

**701—52.15 (15E) Eligible housing business tax credit.** A corporation which qualifies as an eligible housing business may receive a tax credit of up to 10 percent of the new investment which is directly related to the building or rehabilitating of homes in an enterprise zone. The enterprise zone program was repealed on July 1, 2014, and the eligible housing business tax credit has been replaced with the workforce housing tax incentives program. See rule 701—52.46(15) for information on the tax incentives provided under the workforce housing tax incentives program. Any investment tax credit earned by businesses approved under the enterprise zone program prior to July 1, 2014, remains valid and can be claimed on tax returns filed after July 1, 2014. The tax credit may be taken on the tax return for the tax year in which the home is ready for occupancy.

An eligible housing business is one which meets the criteria in 2014 Iowa Code section 15E.193B.

**52.15(1) Computation of tax credit.** New investment which is directly related to the building or rehabilitating of homes includes but is not limited to the following costs: land, surveying, architectural services, building permits, inspections, interest on a construction loan, building materials, roofing, plumbing materials, electrical materials, amounts paid to subcontractors for labor and materials provided, concrete, labor, landscaping, appliances normally provided with a new home, heating and cooling equipment, millwork, drywall and drywall materials, nails, bolts, screws, and floor coverings.

New investment does not include the machinery, equipment, hand or power tools necessary to build or rehabilitate homes.

A taxpayer may claim on the taxpayer's corporation income tax return the pro rata share of the Iowa eligible housing business tax credit from a partnership, limited liability company, estate, or trust. The portion of the credit claimed by the taxpayer shall be in the same ratio as the taxpayer's pro rata share of the earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, or estate or trust, except for projects beginning on or after July 1, 2005, which used low-income housing credits authorized under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code to assist in the financing of the housing development. For these projects, the partnership, limited liability company or S corporation may designate the amount of the tax credit to be allocated to each partner, member or shareholder.

Any Iowa eligible housing business tax credit in excess of the corporation's tax liability may be carried forward for seven years or until it is used, whichever is the earlier.

If the eligible housing business fails to maintain the requirements of Iowa Code section 15E.193B to be an eligible housing business, the taxpayer may be required to repay all or a part of the tax incentives the business received. Irrespective of the fact that the statute of limitations to assess the taxpayer for repayment of the income tax credit may have expired, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives forfeited by failure to maintain the requirements of Iowa Code section 15E.193B. This is because it is a recovery of an incentive, rather than an adjustment to the taxpayer's tax liability. Details on the calculation of the repayment can be found in 261—subrule 187.5(4) of the administrative rules of the economic development authority. If the business is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust where the income of the taxpayer is taxed to the individual owner(s) of the business, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives against the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries to whom the tax incentives were passed through. See Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in *Damien & Colette Trebilcock, et al.*, Docket No. 11DORF 042-044, June 11, 2012.

Prior to January 1, 2001, the tax credit cannot exceed 10 percent of \$120,000 for each home or individual unit in a multiple dwelling unit building. Effective January 1, 2001, the tax credit cannot exceed 10 percent of \$140,000 for each home or individual unit in a multiple dwelling unit building.

Effective for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2003, the taxpayer must receive a tax credit certificate from the economic development authority to claim the eligible housing business tax credit. The tax credit certificate shall include the taxpayer's name, the taxpayer's address, the taxpayer's tax identification number, the date the project was completed, the amount of the eligible housing business tax credit and the tax year for which the credit may be claimed. In addition, the tax credit certificate shall include a place for the name and tax identification number of a transferee and the amount of the tax credit being transferred, as provided in subrule 52.15(2). The tax credit certificate must be included with

the income tax return for the tax period in which the home is ready for occupancy. The administrative rules for the eligible housing business tax credit for the economic development authority may be found under 261—Chapter 59.

**52.15(2) *Transfer of the eligible housing business tax credit.*** For tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2003, the eligible housing business tax credit certificates may be transferred to any person or entity if low-income housing tax credits authorized under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code are used to assist in the financing of the housing development. In addition, the eligible housing business tax credit certificates may be transferred to any person or entity for projects beginning on or after July 1, 2005, if the housing development is located in a brownfield site as defined in Iowa Code section 15.291, or if the housing development is located in a blighted area as defined in Iowa Code section 403.17. No more than \$3 million of tax credits for housing developments located in brownfield sites or blighted areas may be transferred in a calendar year, with no more than \$1.5 million being transferred for any one eligible housing business in a calendar year.

The excess of the \$3 million limitation of tax credits eligible for transfer in the 2013 and 2014 calendar years for housing developments located in brownfield sites or blighted areas cannot be claimed by a transferee prior to January 1, 2016. The eligible housing business must have notified the economic development authority in writing before July 1, 2014, of the business's intent to transfer any tax credits for housing developments located in brownfield sites or blighted areas. If a tax credit certificate is issued by the economic development authority for a housing development approved prior to July 1, 2014, that is located in a brownfield site or blighted area, the tax credit can still be claimed by the eligible business, but the tax credit cannot be transferred by the eligible business if the economic development authority was not notified prior to July 1, 2014.

**EXAMPLE 1:** A housing development located in a brownfield site was completed in December 2013 and was issued a tax credit certificate totaling \$250,000. The \$3 million calendar cap for transferred tax credits for brownfield sites and blighted areas has already been reached for the 2013 and 2014 tax years. The \$250,000 tax credit is going to be transferred to ABC Company, and the economic development authority was notified of the transfer prior to July 1, 2014. Once a replacement tax credit certificate has been issued, ABC Company cannot file an amended Iowa corporation income tax return for the 2013 tax year until January 1, 2016, to claim the \$250,000 tax credit.

**EXAMPLE 2:** A housing development located in a blighted area was completed in May 2014 and was issued a tax credit certificate totaling \$150,000. The \$3 million calendar cap for transferred tax credits for brownfield sites and blighted areas has already been reached for the 2014 tax year. The \$150,000 tax credit is going to be transferred to XYZ Company, and the economic development authority was notified of the transfer prior to July 1, 2014. Once a replacement tax credit certificate has been issued, XYZ Company cannot file an amended Iowa corporation income tax return for the 2014 tax year until January 1, 2016, to claim the \$150,000 tax credit.

Within 90 days of transfer of the tax credit certificate for transfers prior to July 1, 2006, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the economic development authority, along with a statement which contains the transferee's name, address and tax identification number and the amount of the tax credit being transferred. For transfers on or after July 1, 2006, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department of revenue. Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the statement from the transferee for transfers prior to July 1, 2006, the economic development authority will issue a replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. For transfers on or after July 1, 2006, the department of revenue will issue the replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. If the transferee is a partnership, limited liability company or S corporation, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members or shareholders and information on how the housing business tax credit should be divided among the partners, members or shareholders. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members or shareholders. The replacement tax credit certificate must contain the same information that was on the original certificate and must have the same expiration date as the original tax credit certificate.

The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit for any tax period for which the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes.

This rule is intended to implement 2014 Iowa Code section 15E.193B.

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