issued before July 1, 1999, is 110% of the long-term applicable federal rate (AFR), compounded annually, for the month and year the bond is issued. The IRS announces the long-term AFR monthly in a series of revenue rulings published in the Internal Revenue Bulletin.

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interest payment dates

Line 4, Column (e)

Generally, enter 25% for each credit allowance date you hold a CREB, GTCB, MTCB, or qualified tax credit bond during your tax year. Enter 100% for a BAB, or a QZAB issued before October 4, 2008.

Example. Your tax year begins December 1, 2008, and ends November 30, 2009. You were issued a GTCB on March 16, 2009, and held it through the end of the tax year ending November 30, 2009. You would enter 50% computed as follows.

Table with 2 columns: Credit allowance date, %

However, the 25% will be prorated if a CREB, GTCB, MTCB, or qualified tax credit bond is issued, redeemed, or matures during the 3-month period ending on a credit allowance date.

Example. Your tax year begins December 1, 2008, and ends November 30, 2009. You were issued a CREB on March 24, 2009. Since the bond was not held for the entire 3-month period ending on June 15, 2009, the prorated portion of the 25% is figured by dividing (a) the number of days the bond was outstanding beginning on the date the bond was issued and ending on the next credit allowance date by (b) the number of days included in the 3-month period beginning on the day after the credit allowance date and ending on the next credit allowance date.

84 days (number of days from March 24 through June 15) = .913 x 25% = 23%
92 days (number of days from March 16 through June 15)
You would enter 48% computed as follows.

Table with 2 columns: Credit allowance date, %

Line 4, Column (f)

This amount is the income tax credit to the holder of a tax credit bond.

Line 6

Interest Income

The current year credit on line 6 is deemed to be a payment of qualified stated interest (as defined in Regulations section 1.1273-1(c)) and as such is treated as taxable interest income paid on the credit allowance date or for BABs, the interest payment date.

or interest payment date

If a holder of a tax credit bond sells the bond between credit allowance dates or for BABs, the interest payment date, part of the sales price is treated as accrued interest to the date of the sale and must be reported as interest income.

Line 7

If you have more than one tax credit bond, attach a statement for each bond showing the information for lines 1 through 4 and include the column 4(f) total for each statement on line 5.

Line 10

Estates and trusts. Allocate the CREB, GTCB, or MTCB credit on line 9 between the estate or trust and the beneficiaries in the same proportion as income was allocated and enter the beneficiaries share on line 10.

Part II—Allowable Credit

The credit allowed for the current year may be limited based on your tax liability. Use Part II to figure the allowable credit.

Line 15f

If you are filing Form 3800, General Business Credit, enter the credit from Form 3800.

Line 17

If you do not have an entry space for these credits on your tax return, enter the allowable credit on the "Total credits" line with the applicable notation (for example, "CREB" or "QECB").

Holders of an MTCB, a GTCB, a CREB, or a QZAB's (issued before October 4, 2008).

If you cannot use all of the credit from Part I because of the tax liability limit (for example, line 17 is smaller than line 9), you can deduct the unused credit for the current tax year. However, you can choose to deduct the unused credit in the next tax year instead of the current tax year.

Because a current year deduction may further reduce the tax liability limit, you may need to refigure the tax liability limit and the unallowed credit. Refigure the unallowed credit until it equals the deduction. It may be necessary to use the "trial and error" method.

Holders of a qualified tax credit bond or a BAB.

If you cannot use all of the credit from Part I (for example, line 17 is smaller than line 9), you may carry the unused portion of the credit to the next tax year and add it to any credit allowable to the holder of the same bond in the next tax year.

Limitation on credit from pass-through entities. For a CREB, GTCB, or MTCB from a pass-through entity (partnership, S corporation, estate, or trust), the credit on line 8 is limited to the amount of tax attributable to your taxable income from your interest in the pass-through entity generating the credit.

Line 16 x Taxable income attributable to your interest in the pass-through entity Your taxable income for the year

If in the current tax year you had no taxable income attributable to a particular interest in a pass-through entity, you cannot claim any CREB, GTCB, or MTCB credit this year for that interest.

All taxpayers (other than estates and trusts). For line 17, add the line 8 credits separately figured for each interest in a pass-through entity (as limited by the formula above for each such interest) to the total credit on line 6. Enter on line 17 the smaller of this result or the amount on line 16.

Estates and trusts. For line 17, add the line 8 credits (excluding any amount allocated to beneficiaries) separately figured for each interest in a pass-through entity (as limited by the formula above for each such interest) to the total credit on line 6 (excluding any amount allocated to beneficiaries). Enter on line 17 the smaller of this result or the amount on line 16.

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Line 15b

If completing Form 1040, enter the credits reported on lines 48 through 53, plus any credit from line 11 of Form 8859, District of Columbia First-Time Homebuyer Credit. If completing Form 1040NR, enter the credits reported on lines 45 through 49, plus any credit from line 11 of Form 8859.