

**701—42.15 (422) Child and dependent care credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1990, there is a child and dependent care credit which is refundable to the extent the amount of the credit exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability less other applicable income tax credits.

**42.15(1) Computation of the Iowa child and dependent care credit.** The Iowa child and dependent care credit is computed as a percentage of the child and dependent care credit which is allowed for federal income tax purposes under Section 21 of the Internal Revenue Code. For taxpayers whose federal child and dependent care credit is limited to their federal tax liability, the Iowa credit shall be computed based on the lesser amount for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2012, but before January 1, 2015. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, the Iowa credit is computed without regard to whether or not the federal credit was limited to the taxpayer's federal tax liability. In addition, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, the Iowa credit will be allowed even if the taxpayer's adjusted gross income is below \$0. The credit is computed so that taxpayers with lower adjusted gross incomes (net incomes in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1991) are allowed higher percentages of their federal child care credit than taxpayers with higher adjusted gross incomes (net incomes). The following is a schedule showing the percentages of federal child and dependent care credits allowed on the taxpayers' Iowa returns on the basis of the federal adjusted gross incomes (or net incomes) of the taxpayers for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1993.

*Federal Adjusted Gross Income (Net Income for Tax Years Beginning on or after January 1, 1993)	Percentage of Federal Child and Dependent Care Credit Allowed for 1993 through 2005 Iowa Returns	Percentage of Federal Credit Allowed for 2006 and Later Tax Years
Less than \$10,000	75%	75%
\$10,000 or more but less than \$20,000	65%	65%
\$20,000 or more but less than \$25,000	55%	55%
\$25,000 or more but less than \$35,000	50%	50%
\$35,000 or more but less than \$40,000	40%	40%
\$40,000 or more but less than \$45,000	No Credit	30%
\$45,000 or more	No Credit	No Credit

\*Note that in the case of married taxpayers who have filed joint federal returns and elect to file separate returns or separately on the combined return form, the taxpayers must determine the child and dependent care credit by the schedule provided in this rule on the basis of the combined federal adjusted gross income of the taxpayers or their combined net income for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1991. The credit determined from the schedule must be allocated between the married taxpayers in the proportion that each spouse's federal adjusted gross income relates to the combined federal adjusted gross income of the taxpayers or in the proportion that each spouse's net income relates to the combined net income of the taxpayers in the case of tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1991.

**42.15(2) Examples of computation of the Iowa child and dependent care credit.** The following are examples of computation of the child and dependent care credit and the allocation of the credit between spouses in situations where married taxpayers have filed joint federal returns and are filing separate Iowa returns or separately on the combined return form. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1991, the taxpayers' net incomes are used to compute the Iowa child and dependent care credit and allocate the credit between spouses in situations where the taxpayers file separate Iowa returns or separately on the combined return form.

EXAMPLE A. A married couple has filed a joint federal return on which they showed a federal adjusted gross income of \$40,000 or a combined net income of \$40,000 on their state return for the tax year beginning January 1, 2007. Both spouses were employed. They had a federal child and dependent care credit of \$600 which related to expenses incurred for care of their two small children. One of the spouses

had a federal adjusted gross income of \$30,000 or a net income of \$30,000 and the second spouse had a federal adjusted gross income of \$10,000 or a net income of \$10,000.

The taxpayers' Iowa child and dependent care credit was \$180 since they were entitled to an Iowa child and dependent care credit of 30 percent of their federal credit of \$600. If the taxpayers elect to file separate Iowa returns, the \$180 credit would be allocated between the spouses on the basis of each spouse's net income to the combined net income of both spouses as shown below:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \$180 \times \frac{\$30,000}{\$40,000} &= \$135 && \text{child and dependent care credit for spouse} \\
 &&& \text{with \$30,000 net income for 2007} \\
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 \$180 \times \frac{\$10,000}{\$40,000} &= \$45 && \text{child and dependent care credit for spouse} \\
 &&& \text{with \$10,000 net income for 2007}
 \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE B. A married couple filed a joint federal return for 2007 and filed their 2007 Iowa return using the married filing separately on the combined return form filing status. Both spouses were employed. They had a federal child and dependent care credit of \$800 which related to expenses incurred for care of their children. One spouse had a net income of \$25,000 and the other spouse had a net income of \$12,500.

The taxpayers' Iowa child and dependent care credit was \$320, since they were entitled to an Iowa credit of 40 percent of their federal credit of \$800. The \$320 credit is allocated between the spouses on the basis of each spouse's net income as it relates to the combined net income of both spouses as shown below:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \$320 \times \frac{\$25,000}{\$37,500} &= \$213 && \text{child and dependent care credit for spouse} \\
 &&& \text{with \$25,000 net income for 2007} \\
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 \$320 \times \frac{\$12,500}{\$37,500} &= \$107 && \text{child and dependent care credit for spouse} \\
 &&& \text{with \$12,500 net income for 2007}
 \end{aligned}$$

**42.15(3)** *Computation of the Iowa child and dependent care credit for nonresidents and part-year residents.* Nonresidents and part-year residents who have incomes from Iowa sources in the tax year may claim child and dependent care credits on their Iowa returns. To compute the amount of child and dependent care credit that can be claimed on the Iowa return by a nonresident or part-year resident, the following formula shall be used:

Federal child and dependent care credit	×	Percentage of federal child and dependent credit allowed on Iowa return from table in subrule 42.15(1)	×	<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100%;"></div> *Iowa net income  Federal adjusted gross income or all source net income
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\*Iowa net income for purposes of determining the child care credit that can be claimed on the Iowa return by a nonresident or part-year resident taxpayer is the total of the Iowa source incomes less the Iowa source adjustments to income on line 26 of the Form IA 126.

In cases where married taxpayers are nonresidents or part-year residents of Iowa and are filing separate Iowa returns or separately on the combined return form, the child and dependent care credit allowable on the Iowa return should be allocated between the spouses in the ratio of the Iowa net income of each spouse to the combined Iowa net income of the taxpayers.

**42.15(4)** *Example of computation of the Iowa child and dependent care credit for nonresidents and part-year residents.* The following is an example of the computation of the Iowa child and dependent care credit for nonresidents and part-year residents.

A married couple lives in Omaha, Nebraska. One of the spouses worked in Iowa and had wages and other income from Iowa sources or an Iowa net income of \$15,000. That spouse had an all source net income of \$18,000. The second spouse had an Iowa net income of \$10,000 and an all source net income of \$12,000. The taxpayers had a federal child and dependent care credit of \$800 which related to expenses incurred for the care of their two young children. The taxpayers' Iowa child and dependent care credit is calculated below for the 2007 tax year:

Federal child and dependent care credit	Percentage of federal child and dependent credit allowed on Iowa return	Iowa net income <hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black; margin: 0;"/> All source net income
\$800	× 50%	= \$400 × $\frac{\$25,000}{\$30,000}$ = \$333

The \$333 credit is allocated between the spouses as shown below for the 2007 tax year:

\$333 ×	$\frac{\$10,000}{\$25,000}$	=	\$133 for spouse with Iowa source net income of \$10,000
\$333 ×	$\frac{\$15,000}{\$25,000}$	=	\$200 for spouse with Iowa source net income of \$15,000

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