

701—46.7(422) ACE training program credits from withholding. The accelerated career education (ACE) program is a training program administered by the Iowa department of economic development to provide technical training in state community colleges for employees in highly skilled jobs in the state to the extent that the training is authorized in an agreement between an employer or group of employers and a community college for the training of certain employees of the employer or group of employers. If a community college and an employer or group of employers enter into a program agreement for ACE training, a copy of the agreement is to be sent to the department of revenue. No costs incurred prior to the date of the signing between a community college and an employer or group of employers may be reimbursed or are eligible for program job credits, including job credits from withholding unless the costs are incurred on or after July 1, 2000.

46.7(1) The costs of the ACE training program may be paid from the following sources:

- a.* Program job credits which the employer receives on the basis of the number of program job positions agreed to by the employer for the training program;
- b.* Cash or in-kind contributions by the employer toward the costs of the program which must be at least 20 percent of the total cost of the program;
- c.* Tuition, student fees, or special charges fixed by the board of directors of the community college to defray costs of the program;
- d.* Guarantee by the employer of payments to be received under paragraphs “*a*” and “*b*” of this subrule.

This rule pertains only to the program job credits from withholding described in paragraph “*a*.”

46.7(2) ACE training programs financed by job credits from withholding. In situations when an employer or group of employers and a community college have entered into an agreement for training under the ACE program and the agreement provides that the training will be financed by credits from withholding, the amount of funding will be determined by the program job credits identified in the agreement. Eligibility for the program job credits is based on certification of program job positions and program job wages by the employer at the time established in the agreement with the community college. An amount of up to 10 percent of the gross program job wage as certified by the employer in the agreement shall be credited from the total amount of Iowa income tax withheld by the employer. For example, if there were 20 employees designated to be trained in the agreement and their gross wages were \$600,000, the gross program job wage would be \$600,000. Therefore, 10 percent of the gross program job wage in this case would be \$60,000, and this amount would be credited against Iowa income tax which would ordinarily be withheld from the wages of all employees of the employer and remitted to the department of revenue on a quarterly basis. The amount credited against the withholding tax liability of the employer would be paid to the community college training the employer’s employees under the ACE program. The employer may take the credits against withholding tax on returns filed with the department of revenue until such time as the program costs of the ACE program are considered to be satisfied.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 260G.4A and 422.16.