

404A.4 Project completion and tax credit certification credit refund.

1. Upon completion of the rehabilitation project, a certification of completion must be obtained from the state historic preservation office of the department of cultural affairs. A completion certificate shall identify the person claiming the tax credit under this chapter and the rehabilitation costs incurred up to the two years preceding the completion date.

2. After verifying the eligibility for the tax credit, the state historic preservation office, in consultation with the department of economic development, shall issue a historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit certificate to be attached to the person's tax return. The tax credit certificate shall contain the taxpayer's name, address, tax identification number, the date of project completion, the amount of credit, other information required by the department of revenue, and a place for the name and tax identification number of a transferee and the amount of the tax credit being transferred.

3. A person receiving a historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit under this chapter which is in excess of the person's tax liability for the tax year is entitled to a refund of the excess at a discounted value. The discounted value of the tax credit refund, as calculated by the department of economic development, in consultation with the department of revenue, shall be determined based on the discounted value of the tax credit five years after the tax year of the project completion at an interest rate equivalent to the prime rate plus two percent. The refunded tax credit shall not exceed seventy-five percent of the allowable tax credit.

4. The total amount of tax credits that may be approved for a fiscal year under this chapter shall not exceed two million four hundred thousand dollars. For the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2015, an additional four million dollars of tax credits may be approved each fiscal year for purposes of projects located in cultural and entertainment districts certified pursuant to section 303.3B. Any of the additional tax credits allocated for projects located in certified cultural and entertainment districts that are not approved during a fiscal year shall be applied to reserved tax credits issued in accordance with section 404A.3 in order of original reservation. The department of cultural affairs shall establish by rule the procedures for the application, review, selection, and awarding of certifications of completion. The departments of economic development, cultural affairs, and revenue shall each adopt rules to jointly administer this subsection and shall provide by rule for the method to be used to determine for which fiscal year the tax credits are available. With the exception of tax credits issued pursuant to contracts entered into prior to July 1, 2005, tax credits shall not be reserved for more than five years.

5. Tax credit certificates issued under this chapter may be transferred to any person or entity. Within ninety days of transfer, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the state historic preservation office along with a statement containing the transferee's name, tax identification number, and address, and the denomination that each replacement tax credit certificate is to carry and any other information required by the department of revenue. Within thirty days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the transferee's statement, the office shall issue one or more replacement tax credit certificates to the transferee. Each replacement certificate must contain the information required under subsection 2 and must have the same expiration date that appeared in the transferred tax credit certificate. Tax credit certificate amounts of less than the minimum amount established by rule of the office shall not be transferable. A tax credit shall not be claimed by a transferee under this chapter until a replacement tax credit certificate identifying the transferee as the proper holder has been issued.

The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit transferred against the taxes imposed under chapter 422, divisions II, III, and V, and chapter 432 for any tax year the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be included as income under chapter 422, divisions II, III, and V. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be deducted from income under chapter 422, divisions II, III, and V.

2000 Acts, ch 1194, §6, 20; 2003 Acts, ch 133, §24; 2003 Acts, ch 145, § 286; 2003 Acts, 1st Ex, ch 2, §90, 209; 2004 Acts, ch 1001, §1; 2004 Acts, ch 1175, §395; 2005 Acts, ch 150, §2325

2003 amendments to subsection 2 and adding subsection 5 take effect May 16, 2003, and apply retroactively for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003; 2003 Acts, ch 133, §4

For future repeal of 2003 amendment to subsection 4 effective June 30, 2010, see 2003 Acts, 1st Ex, ch 2, § 93