

2000 VIRGINIA SCHEDULE CR INSTRUCTIONS

For use with Forms 760, 760PY and 763

General Information

WHEN TO COMPLETE SCHEDULE CR

Complete Schedule CR if claiming one or more of the credits listed below:

- Enterprise Zone Act Credit
- Neighborhood Assistance Act Credit
- Recyclable Materials Processing Equipment Credit
- Conservation Tillage Equipment Credit
- Fertilizer and Pesticide Application Equipment Credit
- Rent Reduction Program Credit
- Vehicle Emissions Testing Equipment Credit, Clean-Fuel Vehicle and Certain Refueling Property Credits
- Major Business Facility Job Tax Credit
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- Credit for Preservation of Land
- Credit for Political Contributions
- Coalfield Employment Enhancement Tax Credit

Claiming A Credit From A Partnership, S Corporation or Limited Liability Company

Partners of a partnership, shareholders of an S corporation, and members of a limited liability company may claim the amount of credit passed through to them by the partnership, S corporation or limited liability company. Generally, distributions of a credit by a partnership, S corporation or limited liability company to its partners, shareholders and members are in proportion to their ownership or interest in the partnership, S corporation or limited liability company.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Each section of Schedule CR notes the carryover period, if any, that applies to the credit. As a general rule, the maximum nonrefundable credit available is the amount on Schedule CR, line 1, reduced by other credits claimed, regardless of order on Schedule CR. There are two refundable credits: Coalfield Employment Enhancement Tax Credit (computed on Form 306); and the Real Property Improvement Tax Credit component of the Enterprise Zone Act Credit (computed on Form 301). These refundable credits are reported in sections XXV and XXVI of Schedule CR. The combined total of nonrefundable and refundable credits is entered on Form 760, line 23; Form 760PY, line 18(g); or Form 763, line 19(f).

If the total of your nonrefundable credits is larger than the balance of maximum nonrefundable credit available, the following rules will ensure that you receive the maximum benefit of your credits:

- Claim nonrefundable credits without a carryforward provision (such as credit for income tax paid to another state) first;

- Claim carryover credits from prior years next (in expiration order);
- Utilize current year credits in the order of their carryover provision next;
- Then report any unused credits as carryovers for succeeding taxable years to the extent allowed by law.

To obtain forms, call (804) 236-2760, (804) 236-2761 or 1-888-268-2829 (toll free outside the Richmond area); or visit our Web site at www.tax.state.va.us. For information or assistance completing your forms, call (804) 367-8031.

MAXIMUM NONREFUNDABLE CREDITS

The total nonrefundable credits claimed on Schedule CR may not exceed the amount of tax shown on your return less the total amount reported for spouse tax adjustment, credit for tax paid to another state, and credit for low-income individuals.

CREDIT DESCRIPTION

Enterprise Zone Act Credit.

This credit applies to businesses located in an Enterprise Zone. Businesses qualified by the state prior to July 1, 1995, may be eligible to claim a general tax credit against the tax due on taxable income from within the zone. The credit is a percentage of the tax due on taxable income from within the zone. In addition, a credit for a percent of unemployment tax due on zone employees may be claimed. Businesses qualified after July 1, 1995, may take a credit against the tax due on zone taxable income and may be eligible for a Real Property Improvement Tax Credit and an Investment Tax Credit. If you claim a refundable Real Property Improvement Tax Credit on Form 301, enter this amount in the REFUNDABLE CREDITS section (Section XXVI) on Schedule CR. For forms to qualify and additional information, contact **Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, The Jackson Center, 501 North Second Street, Richmond, VA 23219-1321, (804) 371-7030.**

Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit.

The Virginia Neighborhood Assistance Act provides a credit to businesses that donate money, property, professional services and contract services directly to PRE-APPROVED Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) organizations whose primary function is to benefit impoverished individuals. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2000, individuals can receive a credit for monetary donations to an eligible program of at least \$50 but no more than \$200. Licensed physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, optometrists, dental hygienists and pharmacists who donate their services in a **pre-approved** NAP clinics may also be eligible for credits. Excess donor credit, if applicable, may be carried forward for the next five taxable years. The amount of credit attributable to a partnership or S corporation shall be allocated to the partners and shareholders in proportion to their ownership or interest in the partnership or S corporation. To claim the tax credit, a certificate from the Department of Social Services must be attached to your return. For a list of approved organizations or additional information, contact: **Virginia Department of Social Services, Neighborhood Assistance Program, Theater Row Building, 730 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219-1849, or call (804) 692-1895.**

Recyclable Materials Processing Equipment Credit.

An income tax credit may be claimed for purchases made during the taxable year, while you were a Virginia resident, for machinery and equipment used exclusively in or on the premises of manufacturing facilities or plant units which manufacture, process, compound or produce items of tangible personal property from recyclable materials, within the Commonwealth, for sale. The credit is 10% of such expenditures and cannot exceed 40% of the taxpayer's Virginia income tax liability for the year, computed prior to computing the credit. For additional information on how to qualify for certification, contact: **Department of Environmental Quality, Attention: Equipment Certification Officer, P.O. Box 10009, Richmond, VA 23240-0009, (804) 698-4145.**

Conservation Tillage Equipment Credit.

This credit may be claimed by an individual investing in conservation tillage equipment for the purpose of farming. The tax credit is 25% of conservation tillage equipment expenditures made while you were a resident of Virginia or \$2,500, whichever is less. The term "conservation tillage equipment" means a "no-till" planter or drill designed to minimize soil disturbance, including such planters and drills which may be attached to equipment already owned.

Fertilizer And Pesticide Application Equipment Credit.

The fertilizer and pesticide application equipment credit is 25% of all expenditures for equipment certified as providing more precise pesticide and agricultural application, or \$3,750, whichever is less. Qualifying individuals or corporations must be engaged in agricultural production for market and have in place a nutrient management plan approved by the local Soil and Water Conservation District.

Rent Reduction Program Credit.

Owners of rental property who provide a rent reduction to income eligible tenants who are over age 62, have a mental or physical disability or have been homeless at any time within the previous twelve months preceding the lease term are eligible to apply for a state income tax credit. The reduced rent must be at least 15% below the market rate. The credit is equal to 50% of the total rent reductions given to eligible tenants during the portion of the taxable year in which you were a Virginia resident. Tax credits are only available for reductions offered after the time of application and approval by VHDA. After July 1, 1996, no credit may be claimed unless the credit was validly claimed on the unit for all or part of the month of June 1996 and the tenant was an occupant of that unit on June 30, 1996; or unless the credit is claimed for a tenant who was homeless (i.e., in a domestic violence or homeless shelter) at any time within the twelve months preceding the lease. For additional information, contact: **Mr. James Chandler, Program Administrator, Virginia Housing Development Authority, 601 South Belvidere Street, Richmond, VA 23220-6504, (804) 343-5738.**

Vehicle Emissions Testing Equipment, Clean-Fuel Vehicle And Certain Refueling Property Credit.

An income tax credit may be claimed for purchases, made while you were a Virginia resident, of vehicle emissions testing equipment, clean-fuel vehicles and certain refueling property. The credit is: (1) 10% of the deduction allowed under Internal Revenue Code Section 179A if the vehicle is "garaged" in Virginia or the refueling property is placed in service in Virginia or 10% of the costs used to compute the credit under

IRC Section 30 and (2) 20% of the purchase or lease price paid during the taxable year for equipment certified by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for vehicle emissions testing within a locality required by law to implement an enhanced vehicle emissions inspection program or, after January 1, 1998, within any locality adjacent to those localities required to implement the program. You must attach a copy of the letter from DEQ to the equipment vendor certifying that the equipment configuration meets the regulation and equipment specification requirements for use in the enhanced vehicle emissions inspection program. To obtain a copy of this letter, contact your equipment vendor or the **DEQ Northern Virginia Regional Office in Woodbridge at (703) 583-3900.**

Major Business Facility Job Tax Credit.

Individuals, estates, trusts, corporations, banks, insurance companies and telecommunications companies may claim a Virginia tax credit if the taxpayer creates at least 100 new full-time jobs in connection with the establishment or expansion of a major business facility, or if the company is engaged in a qualifying industry in Virginia and creates at least 100 new full-time jobs in Virginia. If a taxpayer is located in an enterprise zone or in an economically distressed area (as defined by the Virginia Department of Economic Development), the threshold is reduced from 100 to 50. Credits will be recaptured proportionately if employment decreases during the five years following the initial credit year. To compute this credit, complete **Form 304.**

Foreign Source Retirement Income Tax Credit.

A credit is available to Virginia residents who paid income tax to a foreign country on pension or retirement income derived from past employment in a foreign country provided such income is included in Virginia taxable income for the taxable year. For purposes of computing the credit, the foreign currency must be translated into U.S. dollars using the prevailing exchange rate that most nearly reflects the value of the currency at the time the taxes were actually paid to the foreign country. For this purpose, possessions of the U.S. are considered foreign countries. Any foreign country that does not qualify for the federal tax credit [IRC Section 901(j)] does not qualify for this Virginia credit. To claim this credit, complete Schedule CR and attach a copy of the return filed in the foreign country or other proof of tax payment to the foreign country.

Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit.

An individual, estate, trust, corporation, bank, insurance company or utility company incurring eligible expenses in the rehabilitation of a certified historic structure is entitled to claim a credit against the tax imposed by Sections 58.1-320, 58.1-360, 58.1-400, 58.1-1200, 58.1-2500 or 58.1-2620 of the *Code of Virginia*. The credit is equal to a designated percentage of eligible rehabilitation expenses based on the year the project is completed, as follows: 10% of eligible rehabilitation expenses for projects completed in 1997, 15% of eligible rehabilitation expenses for projects completed in 1998, 20% of eligible rehabilitation expenses for projects completed in 1999 and 25% of eligible rehabilitation expenses for projects completed in 2000 and thereafter. To qualify, the cost of the rehabilitation must equal at least 50% of the assessed value of the building for local real estate tax purposes prior to the rehabilitation; and the rehabilitation work must be certified by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. The certificate must be attached to the tax return when claim-

ing the credit. Applications for certification may be obtained from the **Virginia Department of Historic Resources, 2801 Kensington Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221, (804) 367-2323.**

Day Care Facility Investment Tax Credit.

(enter certification code on Schedule CR)

A credit is allowed in an amount equal to 25% of the expenditures to establish a day-care facility for the children of employees, not to exceed \$25,000. The total credits approved may not exceed \$100,000 in any fiscal year. To be eligible for the credit: (1) the facility must be operated under a license issued by the Virginia Department of Social Services; (2) the building permit application for the facility must be submitted after July 1, 1996; (3) the facility must be used primarily by the children of the taxpayer's employees; and (4) the Tax Commissioner must approve the credit application prior to claiming the credit. To apply, submit a letter of application that specifies the employer's name, location of the facility and certification of items (1)-(3) above. Send the application to: **Day Care Facility Investment Tax Credit, P.O. Box 715, Richmond, VA 23218-0715.** Applications are approved in the order received. Approved applicants will receive an approval form from the department. To claim the credit, complete Schedule CR.

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit.

If you are a Virginia taxpayer and you claimed a low-income housing tax credit on your federal income tax return for housing units placed in service in Virginia on or after January 1, 1998, you may qualify to claim the state low-income housing tax credit. The state credit is a percentage of the federal credit. For additional information, contact the **Department of Housing and Community Development at (804) 371-7015.**

Agricultural Best Management Practices Tax Credit.

This credit is available to qualified taxpayers engaged in agricultural production for market who have in place a soil conservation plan approved by the local Soil and Water Conservation District. The credit is 25% of the first \$70,000 which you expended for approved agricultural best management programs. The maximum credit is \$17,500 or the total amount of state income tax obligation of the individual. For additional information, contact your local **Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District Office.**

Qualified Equity and Subordinated Debt Investments Tax Credit. (enter certification code on Schedule CR)

This credit is allowable to taxpayers making a qualified investment in the form of equity or subordinated debt from a qualifying business which is engaged in business or does substantially all of its production in Virginia. The credit equals 50% of the qualified business investments made during the taxable year. The total amount of credit that may be used per taxable year may not exceed \$50,000. The credit is non-refundable. Excess credits may be carried forward up to 15 years. If total annual requests for this credit exceed \$5 million, the Department of Taxation will prorate the allowable credit for each taxpayer. Equity held in connection with a qualified business investment must be held by the investor for at least five full calendar years following the calendar year for which the credit is allocated except in certain instances. If the holding period is not met, the unused credit amount will be forfeited, and an assessment will be issued for the amount used to which shall be added a 100% penalty plus interest,

computed at the rate of one percent per month, compounded monthly from the date the tax credits were claimed. See the form and Virginia Tax Bulletin 00-5 (7-31-2000) for additional details.

Businesses may apply for designation as a qualified business using **Form QBA.** Investments sold prior to application will not qualify for this credit except in certain cases.

Investors must apply by April 1, 2001, by filing **Form EDC,** Taxpayer Application for the Qualified Equity and Subordinated Debt Investments Tax Credit, with the Virginia Department of Taxation to claim the credit based on the amount invested. All investors filing a timely **Form EDC** will be notified of the allowable credit by June 30, 2001.

Since the tax return of most individuals is due May 1, 2001, most investors will need to file an extension of time to file or amend their original return to claim the credit. See **Form QBA** and **Form EDC,** the applicable instructions and Virginia Tax Bulletin 00-5 for more information. Information on the application process is also available from the **Virginia Department of Taxation, P. O. Box 715, Richmond, Virginia 23218-0715, or call (804) 786-2992.**

Worker Retraining Tax Credit.

(enter certification code on Schedule CR)

This credit allows an employer to claim a tax credit for the training costs of providing eligible worker retraining to qualified employees for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1999. "Eligible worker retraining" includes approved noncredit courses provided by any of the Commonwealth's community colleges, a private school or worker retraining programs undertaken through an apprenticeship agreement approved by the Virginia Apprenticeship Council. The credit is 30% of all training costs through a community college, or up to \$100 annual credit for each employee if incurred at a private school. Employers must apply for certification of the amount of allowable credit using Form WRC, Worker Retraining Tax Credit, by April 1, 2001, before claiming the credit on their income tax return. The maximum worker retraining credits granted to all employers is limited to \$2,500,000 annually. If total credits approved exceed this amount, each will be prorated. The credit is allowable against individual income tax, fiduciary income tax, corporation income tax and the bank franchise tax. The credit is also allowable against taxes imposed upon insurance companies and utility companies (under Sections 58.1-2500 et. seq. and Section 58.1-2620 et. seq., Code of Virginia). This credit is nonrefundable, but excess credit may be carried forward for the next three taxable years.

For information on pre-approved apprenticeship programs, contact the **Virginia Department of Labor and Industry at (804) 786-8009.** For information on noncredit course approval, contact the **Virginia Department of Business Assistance, P. O. Box 446, Richmond, Virginia 23218-0446, phone (804) 371-8200.**

Waste Motor Oil Burning Equipment Credit.

A business that operates a business facility in Virginia which accepts waste motor oil from the public is allowed a tax credit equal to 50% of the purchase price paid for equipment during the taxable year, provided that the equipment is used exclusively for burning waste motor oil at the business facility. The total credit allowed to any taxpayer in any taxable year of purchase is limited to \$5,000. Taxpayers successfully applying for equipment certification with the Department of Environmental Quality by filing **Form DEQ 50-12** will receive a statement from that agency certifying that the equip-

ment is used exclusively for burning waste motor oil. For additional information concerning equipment qualifying for this credit or to apply for tax credit certification, contact: **Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Attention: Equipment Certification Officer, P. O. Box 10009, Richmond, Virginia 23240-0009, or call (804) 698-4145.**

Credit for Employers Hiring Recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

An income tax credit is available to qualifying employers hiring recipients of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) equal to 5% of the annual salary of each qualified employee. The credit cannot exceed \$750 for each employee. This credit is nonrefundable, but excess credit may be carried forward for the next three years. Taxpayers claiming this credit must provide a statement provided by the Virginia Department of Social Services certifying the amount of credit allowable and the taxable year in which the credit was earned. For additional information concerning this credit, contact: **Virginia Department of Social Services, Division of Finance, Theater Row Building, 730 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219-1849, (804) 692-1300.**

Credit for Employers of Disabled Individuals.

Employers who hired an employee with disabilities on or after January 1, 1999, may qualify for this credit if the employee has completed or is completing rehabilitative services provided by the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services, the Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Employers who hired an employee with disabilities on or after January 1, 1999, may qualify for a credit of 20% of the first \$6,000 of wages paid annually to each qualified employee during the first two taxable years of such employee's employment. This credit is nonrefundable, but excess credit may be carried forward for the next three taxable years.

Apply for this credit before filing your income tax return by filing **Form DEC**, Certification of Rehabilitative Services for the Virginia Credit for Employers of Individuals with Disabilities, with the agency listed above that provided the rehabilitative services to your employee. Allow 60 days for that agency to certify the rehabilitative services for purposes of claiming this credit. After approval, file Form 307 to compute and claim the credit on your income tax return. Additional information on this credit and details for contacting the three agencies referenced above are included in the instructions for **Form DEC** and **Form 307**.

Home Accessibility Features for the Disabled Tax Credit. (enter certification code on Schedule CR)

Individuals may be eligible for an income tax credit of 25% of the amount spent for retrofitting their homes with accessibility features for the disabled. The credit may not exceed \$500 or the total amount of tax, whichever is less. If the credit amount exceeds the tax liability, it may be carried forward for up to five years. Individuals must apply to the Department of Taxation before claiming the credit on their income tax return. The maximum home accessibility features credits granted to all individuals is limited to \$1,000,000 annually. If total credits exceed this amount, each will be prorated. To apply for the credit, complete Form HAC and submit the application as soon after handicap accessibility work has been completed but no later than February 15th of the year after such work is completed. For more

information, contact: **Virginia Department of Taxation, P. O. Box 715, Richmond, VA 23218-0715, or call (804) 786-2992.**

Riparian Waterway Buffer Credit

Individuals and corporations may qualify for an income tax credit of 25% of the value of the timber on an area designated as a riparian buffer for a waterway. The credit may not exceed \$17,500 or the total amount of tax, whichever is less. To claim the credit taxpayers must apply to the State Forester who is responsible for determining the value of the area and providing a certification of such value for purposes of claiming the credit. The certification must be attached to the Virginia return.

A riparian buffer is land adjacent to a waterway on which timber may be harvested. In order to receive the credit, the owner of such land must refrain from harvesting such timber. The distance from the waterway to the most distant end of the riparian buffer must be at least 35 feet and no more than 300 feet. The buffer must remain in place for at least fifteen years. The land that is the subject of this credit cannot be the subject of this credit again for fifteen years after it was first taken. The credit would be equal to 25% of the value of the timber in the portion of the land retained as the buffer. The amount of the credit may not exceed \$17,500 or the owner's tax liability, whichever is less. The credit may be carried over for the succeeding five taxable years.

For more information, contact: **Virginia Department of Forestry, Fontaine Research Park, 900 Natural Resources Drive, Suite 800, Charlottesville, VA 22903-0758, (804) 977-6555.**

Preservation of Land Tax Credit.

Provides an income tax credit for individuals and corporations donating land located in Virginia for preservation purposes. The tax credit is 50 percent of the fair market value of the land transferred, not to exceed \$50,000 in FY 2000, \$75,000 in FY 2001, \$100,000 in FY 2002. The credit may only be used to offset taxes owed, but unused credit may be carried forward for a period of five years. If this credit is taken, the taxpayers shall not be allowed to take a subtraction, for three years following the year the credit is taken, for the gain on the sale of land or easements dedicated to open-space use.

Credit for Political Contributions.

Establishes a tax credit for individuals who make contributions to candidates for state or local political office equal to 50 percent of the amount of the contribution, subject to a \$25 limit for individuals and a \$50 limit for married taxpayers filing jointly. The credit will be effective for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2000.

Coalfield Employment Enhancement Tax Credit.

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1996, but before January 1, 2008, a tax credit may be earned by individuals, estates, trusts and corporations who have an economic ownership interest in coal mined in Virginia. Credits may be claimed for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1999. Compute the allowable credit on **Form 306** and report it on Schedule CR for the tax year in which the credit is claimed and/or earned. *If you are reporting an earned amount for the 2000 tax year, you must also check the appropriate box on your return.*