If the corporation receives distributions from Schedule K-1 income generated from a Pass-Through Entity, and the taxpayer has a credit that may be claimed on the Form 20C from the Pass-Through Entity, the taxpayer should enter the Allocable amount of the credit from the Schedule K-1 into the appropriate field on the Schedule BC and attach the Schedule K-1 to the return.

New Credits for 2016


Port Credit. Act Number 2016-102 establishes a tax credit for corporations that utilize Alabama’s port facilities. See Part N for more information.

Growing Alabama Credit. Act Number 2016-102 authorizes a tax credit to corporations that make cash contributions to local economic development organizations. See Part O for more information.

Section A – CURRENT YEAR TAX LIABILITY

Enter tax due from Form 20C, page 1, line 15 here and on Section C, Part A, Column 4.

Section B – CURRENT YEAR CREDITS

Part A – Alabama Enterprise Zone Credit

Certain tax incentives are available to qualifying businesses that locate or expand within a designated enterprise zone. These tax incentives are available under the provisions of Section 41-23-24. Business entities eligible for the tax credit must be approved by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA). Business entities eligible for the tax exemption must have entered into a contract with the Governor of Alabama and ADECA and must also receive certification annually from ADECA. A taxpayer must compute its income tax exemption under the provisions of its specific contract.

For further information on the Alabama Enterprise Zone Credit/Exemption, contact ADECA at Technical Assistance Section, 401 Adams Avenue, P.O. Box 5690, Montgomery, AL 36103-5690, 334-242-5370. Questions pertaining to the application of the tax credit should be addressed to Alabama Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 327001, Montgomery, AL 36132-7001, 334-242-1175.

Schedule EZ will not be published this year. However, the Certificate of Certification and computations must be attached to Form 20C to claim the exemption.

A1. Enter the amount of the Alabama Enterprise Zone Credit Available.

Part B – Basic Skills Education Credit

Sections 40-18-135 through 40-18-139 provide a tax credit to employers who provide approved basic skills education programs to Alabama resident employees. To qualify for the credit, (1) the program must have written approval from the Alabama Department of Education, (2) the employees shall have been continuously employed for at least 16 weeks for at least 24 hours per week, (3) the employer cannot receive or require reimbursement or any form of remuneration for any cost of education. The credit is 20 percent of the actual costs limited to the employer’s income tax liability. A copy of the document of approval along with a detailed schedule (including actual costs incurred and employee employment period) computing the credit should be provided. For further information, contact the Alabama Community College System, Adult Education Program, Workplace Education Tax Credit, 135 South Union Street, Montgomery, AL 36104, Attn: David Walters or the Alabama Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 327430, Montgomery, AL 36132-7430, at (334) 242-1200.

B1. Enter the Certification Number assigned by the Department of Education.

B2. Enter the name of the employer/firm sponsoring the education program.

B3. Enter the name of the approved provider.

B4. Mark the appropriate box to indicate whether all participants for whom you are claiming a tax credit, were continuously employed by you for at least 16 weeks.

B5. If the box on line 4 is marked “yes,” mark the appropriate box to indicate if employee(s) for whom you are claiming a tax credit work at least 24 hours each week.

B6. If the box on line 4 and 5 is marked “yes” enter the total expenses available for credit.

B7. Multiply line B6 by 20% (.20). CREDIT ALLOWABLE

Part C – Income Tax Credit

Section 40-18-35 provides a credit for the income tax owed on the income generated by or arising out of the project. The credit cannot exceed the lesser of (1) tax due, or (2) the amount paid pursuant to the financing agreement in the year for which tax is due, corresponding to debt service on the project obligations. This incentive may be reduced or suspended by the Industrial Development Authority if the company fails to achieve the anticipated level of capital investment or employment. Attachments to support credit should include certificate/document of approval, computation of income generated from project, support for amount paid, and computation of credit.

C1. Enter the amount paid pursuant to the financing agreement, corresponding to debt service on the project obligations. CREDIT ALLOWABLE.

Part D – Coal Credit

For the tax years beginning on and after January 1, 1995, every corporation, whether a “subchapter S” corporation, as defined by the 1995 Internal Revenue Code, or not, foreign or domestic, that is doing business in Alabama, as a producer of coal mined in Alabama, shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Section 40-18-2, in the amount of one dollar ($1) per ton of increased production of coal over the previous year’s production of coal as set out herein below. Such tax credit shall be based on coal produced after January 1, 1995, provided the coal was mined in Alabama as certified by the producer of the coal.

The amount of the total credit in any one year shall be based on the number of tons of Alabama coal produced by the corporation in the year which exceeds the number of tons of Alabama coal produced by the corporation in calendar year 1994. In the event a corporation did not produce Alabama coal during calendar year 1994, such corporation must establish a base year by producing Alabama coal for 12 consecutive months. Thereafter, such corporation shall be eligible for the tax credit as specified herein above over the base year production. (Acts 1995, No. 95-239, p. 403, §1.)

D1. Enter the amount of coal credit available. CREDIT ALLOWABLE.
Part E – Full Employment Act of 2011 Credit
Sections 40-18-290 through 40-18-293 provide for a tax credit against Alabama income tax for small businesses which employ 50 or fewer employees and create new jobs paying more than ten dollars ($10) per hour. Employers will receive an income tax credit equal to one thousand dollars ($1,000) and shall be available in the tax year during which the employee has completed 12 months of consecutive employment. The employer must have a net increase in the total number of full time employees in Alabama on the last date of each tax year during which employees are hired for which the employer claims a credit, over the number employed in Alabama as of the last day of the tax year immediately preceding the first employment year. The income tax credit may be claimed for employees who are hired following June 9, 2011. This tax credit shall not exceed the amount of the taxpayer’s state tax liability for which the claim is made. This credit is not refundable or transferable.

E1. Enter the number full time employees on 12-31-2015.
E2. Enter the number full time employees on 12-31-2014.
E4. Enter the number qualifying employees included in the number on E3 that completed their first 12 months of service in 2016.
E5. Multiply line E4 by 1,000. Enter the amount.

Part F – Alabama New Markets Development Credit
Act Number 2012-483, passed by the Alabama Legislature during the 2012 Regular Session, establishes a tax credit to corporations that invest in businesses located in impoverished and low income communities. The credit allowance date is the date on which such investment is initially made and each of the six anniversary dates thereafter. The credit shall not exceed the amount of the taxpayer’s state tax liability for the tax year for which the tax credit is claimed. Tax credits claimed under this act are not saleable or transferable. Any amount of tax credit that the taxpayer is prohibited from claiming in a taxable year may be carried forward to any of the taxpayer’s subsequent taxable years.

F1. Enter the amount of the New Markets Development Credit claimed from the Notice of Certification.

Part G – Heroes for Hire Tax Credit Act of 2012 Employee Credit
Sections 40-18-321 and 40-18-322 provides qualified employers an additional credit against the Alabama income tax liability in the amount of $1,000 for hiring full time recently deployed and now discharged unemployed veterans. The new hire must be 1) a resident of Alabama at the time of entry into military service or mobilized to active, federal military service while a member of the Alabama National Guard or other reserve unit located in Alabama; 2) received an honorable or general discharge from active, federal military service within the two-year period preceding the date of hire; and 3) has certification by the Department of Labor at the time of hire by either collecting or being eligible to collect unemployment benefits or having exhausted his or her unemployment benefits.

G1. Enter the number recently deployed unemployed veterans included in Part E, line E4 – Full Employment Credit.
G2. Multiply line G1 by 1,000. Enter the amount.

Part H – Heroes for Hire Tax Credit Act of 2012 Business Start-Up Expense Credit
Section 40-18-323 allows for a nonrefundable credit against the income tax liability to recently deployed unemployed veterans in an amount up to $2,000 for expenses associated with one start-up business in which the veteran holds at least 50% ownership interest. The credit is only applicable for businesses: started after April 2, 2012, located within Alabama, and showing a net profit of at least $3,000 for the year in which the credit is taken.

H1. Enter the name of the Business.
Part L – Dual Enrollment Credit

Act 2014-147 passed the Alabama Legislature during the 2014 Regular Session. The act provides a state income tax credit to businesses that make contributions qualifying educational expenses directly associated with the Career-Technical Dual Enrollment Program. The tax credit may be claimed by the taxpayer in an amount equal to 50 percent (50%) of the total contribution or contributions made to the Department of Postsecondary Education during the taxable year for which the credit is claimed, but such credit is not to exceed an amount greater than 50 percent (50%) of the taxpayer’s total Alabama income tax liability, and in no case more than five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) for any given tax year. A taxpayer may carry forward all or part of a tax credit granted under this act for up to three (3) years.

L1. Enter amount from the Department of Postsecondary Education Tax Certificate.

L2. CREDIT AVAILABLE. Multiply line L1 by 50% (.50)

L3. Multiply the current tax liability (Section A) by 50% (.50)

L4. Enter the lesser of line L2, or line L3 or line L4. CREDIT ALLOWABLE.

Part M – Alabama Jobs Act (Investment Credit)

Act Number 2015-27 and Section 40-18-376 provide for an investment credit to certain businesses for approved projects that create new jobs in Alabama. The credit is an amount of 1.5 percent of a qualified capital investment annually, for a period of 10 years to be applied against the income tax, estimated income taxes, the financial institution excise tax, or the insurance premium tax, with additional offsets of utility gross receipts and utility service use taxes. The credit is allowed for by the Alabama Jobs Act, may be claimed as a credit against taxes paid with a carryforward for earned but unused amounts to the extent allowed in the project agreement. Any unused portion of this credit may be carried forward for up to five years.

M1a-M1c. Enter the Project Name(s) and the amount of the credit claimed from the certification issued by the Alabama Department of Commerce.

M2. Enter the sum of all project credits.

M3. Enter the amount of investment credit used to offset utility taxes from Form UT-INV, line 2.

M4. Subtract line M3 from line M2. CREDIT ALLOWABLE.

Part N – Port Credit

Act Number 2016-102 and Section 40-18-403 establish a tax credit for corporations that utilize Alabama’s port facilities. The port credit allowable is an amount equal to $50 per TEU, $3 per net ton, or $0.04 per kilogram for air freight, multiplied by the port user’s cargo volume in the 12 month period (for which the Renewal of Alabama Commission has granted approval for the port user to claim the credit) minus the port user’s base cargo volume. To qualify, the port user must ship more than 10 TEUs, more than 75 net tons, or more than 15,000 kilograms for air cargo. Also, the port user must ship more than 105 percent of its cargo volume in the 12 month period preceding the submission of the port credit application to the commission. This credit is nonrefundable, but any unused portion of the credit may be carried forward for up to five years.

N1. Enter the amount of the Port Credit approved by the Alabama Renewal Commission.

Part O – Growing Alabama Credit

Act Number 2016-102 and Section 40-18-413 authorize a tax credit to corporations that make cash contributions to local economic development organizations approved by the Renewal of Alabama Commission. The credit is the amount of the cash contribution made not to exceed 50% of the corporation’s income tax liability for the current year. The corporation’s cash contribution cannot exceed the amounts approved by the commission. This credit is nontransferable and may be carried forward for up to five years.

O1. Enter the name of the Local Economic Development Organization Approved by the Alabama Renewal Commission.

O2. Enter the address of the Local Economic Development Organization.

O3. CREDIT AVAILABLE. Enter the total amount contributed for development.

O4. Multiply the current tax liability (Section A) by 50% (.50).

O5. Enter the lesser of line O3 and line O4. CREDIT ALLOWABLE.

Part P – Capital Docks/Capital Credit

Sections 40-18-240 through 40-18-250 provide for a tax credit against Alabama income tax liability with respect to income generated by or arising out of a qualifying project undertaken by certain existing businesses and certain new businesses to be located in the state. Written approval by the Governor, Finance Director, and Alabama State Port Authority is required, and a written statement of intent must be filed with the Alabama Department of Revenue prior to the project being placed in service. For further information regarding the capital docks credit, contact the Alabama Department of Revenue at P.O. Box 327001, Montgomery, AL 36132-7001 or 334-242-1175.

Sections 40-18-190 through 40-18-203 provide for a tax credit against Alabama income tax with respect to income generated by or arising out of a qualifying project undertaken by certain existing businesses and certain new businesses to be located in the state. A statement of intent to invest in a qualifying project must be filed prior to the qualifying project being placed in service and must be approved by the Alabama Department of Revenue prior to the project entity taking the credit. The credit allowable is 5 percent of the qualifying project’s allowable capital costs for each year up to 20 years, limited to the tax liability generated by or arising out of the qualifying project, and is applied after all deductions, exemptions and other credits have been taken.

As the project entity, the C corporation is required to complete and attach Form AR and Form K-RCC with the Form 20C return to be eligible to receive the capital credit. If the C corporation is a member or partner of an investing company that has a qualifying project, the C corporation must complete and attach Form K-RCC with Form 20C. If a capital credit is claimed on Form 20C, the project number(s) should by entered in the space provided on Schedule BC, Part P, lines P1a-P1g.

For further information regarding the capital credit and the necessary forms to claim the capital credit, visit the Alabama Department of Revenue’s Web site at www.revenue.alabama.gov under the Tax Incentives page, or contact the Department at P.O. Box 327001, Montgomery, AL 36132-7001 or 334-242-1175.

P1a-P1g. Enter the Project Number(s) assigned by the Alabama Department of Revenue, the Project Name(s) and the amount of the Capital Credit claimed from Schedule K-RCC, line 7.

P2. Total Capital Credit Available. Enter the sum of all project credits. CREDIT ALLOWABLE.

Section C – Current Credit Summary

Part A through Part P. For each credit available for utilization, repeat the steps on each line by row until all available current year credits have been used or no tax remains to be offset.

Column 1. Type of Credit generated

Column 2. For applicable credits, enter the Credit Available from Section B.

Column 3. Enter the amount of credit allowable generated by the corporation from Section B.

Column 4. Enter the amount of the remaining tax to be offset.

Column 5. Enter the amount of the current credit utilized to offset the remaining tax due.

Column 6. Subtract Column 5 amount from Column 4 amount.
Column 7. Subtract Column 5 amount from Column 3 amount.
Column 8. For applicable credits, subtract Column 3 amount from Column 2 amount and add the difference to Column 7 amount.

Section D – Credit Carry Forward Prior Years

Lines 1 through 10. For each carryforward available for utilization, repeat the steps on each line by column until all available prior year credit carry forward credits have been used or no tax remains to be offset.

Begin Credit Carry Forward from Prior Years with the oldest year first and ending with the most current year. Tax years for which a credit was utilized should not be listed. The utilized credits are shown in column 4.

Column 1. Enter the Type of Credit generated
Column 2. Enter the tax year end (MM/DD/YYYY) in which the credit was generated.
Column 3. Enter the amount of the credit generated by the corporation for the tax period in Column 2.
Column 4. Enter the amount of the credit utilized in years prior for the Credit listed in Column 3.
Column 5. Subtract Column 4 amount from Column 3 amount. Enter the amount of the Credit available to be utilized in the current tax period, not to exceed the remaining tax to be offset.

Columns 6-8. Subtract the Remaining Tax to be Offset (Section C, Part P, Column 6) from the Amount Available to use this Period (Section D, Column 5). If the Remaining Tax to be Offset is less than or equal to the Amount Available to use this Period, enter the Remaining Tax to be Offset in Column 6 and enter the excess of the Amount Available to use this Period in Column 7. If the Remaining Tax to be Offset is greater than Section D, Column 5, enter the Amount Available to use this Period in Column 6 and enter the difference of the Remaining Tax to be Offset and the Amount used this Period in Column 8, then proceed to the next available prior year credit. For the remaining rows, the Amount used this Period in Column 6 is limited to the Remaining Tax to be Offset in Column 8 of the preceding row.

Section E – Total Credits

Line 1. Enter the Total Current Credit from Section C, Column 5.
Line 2. Enter the Total Prior Year Credit Carryforward from Section D, Column 6.
Line 3. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter total here and on Form 20C, page 1, line 16f.