You may be able to take this credit and reduce your tax if by the end of 1997:

- You were age 65 or older, OR - You were under age 65, you retired on permanent and total disability, and you received taxable disability income.
But you must also meet other tests. See the separate instructions for Schedule R.
TIP: In most cases, the IRS can figure the credit for you. See the instructions.


## Part I Check the Box for Your Filing Status and Age



## Part II Statement of Permanent and Total Disability (Complete only if you checked box 2, 4, 5, 6, or 9 above.)

IF: 1 You filed a physician's statement for this disability for 1983 or an earlier year, or you filed a statement for tax years after 1983 and your physician signed line B on the statement, AND
2 Due to your continued disabled condition, you were unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity in 1997, check this box

- If you checked this box, you do not have to file another statement for 1997.
- If you did not check this box, have your physician complete the statement below.


## Physician's Statement (See instructions on back.)

I certify that
Name of disabled person
was permanently and totally disabled on J anuary 1,1976 , or J anuary 1,1977 , OR was permanently and totally disabled on the date he or she retired. If retired after 1976, enter the date retired.
Physician: Sign your name on either line A or B below.
A The disability has lasted or can be expected to last continuously for at least a year
B There is no reasonable probability that the disabled condition will ever improve

| at the | Physician's signature | Date |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Physician's signature | Date |
|  | Physician's address |  |

## Part III

## Figure Your Credit

10 If you checked (in Part I):
Box 1, 2, 4, or 7
Box 3, 5, or 6.
Enter:
\$5,000

Box 8 or 9
\$7,500

Did you check $\qquad$ Yes $\qquad$ \$3,750
box 2, 4, 5, 6,
or 9 in Part I?
No $\qquad$
You must complete line 11.

11 If you checked:

- Box 6 in Part I, add $\$ 5,000$ to the taxable disability income of the spouse who was under age 65. Enter the total.
- Box 2, 4, or 9 in Part I, enter your taxable disability income.
- Box 5 in Part I, add your taxable disability income to your spouse's taxable disability income. Enter the total.
TIP: For more details on what to include on line 11, see the instructions.
12 If you completed line 11, enter the smaller of line 10 or line 11; all others, enter the amount from line 10
13 Enter the following pensions, annuities, or disability income that you (and your spouse if filing a joint return) received in 1997:
a Nontaxable part of social security benefits, and Nontaxable part of railroad retirement benefits treated as social security. See instructions.
b Nontaxable veterans' pensions, and Any other pension, annuity, or disability benefit that is excluded from income under any other provision of law. See instructions.
c Add lines 13a and 13b. (Even though these income items are not taxable, they must be included here to figure your credit.) If you did not receive any of the types of nontaxable income listed on line 13a or 13 b , enter -0 - on line 13 c .

14 Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 33
15 If you checked (in Part I):
Enter: Box 1 or 2 \$7,500 Box 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 . . . . $\$ 10,000$ Box 8 or 9 \$5,000
16 Subtract line 15 from line 14. If zero or less, enter -0-

17 Enter one-half of line 16

18 Add lines 13c and 17

19 Subtract line 18 from line 12. If zero or less, stop; you cannot take the credit. Otherwise, go to line 20
 Multiply line 19 by $15 \%$ (.15). Enter the result here and on Form 1040, line 41. Caution: If you file Schedule C, C-EZ, D, E, or F (Form 1040), your credit may be limited. See the instructions for line 20 for the amount of credit you can claim


## Instructions for Physician's Statement

## Taxpayer

If you retired after 1976, enter the date you retired in the space provided in Part II.

## Physician

A person is permanently and totally disabled if both of the following apply:

1. He or she cannot engage in any substantial gainful activity because of a physical or mental condition, and
2. A physician determines that the disability has lasted or can be expected to last continuously for at least a year or can lead to death.
