

Instructions for Qualified Research Activities Credit

What types of research qualify for the credit?

This credit is allowed for **increases** in qualified research expenses and basic research payments. It is allowed only for qualified research and basic research conducted in Oregon.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, the only requirement is that the research be conducted in Oregon. For tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2006, “qualified research” and “basic research” are research in the fields of:

- Advanced computing.
- Advanced materials.
- Biotechnology.
- Electronic device technology.
- Environmental technology.
- Straw utilization.

“Advanced computing” means leading edge technologies used in the design and development of computing hardware and software. This includes innovations in design of the full spectrum of hardware from hand-held calculators to super computers, including all peripheral equipment. It also includes innovations in design and development software executing on all computing hardware for any purpose.

“Advanced materials” means high value metals, composites, plastics, and new and improved wood-based materials.

“Biotechnology” means biochemistry, molecular biology, genetics, and engineering dealing with the transformation of biological systems into useful processes and products.

“Electronic device technology” means the design and development of electronic materials and devices such as advances in integrated circuits and superconductivity.

“Environmental technology” means environmental assessment, cleanup, and alternative energy sources.

“Straw utilization” means innovations in the use of straw and straw-based materials.

Part I, line 1

A “Qualified Organization” means any of the following, as described in the Internal Revenue Code, section 41(e) (6):

- Educational institutions.
- Certain scientific research organizations.
- Scientific tax exempt organizations.
- Certain grant organizations.

Part I, line 2

The “Base Period Amount” shall include only those amounts paid or incurred in Oregon and is computed using Internal Revenue Code Section 41(e).

Part II, line 5

Computation of the “Fixed-Base Percentage” shall include only those amounts paid or incurred in Oregon and is computed using Internal Revenue Code Section 41(c)(3) and 41(f)(4).

Part II, line 6

Enter the “Average Federal Gross Receipts” for the four tax years preceding the tax year for which the credit is being determined. Refer to Internal Revenue Code Section 41(c)(1)(B) and 41(f)(4) for details.

What happens if the credit exceeds the tax?

The excess credit in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1995 can be carried forward up to five years. The credit may not be used to offset the minimum excise tax.

When can the credit be claimed?

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1989, and before January 1, 2012.

What is the applicable law?

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 317.152 to 317.154.

Taxpayer assistance

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Toll-free from Oregon prefix..... 1-800-356-4222
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