

Qualified Zone Academy Bond Credit

▶ Attach to the corporation's tax return.
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Employer identification number
:

Part I Tentative Credit

(a) Bond issuer's name, city or town, and state	(b) Month and year bond issued	(c) Outstanding principal amount of bond	(d) Credit rate	(e) Credit ((c) x (d))	
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2	Tentative qualified zone academy bond credit. Add all amounts in column (e). Caution: You must include this amount in the corporation's gross income before proceeding to line 3 below				2

Part II Tax Liability Limit

3	Regular tax before credits. Enter the amount from Form 1120, Schedule J, line 3, or the comparable line of the corporation's return		3
4	Alternative minimum tax. Enter the amount from Form 4626, line 15		4
5	Add line 3 and line 4		5
6a	Foreign tax credit (Form 1118, Sch. B, Part III, line 13)	6a	
b	Possessions credit (Form 5735)	6b	
c	Credit for fuel from a nonconventional source	6c	
d	Qualified electric vehicle credit (Form 8834, line 20)	6d	
e	General business credit (see instructions).	6e	
f	Credit for prior year minimum tax (Form 8827, line 8).	6f	
g	Add lines 6a through 6f.		6g
7	Net income tax. Subtract line 6g from line 5.		7
8	Qualified zone academy bond credit. Enter the smaller of line 2 or line 7 here and on Form 1120, Schedule J, line 6f, or the comparable line of the corporation's return. Caution: If line 8 is smaller than line 2, the corporation generally should deduct the unallowed credit in figuring its taxable income for this tax year. Because this deduction will affect the tax liability limit, refigure the unallowed credit until it equals the deduction. However, the corporation may be able to deduct the unallowed credit attributable to bonds sold after September 25, 2000, in the next tax year. See the instructions		8

General Instructions

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

Purpose of Form

Eligible holders of qualified zone academy bonds use Form 8860 to claim the qualified zone academy bond credit. A qualified zone academy bond is a taxable bond issued after 1997 by a state or local government, the proceeds of which are used to improve certain eligible public schools. In lieu of receiving periodic interest payments from the issuer, an eligible holder of the bond is generally allowed an annual income tax credit while the bond is outstanding. The credit compensates the holder for lending money to the issuer and functions as interest paid on the bond.

Who May Claim the Credit

An eligible holder of a qualified zone academy bond files Form 8860 for each tax year it holds a bond on a credit allowance date. To be an eligible holder, the taxpayer must be a bank, insurance company, or other corporation actively engaged in the business of lending money. A taxpayer that is an ineligible holder cannot claim the credit. 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. The credit is deemed paid on the credit allowance date.

Specific Instructions

Part I—Tentative Credit

Line 1, Column (c)

Enter the face amount of the bond minus any payments of principal received.

Line 1, Column (d)

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

For bonds sold after June 30, 1999, the credit rate is the rate published daily by the Bureau of the Public Debt under "SLGS and Other Special Investments" on its Internet Web Site at www.publicdebt.treas.gov. The rate is applied to the bond on the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale or exchange of the bond. The rate is determined by the Department of the Treasury based on its estimate of the yield on outstanding AA rated corporate bonds of a similar maturity for the business day immediately prior to the date on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale or exchange of the bond.

Line 2

The tentative credit on line 2 is deemed to be a payment of qualified stated interest (as defined in Regulations section 1.1273-1(c)) on the credit allowance date. Therefore, a holder on the accrual method must accrue the credit amount as taxable interest income over the 1-year period that ends on the credit allowance date.

If the holder buys a bond between credit allowance dates, the interest (credit) accrued at the time of purchase is not interest income, and is not taxable as interest when paid. Instead, the payment of the interest (credit) on the credit

allowance date is treated as a return of capital (to the extent of the accrued interest (credit) at the time of purchase), which reduces the holder's cost basis in the bond. If the holder sells a bond between credit allowance dates, part of the sales price is treated as interest accrued to the date of sale and must be reported as interest income.

Part II—Tax Liability Limit

Line 6e

If the corporation is filing **Form 3800**, General Business Credit, enter the credit from Form 3800. If the corporation is not filing Form 3800, enter on line 6e the credit allowed for the current tax year (after the tax liability limit) from the general business credit form filed by the corporation, including any suspended research credit allowed for the current year. See the Instructions for Form 3800 for a list of the credits included in the general business credit. Also include the amount, if any, from line 24 of **Form 8844**, Empowerment Zone Employment Credit.

Line 8

If the holder cannot use all of the credit on line 2 because of the tax liability limit in Part II (i.e., line 2 is more than line 8), the holder's income generally is adjusted by deducting any unused credit for the tax year that includes the credit allowance date. Because this deduction may further reduce the tax liability limit, the holder 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.

Note: *To the extent the unallowed credit is attributable to bonds sold after September 25, 2000, the corporation may deduct the unallowed credit in the next tax year instead of the current tax year. See Regulations sections 1.1397E-1(f)(2) and (k).*

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