

**701—42.10 (422) Alternative minimum tax credit for minimum tax paid in a prior tax year.**

Minimum tax paid in prior tax years commencing with tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, by a taxpayer can be claimed as a tax credit against the taxpayer's regular income tax liability in a subsequent tax year. Therefore, 1988 is the first tax year that the minimum tax credit is available, and the credit is based on the minimum tax paid by the taxpayer for 1987. The minimum tax credit may only be used against regular income tax for a tax year to the extent that the regular tax is greater than the minimum tax for the tax year. If the minimum tax credit is not used against the regular tax for a tax year, the remaining credit is carried over to the following tax year to be applied against the regular income tax liability for that period. The minimum tax credit is computed on Form IA 8801.

**42.10(1) Examples of computation of the minimum tax credit and carryover of the credit.**

EXAMPLE 1. The taxpayers reported \$5,000 of minimum tax for 2007. For 2008, the taxpayers reported regular tax of \$8,000, and the minimum tax liability is \$6,000. The minimum tax credit is \$2,000 for 2008 because, although the taxpayers had an \$8,000 regular tax liability, the credit is allowed only to the extent that the regular tax exceeds the minimum tax. Since only \$2,000 of the carryover credit from 2007 was used, there is a \$3,000 minimum tax carryover credit to 2009.

EXAMPLE 2. The taxpayers reported \$2,500 of minimum tax for 2007. For 2008, the taxpayers reported regular tax of \$8,000, and the minimum tax liability is \$5,000. The minimum tax credit is \$2,500 for 2008 because, although the regular tax exceeded the minimum tax by \$3,000, the credit is allowed only to the extent of minimum tax paid for prior tax years. There is no minimum tax carryover credit to 2009.

**42.10(2) Minimum tax credit for nonresidents and part-year residents.** Nonresident and part-year resident taxpayers who paid Iowa minimum tax in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, are eligible for the minimum tax credit to the extent that the minimum tax they paid was attributable to tax preferences and adjustments. Therefore, if a nonresident or part-year resident taxpayer had Iowa source tax preferences or adjustments, then all the minimum tax that was paid would qualify for the minimum tax credit.

The minimum tax credit for a tax year as computed above applies to the regular income tax liability less the nonresident part-year credit to the extent this regular tax amount exceeds the minimum tax for the tax year. To the extent the credit is not used, the credit can be carried over to the next tax year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.11B.

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