

# Low-Income Housing Credit

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Attachment  
Sequence No. **36a**

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Identifying number

<b>1</b>	Number of Forms 8609-A attached . . . . . ▶	
<b>2</b>	Has there been a decrease in the qualified basis of any buildings accounted for on line 1 since the close of the preceding tax year? <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> If "Yes," enter the building identification numbers (BINs) of the buildings that had a decreased basis. If you need more space, attach a schedule. <b>(i)</b> _____ <b>(ii)</b> _____ <b>(iii)</b> _____ <b>(iv)</b> _____	
<b>3</b>	Current year credit from attached Form(s) 8609-A (see instructions) . . . . .	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Low-income housing credit from partnerships, S corporations, estates, and trusts . . . . .	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	Add lines 3 and 4. Estates and trusts, go to line 6. Partnerships and S corporations, stop here and report this amount on Schedule K. All others, stop here and report this amount on Form 3800, Part III, line 4d, column (c) . . . . .	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	Amount allocated to beneficiaries of the estate or trust (see instructions) . . . . .	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	Estates and trusts, subtract line 6 from line 5. Report this amount on Form 3800, Part III, line 4d, column (c)	<b>7</b>

## General Instructions

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

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form 8586 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/Form8586](http://www.irs.gov/Form8586).

### Purpose of Form

Use Form 8586 to claim the low-income housing credit. This general business credit is allowed for each new qualified low-income building placed in service after 1986. Generally, it is taken over a 10-year credit period.

Taxpayers, other than partnerships, S corporations, estates, or trusts, whose only source of this credit is from those pass-through entities, are not required to complete or file this form. Instead, they can report this credit directly on Form 3800.

### Qualified Low-Income Housing Project

The credit cannot exceed the amount allocated to the building. See section 42(h)(1) for details.

The low-income housing credit can only be claimed for residential rental buildings in low-income housing projects that meet one of the minimum set-aside tests. For details, see the instructions for Form 8609, Part II, line 10c.

Except for buildings financed with certain tax-exempt bonds, you may not take a low-income housing credit on a building if it has not received an allocation from the housing credit agency. No allocation is needed when 50% or more of the aggregate basis of the building and the land on which the building is located is financed with certain tax-exempt bonds. The owner must still get a Form 8609 from the appropriate housing credit agency (with the applicable items completed, including an assigned BIN). "Land on which the building is located" includes only land that is functionally related and subordinate to the qualified low-income building. (See Regulations sections 1.103-8(a)(3) and 1.103-8(b)(4)(iii).)

### Recapture of Credit

There is a 15-year compliance period during which the residential rental building must continue to meet certain requirements. If, as of the close of any tax year in this period, there is a reduction in the qualified basis of the building from the previous year, you may have to recapture a part of the credit you have taken. Similarly, you may have to recapture part of the credits taken in previous years upon certain dispositions of the building or interests therein, unless you follow the procedures to prevent recapture. See *Recapture and building dispositions* in the Instructions for Form 8609-A, Annual Statement for Low-Income Housing Credit, for details. If you must recapture credits, use Form 8611, Recapture of Low-Income Housing Credit. See section 42(j) for details.

### Recordkeeping

Keep a copy of this Form 8586 together with all Forms 8609, Forms 8609-A, and Forms 8611 for 3 years after the 15-year compliance period ends.

## Specific Instructions

**Line 2.** A decrease in qualified basis will result in recapture if the qualified basis at the close of the tax year is less than the qualified basis at the close of the first year of the credit period.

If the reduction in qualified basis at the close of the tax year also results in a violation of the minimum set-aside requirement, then no credit is allowable for the year.

**Line 3.** The credit for the year is figured on Form 8609-A for each building. Attach a copy of each Form 8609-A you completed for the tax year to Form 8586. Enter on line 3 the total credit for attached Form(s) 8609-A.

**Line 6. Estates or trusts.** Allocate the low-income housing credit on line 5 between the estate or trust and the beneficiaries in the same proportion as income was allocated and enter the beneficiaries' share on line 6.

If the estate or trust is subject to the passive activity rules, include on line 4 any low-income housing credits from passive activities disallowed for prior years and carried forward to this year. Complete Form 8582-CR, Passive Activity Credit Limitations, to determine the allowed credit that must be allocated between the estate or trust and the beneficiaries. For details, see the Instructions for Form 8582-CR.

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The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated burden for individual taxpayers filing this form is approved under OMB control number 1545-0074 and is included in the estimates shown in the instructions for their individual income tax return. The estimated burden for all other taxpayers who file this form is shown below.

**Recordkeeping** . . . . . 5 hr., 44 min.

**Learning about the law or the form** . . . . . 52 min.

**Preparing and sending the form to the IRS** . . . . . 2 hr., 11 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. See the instructions for the tax return with which this form is filed.