

CHAPTER 48  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND CULTURAL AND  
ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT TAX CREDITS

**223—48.1(303,404A) Purpose.** A historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit (hereafter referred to as historic tax credit) for the substantial rehabilitation of eligible commercial property, residential property and barns located in this state is granted to approved projects, subject to availability of the credit, to apply against the income tax imposed under Iowa Code chapter 422, division II, III, or V, or Iowa Code chapter 432. Historic tax credits are restricted to rehabilitation projects for eligible properties in Iowa. Rehabilitation projects for eligible properties must be conducted in accordance with the federal Standards for Rehabilitation (36 CFR Part 67.7) as described in the U.S. Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (hereafter referred to as Standards).

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**223—48.2(303,404A) Definitions.** The definitions listed in Iowa Code section 17A.2 and rules 223—1.2(17A,303), 223—1.6(303), 223—13.2(303), 223—22.2(303), and 223—35.2(303) shall apply to terms as they are used throughout this chapter. In addition, the following definitions apply:

“*Applicant*” means the person, partnership, corporation, qualifying nonprofit organization, or public agency applying for the tax credit. In most cases, this will be the entity holding a fee-simple interest in the property or any other person or entity recognized by the Internal Revenue Code for purposes of the applicable tax benefits. If an application is made by someone other than the fee-simple owner, the application must be accompanied by a written statement signed by the fee-simple owner indicating the fee-simple owner does not object to the applicant claiming the tax credit.

“*Assessed value*” means the amount of the most current property tax assessment.

“*Barn*” means an agricultural building or structure, in whatever shape or design, which is used for the storage of farm products or feed or for the housing of farm animals, poultry, or farm equipment.

“*Commercial property*” means a building used for retail, office, or other uses not otherwise defined in this rule.

“*Disaster recovery project*” means an eligible property located in an area declared a disaster area by the governor of Iowa or by the president of the United States. The property must have been physically impacted as a result of the disaster.

“*Employment base*” means the number of jobs that exist at an eligible property on the date part one of the application is approved.

“*Historic tax credit(s)*” means the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit established in Iowa Code chapter 404A.

“*Mixed-use property*” means an eligible property that includes three or more residential units and may also contain a commercial property component in the same building.

“*New permanent jobs*” means the number of new jobs that exist at an eligible property within two years of the date on which the tax credit certificate is issued. New permanent jobs are calculated as those over and above the employment base.

“*Placed in service*” means the same as used in Section 47 of the Internal Revenue Code.

“*Qualifying nonprofit organization*” means an organization, other than governmental bodies, described in Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code unless the exemption is denied under Section 501, 502, 503 or 504 of the Internal Revenue Code.

“*Rehabilitation period*” means the period of time during which an eligible property is rehabilitated commencing from the date on which the first qualified rehabilitation cost is incurred and ending with the end of the taxable year in which the property is placed in service.

“*Reserved tax credit*” means the amount of tax credits set aside from the available tax credit fund for an approved project.

“*Residential property*” means a building with two or fewer residential units, with each unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation.

“*Standards*” means the Standards for Rehabilitation as described in the U.S. Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

“*Substantial rehabilitation*” means qualified rehabilitation costs that meet or exceed the following: (1) in the case of commercial property, costs totaling at least 50 percent of the assessed value of the property, excluding the land, prior to the rehabilitation; or (2) in the case of residential property or barns, costs totaling at least \$25,000 or 25 percent of the assessed value, excluding the land, prior to rehabilitation, whichever is less.

“*Tax basis*” means the same as defined in department of revenue 701—subrule 42.15(3).

“*Tax credit year*” means the tax year in which a tax credit certificate holder is eligible to redeem a tax credit certificate based on the availability of tax credits for an eligible project.

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**223—48.3(303,404A) Eligible property.** “Eligible property” means property for which a taxpayer may receive the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit computed under this chapter and includes all of the following:

1. Property listed on the National Register of Historic Places or eligible for such listing.
2. Property designated as of historic significance to a district listed in the National Register of Historic Places or eligible for such designation.
3. Property or district designated a local landmark by a city or county ordinance.
4. A barn constructed prior to 1937.

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**223—48.4(303,404A) Qualified and nonqualified rehabilitation costs.**

**48.4(1)** “Qualified rehabilitation costs” means expenditures made for the rehabilitation of eligible property and includes qualified rehabilitation expenditures as defined in Section 47 of the Internal Revenue Code.

*a.* Qualified rehabilitation costs include amounts if they are properly includable in computing the basis for tax purposes of the eligible property.

*b.* Amounts treated as an expense and deducted in the tax year in which they are paid or incurred and amounts that are otherwise not added to the basis for tax purposes of the eligible property are not qualified rehabilitation costs.

*c.* Amounts incurred for architectural and engineering fees, site survey fees, legal expenses, insurance premiums, development fees, and other construction-related costs are qualified rehabilitation costs to the extent they are added to the basis for tax purposes of the eligible property.

*d.* Costs of sidewalks, parking lots, and landscaping do not constitute qualified rehabilitation costs.

**48.4(2)** Any submission of a part three of the application with qualified rehabilitation costs of more than \$500,000 shall include a certified statement by a certified public accountant verifying that the expenses statement includes only qualified rehabilitation costs incurred in the time period established in subrule 48.5(2).

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**223—48.5(303,404A) Rehabilitation cost limits and amount of credit.**

**48.5(1)** The amount of the tax credit equals 25 percent of the qualified rehabilitation costs incurred for the substantial rehabilitation of eligible property, subject to the provisions in subrule 48.6(8). Rehabilitation projects that do not meet the definition of a substantial rehabilitation are not eligible to receive a historic tax credit.

**48.5(2)** Computing the tax credit. SHPO shall compute the tax credit based on the final qualified rehabilitation costs documented on part three of the application and shall issue a tax credit certificate pursuant to subrule 48.6(8).

*a.* For projects for which part two of the application was approved before July 1, 2009: The only costs which may be included on part three of the application are the qualified rehabilitation costs incurred between the period ending on the project completion date and beginning on the date two years prior to the project completion date, provided that any qualified rehabilitation costs incurred prior to the date on which part two of the application was approved must be qualified rehabilitation expenditures under the federal rehabilitation credit in Section 47 of the Internal Revenue Code.

*b.* For projects for which part two of the application was approved on or after July 1, 2009: The only costs which may be included on part three of the application are those qualified rehabilitation costs incurred for the rehabilitation of eligible property during the rehabilitation period, provided that any costs incurred prior to the date on which part two of the application was approved must be qualified rehabilitation expenditures as defined in Section 47(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**48.5(3)** For residential or mixed-use property, the amount of rehabilitation costs shall not exceed \$100,000 per residential unit excluding any qualified rehabilitation costs for the public or commercial space and excluding any qualified rehabilitation costs for the weather surfaces of the building envelope including exterior windows and doors. This subrule does not apply to projects for which part two of the application was approved and tax credits were reserved on or after July 1, 2009.

**48.5(4)** Questions concerning specific tax consequences or interpretation of the state tax code must be addressed to the department of revenue.

**48.5(5)** Applicants may develop subsequent projects for qualified rehabilitation costs not previously included in a tax credit application for a building which had tax credits previously reserved or awarded. Each subsequent application shall meet eligibility requirements and shall be reviewed individually and independently.

**48.5(6)** For applicants receiving credits through the small projects fund, the cumulative total for multiple applications for a single building shall not exceed \$500,000 in qualified rehabilitation costs. The SHPO will not accept an application for a building previously receiving credits through the small projects fund that causes the cumulative total to exceed \$500,000. The applicant may either:

*a.* Apply for the cumulative total of qualified rehabilitation costs under any other fund for which the project is eligible. If the applicant receives a tax credit reservation from another fund, the applicant shall abandon the entirety of the applicant's tax credit reservation in the small projects fund in accordance with rule 223—48.12(303,404A); or

*b.* Apply for only the qualified rehabilitation costs up to a cumulative total of \$500,000. If the applicant has already received and claimed a tax credit certificate on the applicant's annual tax return, the applicant shall select this option.

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### **223—48.6(303,404A) Application and review process.**

**48.6(1)** All applications for historic tax credits shall be on the current state fiscal year's forms and in accordance with the current state fiscal year's instructions provided by the SHPO. All applications must be complete and include all required supporting documentation before being considered for review and before beginning the review periods outlined in subrule 48.6(3). Application forms are available from the Tax Incentives Program Manager, State Historic Preservation Office, Department of Cultural Affairs, 600 E. Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0290. Applications may also be downloaded from the department of cultural affairs—state historical society of Iowa Web site.

*a.* Part one of the application identifies the eligibility of the property for the historic tax credit. Part one of the application is accepted year-round. Part one of the application must include all requested information. SHPO staff shall notify the applicant if part one of the application is incomplete. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

*b.* Part two of the application provides a detailed description of the rehabilitation project. Part two of the application is accepted when tax credits are available for the fund specified by the applicant pursuant to subrule 48.7(6) or, if no tax credits are available, in accordance with rule 223—48.8(303,404A). Part two of the application must include all requested information. SHPO staff

shall notify the applicant if part two of the application is incomplete. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

*c.* Part three of the application provides the information and documentation required to request certification of project completion and includes an economic impact questionnaire. Part three of the application must include all requested information including certification in accordance with subrule 48.4(2). SHPO staff shall notify the applicant if part three of the application is incomplete. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Incomplete applications may be subject to abandonment as outlined in rule 223—48.12(303,404A).

(1) For projects for which part two of the application was approved and tax credits reserved before July 1, 2009, part three of the application shall be submitted within 6 months of the date on which the building is placed in service.

(2) For projects for which part two of the application was approved and tax credits reserved on or after July 1, 2009, part three of the application shall be submitted within 24 months of the date on which the rehabilitation period ends.

*d.* Amendments to applications. An applicant shall amend an approved part one of the application or an approved part two of the application if the property changes ownership or if the applicant's name or address changes. An applicant shall amend an approved part two of the application to notify SHPO of, and to request review of, modifications to the original description of the rehabilitation project. Amendments to part two of the application shall not include modification of the rehabilitation costs estimated in the originally approved part two of the application. Amendments to part two of the application shall not result in the reservation of additional tax credits for a project. Amendments to part two will not be accepted after SHPO has approved part three of the application pursuant to subrule 48.6(8). An applicant may amend an approved part three of the application. Any amendment to part three shall meet all requirements applicable to part three. The total application processing fee charged for part three under rule 223—48.16(303,404A) is based on the final qualified rehabilitation costs as reported on the part three amendment.

**48.6(2)** SHPO staff trained by the National Park Service for reviewing rehabilitation projects to ensure compliance with Standards will review part two and part three of each submitted application.

**48.6(3)** SHPO staff shall review and respond to each part of a completed or amended application within 90 days of receipt when submitted pursuant to subrule 48.6(1). If an applicant submits more than one part of the application simultaneously, SHPO staff shall review each part sequentially and the 90-day review period for part two or three of the application will begin upon approval of the previous part.

**48.6(4)** Applicants who undertake rehabilitation projects without prior approval from the SHPO do so at their own risk.

**48.6(5)** Response to application parts.

*a.* Review of part one of the application shall result in one of two responses:

- (1) The property is eligible for the historic tax credit; or
- (2) The property is not eligible for the historic tax credit.

*b.* Review of part two of the application shall result in one of three responses which may be provided to the department of revenue:

(1) The rehabilitation described in the application is consistent with the historic character of the property or the district in which it is located, and the project meets the Standards. The initial review of part two is a preliminary determination only. A formal certification of rehabilitation shall be issued only after rehabilitation work is completed;

(2) The rehabilitation or proposed rehabilitation described in part two of the application will meet the Standards if the stipulated conditions are met; or

(3) The rehabilitation described in part two of the application is not consistent with the historic character of the property or the district in which it is located, and the project does not meet the Standards. The application will not be approved and SHPO will not reserve tax credits for the project.

*c.* Review of part three of the application shall result in one of two responses which may be provided to the department of revenue:

(1) The completed rehabilitation meets the Standards and is consistent with the historic character of the property or the district in which it is located. Effective on the date of approval of part three of the application, the project shall be designated a “certified rehabilitation”; or

(2) The rehabilitation is not consistent with the historic character of the property or the district in which it is located, and the project does not meet the Standards. If the work cannot be corrected to meet the Standards, the SHPO shall recapture the tax credit reservation in accordance with the provisions of rule 223—48.12(303,404A).

**48.6(6)** Approval of part one of the application. Upon approval of part one of the application, an applicant may proceed to submission of part two of the application. If the applicant submitted part two of the application simultaneously, the SHPO shall complete review of part one of the application before reviewing part two of the application.

**48.6(7)** Approval of part two of the application.

*a.* Upon approval of part two of the application with no conditions, the SHPO shall reserve tax credits for the project in an amount equal to 25 percent of the estimated qualified rehabilitation costs for the earliest year in which tax credits are available in the appropriate fund, and the applicant may proceed to implement the project.

*b.* Upon approval of part two of the application with conditions, the SHPO shall reserve tax credits for the project in an amount equal to 25 percent of the estimated qualified rehabilitation costs for the earliest year in which tax credits are available in the appropriate fund. The applicant may proceed to implement the project, and the applicant shall document compliance with the conditions.

*c.* An authorized representative of the SHPO, with due notice to the applicant, may inspect projects to determine if the work meets the Standards.

**48.6(8)** Approval of part three of the application. Upon approval of part three of the application, the SHPO shall issue a tax credit certificate to the applicant in an amount equal to 25 percent of the qualified rehabilitation costs as estimated in part two of the application for the tax credit year originally reserved for the project upon approval of part two of the application, unless the qualified rehabilitation costs in part three of the application differ from the estimated qualified rehabilitation costs in part two of the application.

*a.* If the qualified rehabilitation costs documented in part three of the application are less than the qualified rehabilitation costs estimated in part two of the application, the SHPO shall issue a certificate in an amount equal to 25 percent of the final qualified rehabilitation costs and return any unused tax credits to the tax credit fund from which they were reserved.

*b.* For projects with tax credits reserved from the small projects fund and final qualified rehabilitation costs of \$500,000 or less: If the final qualified rehabilitation costs documented in part three of the application are greater than the qualified rehabilitation costs estimated in part two of the application, the SHPO shall issue tax credit certificates totaling 25 percent of the final qualified rehabilitation costs, with the initial tax credit certificate issued in the amount originally reserved for the project and the remainder for the earliest year in which tax credits are available in the small projects fund or, if no tax credits are available, in accordance with rule 223—48.8(303,404A).

*c.* For projects with tax credits reserved from the small projects fund and final qualified rehabilitation costs over \$500,000: The SHPO shall notify the applicant that the applicant may either:

(1) Apply for the cumulative total of qualified rehabilitation costs under any other fund for which the project is eligible. If the applicant receives a tax credit reservation from another fund, the applicant shall abandon the entirety of the applicant's tax credit reservation in the small projects fund in accordance with rule 223—48.12(303,404A); or

(2) Claim only the final qualified rehabilitation costs up to \$500,000. If the applicant chooses this option, the SHPO shall issue tax credit certificates totaling no more than \$125,000 for the project, with the initial tax credit certificate issued in the amount originally reserved for the project and the remainder for the earliest year in which tax credits are available in the small projects fund or, if no tax credits are available, in accordance with rule 223—48.8(303,404A).

*d.* For projects with tax credits reserved from any other fund: If the final qualified rehabilitation costs documented in part three of the application are greater than the qualified rehabilitation costs

estimated in part two of the application, the SHPO shall issue tax credit certificates totaling 25 percent of the final qualified rehabilitation costs in the same fund from which tax credits were initially awarded, with the initial tax credit certificate issued for the amount originally reserved for the project and the remainder for the earliest year in which tax credits are available in the appropriate fund or, if no tax credits are available, in accordance with rule 223—48.8(303,404A).

**48.6(9)** Disaster recovery projects. An applicant may apply for the disaster recovery fund as described in subrule 48.7(3) if the project meets the following requirements:

*a.* The initial submittal of part two of the application shall be made no later than the first filing window (see subrule 48.8(2)) that occurs after the five-year anniversary of the disaster declaration date.

*b.* Disasters declared before January 1, 2008, will not be considered.

**48.6(10)** Projects creating new permanent jobs. An applicant may apply for the new permanent jobs fund as described in subrule 48.7(4) if the applicant meets the following requirements:

*a.* The applicant shall document the employment base for an eligible property on the date part one of the application is approved;

*b.* The applicant must provide information to SHPO documenting the creation of at least 500 new permanent jobs within two years of the date on which the tax credit certificate is issued. This information shall be verified by the Iowa department of economic development using the process outlined in 261—Chapter 188, Iowa Administrative Code. If the Iowa department of economic development is unable to verify the number of new permanent jobs required, tax credits claimed by the applicant will be subject to repayment to the department of revenue and unclaimed credits shall be unavailable; and

*c.* The applicant (and any leaseholders or tenants, if applicable) must enter into a contract with the SHPO specifying the employment base, reporting mechanisms required to document 500 new permanent jobs, applicable dates for reporting, and the penalty incurred if reporting requirements are not met. If the contract is not executed before the building is placed in service, the SHPO shall recapture any tax credits reserved in accordance with rule 223—48.12(303,404A).

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### **223—48.7(303,404A) Tax credit funds.**

**48.7(1)** *The small projects fund.* The SHPO shall reserve 10 percent of the tax credit allocation for any tax credit year in a small projects fund for projects with final qualified rehabilitation costs totaling \$500,000 or less.

*a.* At the end of each state fiscal year, any credits in the small projects fund that have not been reserved for small projects shall be available for small projects in subsequent fiscal years.

*b.* If the small projects fund is fully reserved, any applications for small projects received after full reservation of the small projects fund may be eligible for the statewide fund.

**48.7(2)** *The cultural and entertainment district and great places fund.* The SHPO shall reserve 30 percent of the tax credit allocation for any tax credit year in a cultural and entertainment district and great places project (CED-GP) fund for projects located in cultural and entertainment districts certified in accordance with Iowa Code section 303.3B or for projects identified in Iowa great places agreements developed in accordance with Iowa Code section 303.3C.

**48.7(3)** *The disaster recovery fund.* The SHPO shall reserve 20 percent of the tax credit allocation for any tax credit year in a disaster recovery fund for projects located in an area declared a disaster area by the governor of Iowa or by the president of the United States. The eligible property must have been physically impacted as a result of the natural disaster as documented in accordance with the current state fiscal year's forms and instructions. The initial application for the project must be submitted within the time frame provided by subrule 48.6(9).

**48.7(4)** *The new permanent jobs fund.* The SHPO shall reserve 20 percent of the tax credit allocation for any tax credit year in a new permanent jobs fund for projects that involve the creation of more than 500 new permanent jobs within two years of the date on which the tax credit certificate is issued.

**48.7(5)** *The statewide fund.* The SHPO shall reserve the remaining percentage of the tax credit allocation for any tax year in a statewide fund, which is to be used for eligible projects throughout the

state of Iowa. If the statewide fund is fully reserved before the end of the state fiscal year, subsequent applications will be accepted utilizing the procedures in rule 223—48.8(303,404A).

**48.7(6) *Fund selection.*** Part two of the application shall clearly indicate the fund for which the applicant is applying. Only one fund may be selected. Any applications not indicating a specific fund shall be considered for the statewide fund. If an application is not eligible for the fund selected, it shall be considered for the statewide fund.

**48.7(7) *Disposition of unreserved credits.*** In reference to the new permanent jobs fund, CED-GP fund, and disaster recovery fund, at the end of the filing window in any fiscal year, any tax credits that have not been reserved will be reallocated in the same fiscal year as follows:

*a.* Unreserved CED-GP fund and new permanent jobs fund credits will be reallocated to the disaster recovery fund.

*b.* Unreserved disaster recovery fund credits will be reallocated to the statewide fund.

*c.* For purposes of this subrule, the phrase “in any fiscal year” refers to each of the three fiscal years for which credits may be reserved pursuant to Iowa Code section 404A.4(5) as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 481, section 3.

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### **223—48.8(303,404A) Sequencing of applications for review.**

**48.8(1) *Order of review.*** The SHPO anticipates the receipt of a large number of applications for historic tax credits for projects with qualified rehabilitation costs in excess of \$500,000 at the beginning of each state fiscal year. At the start of each state fiscal year, the SHPO will utilize a project review sequencing and prioritization system to establish the order in which applications will be reviewed.

*a.* Applications for projects with qualified rehabilitation costs of \$500,000 or less applying for credits from the small projects fund will be accepted and reviewed throughout the calendar year until all available credits from that fund are reserved. When all available credits are reserved from the small projects fund, subsequent applications will be accepted utilizing the procedures in subrules 48.8(2) to 48.8(7).

*b.* If all available credits are reserved before review of all projects submitted within the filing window specified in subrule 48.8(2), applications not reviewed will be returned to the applicant.

**48.8(2) *Filing window.*** Part two applications for state historic tax credits received during the first ten working days of the state fiscal year shall be included in a project review sequencing system to determine the order in which they will be reviewed. The filing window for applications submitted in July 2011 will be extended to August 5, 2011.

**48.8(3) *Initial sequencing process.*** An initial sorting process based on the status of the project application at the start of the state fiscal year will be used to associate applications with the appropriate initial sequencing category. Following initial sorting into a category and subcategory, each application within the assigned category and subcategory will be sequenced in accordance with subrule 48.8(4).

*a.* Category A projects do not need to be resubmitted during the filing window and are comprised of two subcategories in the following order:

(1) Projects reviewed in the previous year’s sequencing and review process that did not receive a reservation for the full 25 percent of their qualified rehabilitation costs.

(2) Projects with final qualified rehabilitation costs documented in part three of the application in excess of the estimated rehabilitation costs in part two pursuant to paragraph 48.6(8) “b” and which could not be otherwise reserved from available credits in the appropriate fund.

*b.* Category B projects are comprised of projects for which part two of a state historic tax credit application was submitted during any previous year’s filing window, as verified by records maintained at the SHPO, and was included in that year’s sequencing system, and did not receive a tax credit reservation. Category B projects must be resubmitted during the current year’s filing window and must specify a fund pursuant to subrule 48.7(6). Category B projects will be divided into subcategories arranged in the following order:

(1) Projects will be included in a subcategory for the state fiscal year of original submission provided the project was included in each successive state fiscal year’s sequencing system and did not

receive a tax credit reservation. These subcategories will be arranged chronologically beginning with the earliest state fiscal year.

(2) Any projects for which applications were not submitted in successive state fiscal years will be included in a subcategory after those defined in subparagraph 48.8(3)“b”(1).

c. Category C projects are comprised of an entirely new part two of a state historic tax credit application not meeting the requirements for any other category and having been received within the specified filing window. Category C projects must be submitted during the current year’s filing window and must specify a fund pursuant to subrule 48.7(6).

**48.8(4) *Secondary sequencing process.*** Using a random number generator, SHPO staff will assign unique, random numbers to all applications that are eligible for inclusion in the review sequencing system within each category and subcategory of the initial sequencing system. Applications within each category and subcategory shall then be placed in numeric order from lowest to highest. SHPO staff shall then create a master sequence list, with category A applications, arranged by subcategory, sequenced first; category B applications, arranged by subcategory, sequenced next; and category C applications sequenced last.

**48.8(5) *Random number generator.*** SHPO staff shall use a random number generator utility found in Microsoft Excel 2003 or the current version of Microsoft Excel generally used by the department of cultural affairs.

**48.8(6) *Outside observer.*** The initial sequencing process, the secondary sequencing process, and the development of the master sequence list will be observed and certified by an official state witness.

**48.8(7) *Prioritization of review according to fund.*** Once the master sequence list is set, the projects will be reviewed by fund in the sequential order in which they fall on the list.

a. Category A projects will be reviewed and reserved first. SHPO shall reserve the remaining credits for the project from the same tax credit fund selected by the applicant pursuant to subrule 48.7(6) if a selection was made. Otherwise, SHPO shall reserve the remaining credits for the project from the same tax credit fund from which the original reservation came or from another fund for which the project is eligible.

b. Following review of category A projects, tax credit funds will be reviewed in the following order:

- (1) Small projects fund, CED-GP fund, and new permanent jobs fund.
- (2) Disaster recovery fund.
- (3) Statewide fund.

c. Any tax credits that have not been reserved in a particular fund will be transferred, if applicable, to the appropriate fund as outlined in rule 223—48.7(303,404A). If a fund is exhausted before the completion of reviews for that fund, all remaining projects in that fund shall be eligible for the statewide fund and will be considered in the order shown on the master sequence list.

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### **223—48.9(303,404A) Reserved tax credits.**

**48.9(1)** Upon written approval of part two of the project application, the SHPO shall reserve an estimated tax credit under the name of the applicant(s) in an amount equal to 25 percent of the estimated qualified rehabilitation costs for the earliest year in which tax credits are available.

**48.9(2)** If the amount of estimated qualified rehabilitation costs changes during the course of project implementation, the applicant may include those costs in part three of the application.

**48.9(3)** The SHPO shall not reserve tax credits for more than two state fiscal years beyond the current state fiscal year.

**48.9(4)** Of the amount of tax credits that may be reserved in state fiscal years 2010, 2011, and 2012:

a. For state fiscal year 2010, SHPO will not reserve more than \$20 million worth of tax credits that can be claimed on a tax return for a taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2009. SHPO will not reserve more than \$30 million worth of tax credits that can be claimed on a tax return for a taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2010.



b. For state fiscal year 2011, SHPO will not reserve more than \$20 million worth of tax credits that can be claimed on a tax return for a taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2010. SHPO will not reserve more than \$30 million worth of tax credits that can be claimed on a tax return for a taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2011.

c. For state fiscal year 2012, SHPO will not reserve more than \$20 million worth of tax credits that can be claimed on a tax return for a taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2011. SHPO will not reserve more than \$30 million worth of tax credits that can be claimed on a tax return for a taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2012.

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#### **223—48.10(303,404A) Project commencement.**

**48.10(1)** Once a tax credit reservation is made for a project, rehabilitation must begin before the end of the state fiscal year in which the SHPO approved part two of the application. The applicant shall submit to the SHPO a project commencement report and cover letter certifying the commencement date of rehabilitation and outlining expenditure of qualified rehabilitation costs. This report and cover letter are due within the first ten working days of the next state fiscal year. Information about the project commencement report is available from the Tax Incentives Program Manager, State Historic Preservation Office, Department of Cultural Affairs, 600 E. Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0290. It may also be downloaded from the department of cultural affairs—state historical society of Iowa Web site.

**48.10(2)** In the event rehabilitation on a project does not begin before the end of the state fiscal year in which the SHPO approved part two of the application, the SHPO shall recapture the tax credit reservation in accordance with the provisions of rule 223—48.12(303,404A).

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#### **223—48.11(303,404A) Project completion and eligible property placed in service.**

**48.11(1)** Once a tax credit reservation is made for a project, construction must be completed and the eligible property must be placed in service as follows:

a. For projects for which part two of the application was approved and tax credits reserved before July 1, 2009: The project shall be completed and the building shall be placed in service on or before June 30, 2011.

b. For projects for which part two of the application was approved and tax credits were reserved on or after July 1, 2009: The project shall be completed and the eligible property shall be placed in service within 60 months of the date on which part two of the application was approved.

**48.11(2)** In the event actual construction on a project is not completed and the eligible property is not placed in service within the time period allowed in accordance with subrule 48.11(1), the SHPO shall recapture the tax credit reservation in accordance with the provisions of rule 223—48.12(303,404A).

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#### **223—48.12(303,404A) Abandonment and recapture of tax credit reservation.**

**48.12(1)** *Project abandonment due to inability to meet commencement deadline.* If the applicant has not provided the SHPO documentation of project commencement in accordance with rule 223—48.10(303,404A), the SHPO shall, by registered U.S. mail or courier sent to the last-known address of the applicant, request that the appropriate documentation be filed within 30 days of the date of the letter. If the SHPO has not received the documentation by the 30-day deadline, then the SHPO shall notify the applicant by registered U.S. mail or courier that the project has been abandoned and the tax credit reservation has been recaptured. If either letter is returned as undeliverable, the letter shall be filed and the tax credit reservation processed in accordance with subrule 48.12(5). Application processing fees for part two of the application as allowed by rule 223—48.16(303,404A) will not be returned.

**48.12(2)** *Project abandonment due to inability to meet project completion deadline.* If the applicant has not provided the SHPO documentation of project completion in accordance with rule 223—48.11(303,404A), the SHPO shall, by registered U.S. mail or courier sent to the last-known address of the applicant, request that part three of the application be filed within 30 days of the date of

the letter. If the SHPO has not received part three of the application by the 30-day deadline, then the SHPO shall notify the applicant by registered U.S. mail or courier that the project has been abandoned and the tax credit reservation has been recaptured. If either letter is returned as undeliverable, the letter shall be filed and the tax credit reservation processed in accordance with subrule 48.12(5). Application processing fees for part two of the application as allowed by rule 223—48.16(303,404A) will not be returned.

**48.12(3) *Project abandonment at the request of an applicant.*** An applicant may choose to abandon tax credits reserved in accordance with subrule 48.6(7) at any time after the date on which the tax credit was reserved. A tax credit reservation may be voluntarily abandoned for any reason, including abandonment of a reservation from the small projects fund for consideration in another fund in accordance with subrule 48.5(6) or paragraph 48.6(8)“c.” Submittal of a new application will require the submittal of a new processing fee. Processing fees for the original part two application(s) as allowed by rule 223—48.16(303,404A) will not be returned. To abandon a tax credit reservation, the applicant shall send a letter to the SHPO requesting that the tax credit project be abandoned. The SHPO shall notify the applicant by registered U.S. mail or courier that the project has been abandoned and the tax credit reservation has been recaptured. SHPO shall process the tax credit reservation in accordance with subrule 48.12(5).

**48.12(4) *Tax credit recapture if part three of the application is not approved.*** If as part of the SHPO review of part three of the application pursuant to subrule 48.6(5) rehabilitation work is found to be inconsistent with the historic character of the property or the district in which it is located and the applicant is unwilling or unable to correct the work accordingly, the SHPO shall notify the applicant by registered U.S. mail or courier that the tax credit reservation has been recaptured and shall process the tax credit reservation in accordance with subrule 48.12(5).

**48.12(5) *Tax credit return to appropriate fund.*** The SHPO shall return any recaptured tax credit reservations to the tax credit fund from which they were reserved.

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**223—48.13(303,404A) Transfer of tax credit certificate.** The applicant may transfer the tax credit certificate to one or more parties in accordance with department of revenue 701—subrule 42.15(6).

**223—48.14(303,404A) Redemption of tax credit certificate.** The tax credit holder shall attach the tax credit certificate and a copy of the signed part three of the application to the taxpayer’s state income tax return and submit these documents to the department of revenue in the tax year for which the tax credit certificate is valid.

**223—48.15(303,404A) Tax credits in excess of tax liability.**

**48.15(1)** An applicant whose tax credit exceeds the tax liability in the tax year for which the tax credit may be redeemed is entitled to a refund of the excess tax credit with interest under Iowa Code section 422.25. See also administrative rules of the department of revenue, particularly rules 701—42.15(422) and 701—52.18(422).

**48.15(2)** In lieu of a refund, the applicant may have the excess tax credit applied to the tax liability for the following year.

**223—48.16(303,404A) Application processing fees.** A nonrefundable fee for application processing of parts two and three of an application will be charged for review of requests for certification of a rehabilitation project for historic tax credits. An initial review fee will be due with the filing of part two of an application. An additional fee for review of completed rehabilitation work will be due with the filing of part three of an application. Fees will be based on the amount of qualified rehabilitation costs. The fee schedule is as follows:

For projects with qualified rehabilitation costs of:	Part 2 Processing Fee	Part 3 Processing Fee
\$50,000 or less	No cost	No cost
\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$250	\$250
\$100,001 to \$500,000	\$500	\$500
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$750	0.5 percent of qualified rehabilitation costs (i.e., 0.005 × costs)
\$1,000,001 to \$6,000,000	\$1,000	
Over \$6,000,000	\$1,500	\$30,000

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### 223—48.17(303,404A) Appeals.

**48.17(1)** Applicants may appeal a decision of the SHPO on any of the following bases:

- a. Action was outside statutory authority;
- b. Decision was influenced by a conflict of interest;
- c. Action violated state law or administrative rules;
- d. Insufficient public notice was given; or
- e. Alteration of the review and certification process was detrimental to the applicant.

**48.17(2)** Appeals in writing shall be delivered to the director of the department of cultural affairs within 30 days of the decision giving rise to the appeal. All appeals shall be directed to the Director, Department of Cultural Affairs, 600 E. Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319; telephone (515)281-7471.

**48.17(3)** All appeals shall contain:

- a. The facts of the case;
- b. Argument(s) in support of the appeal; and
- c. The remedy sought.

**48.17(4)** The director of the department of cultural affairs shall consider and rule on an appeal after receiving all documentation from the appellant and shall notify the appellant in writing of the decision within 30 days. The decision of the director of the department of cultural affairs shall be final except as provided in Iowa Code sections 17A.19 and 17A.20.

**48.17(5)** Applicants may appeal SHPO decisions provided under subrule 48.6(5) regarding eligibility of a property to be placed on the National Register as determined during part one of the application and review process or regarding whether a proposed scope of work meets the Standards as determined during part two of the application and review process. The SHPO shall provide procedural guidance to the applicant should the applicant choose to appeal to the National Park Service under this subrule.

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