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Tax Credit: Public Safety Officer Moving Expense Tax Credit

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Purpose and History

The Public Safety Officer Moving Expense Tax Credit is available against the individual income tax, not to exceed $2,000 per move, for unreimbursed moving expenses incurred by a new Iowa resident who takes full-time employment as a public safety officer. In lieu of a refund, the tax credit may be credited for the following tax year. A new Iowa resident is not eligible for the credit if moving expenses were deducted for federal tax purposes. The tax credit is retroactive to tax year 2024.

Oversight of the tax credit is a function of the Iowa Department of Revenue (IDR). The tax credit is not transferable but is refundable, and any unused portion may be carried forward to the following tax year.

Tax Credit Background

- Enabling Legislation: 2024 Iowa Acts, chapter 1127 (Law Enforcement Omnibus Act)
- Iowa Code Citation: Section 422.12P — Individual Income Tax
- Administrative State Agency: IDR
- Sunset Date: None
- Transferable: No
- Refundable: Yes
- Carryforward: Unredeemed credits may be carried forward to the next tax year
- Legislative Tax Expenditure Committee Review Year: None

Tax Credit Review, Usage, and Future Liability

The Public Safety Officer Moving Expense Tax Credit was created in 2024, and the credit is not included in the list of tax credits that must be reviewed every five years by the IDR.

The IDR reports on the annual credit usage for the Public Safety Officer Moving Expense Tax Credit in its periodic Contingent Liabilities Report. Based on Table 8 of the October 2026 report, the following table (**Figure 1**) and graph (**Figure 2**) provide credit redemption projections for the Public Safety Officer Moving Expense Tax Credit. The red bars on the graph are IDR projections of future redemptions. Future redemptions may include new credits and any carryforward credits from the prior tax year.

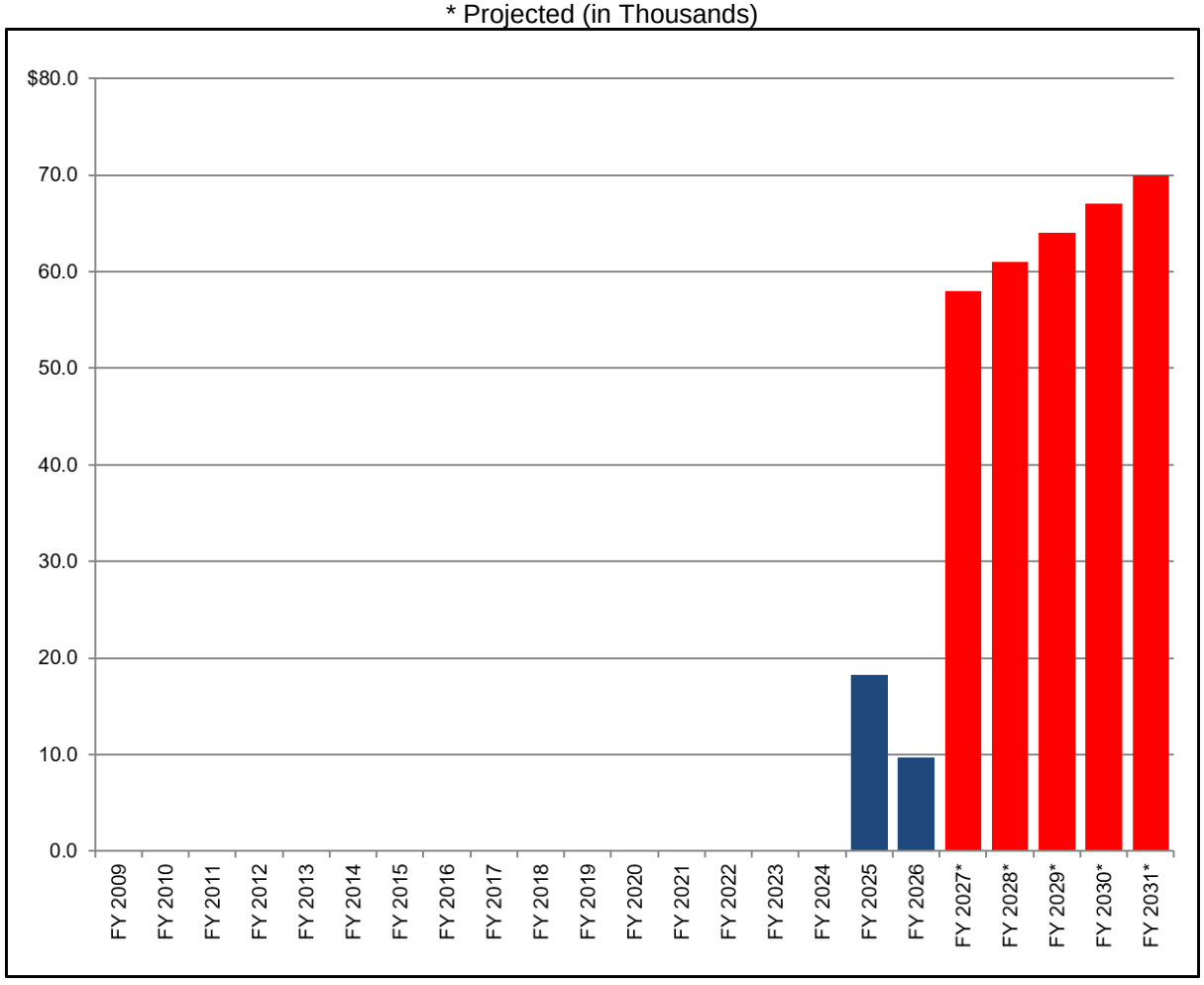
Figure 1 — Public Safety Officer Moving Expense Tax Credit History

* Projected

Fiscal Year	Tax Credit Redemptions	Fiscal Year	Tax Credit Redemptions
FY 2009	$ 0	FY 2021	$ 0
FY 2010	0	FY 2022	0
FY 2011	0	FY 2023	0
FY 2012	0	FY 2024	0
FY 2013	0	FY 2025	18,216
FY 2014	0	FY 2026	9,746
FY 2015	0	FY 2027*	58,000
FY 2016	0	FY 2028*	61,000
FY 2017	0	FY 2029*	64,000
FY 2018	0	FY 2030*	67,000
FY 2019	0	FY 2031*	70,000
FY 2020	0		

Figure 2 — Public Safety Officer Moving Expense Tax Credit Redemptions

* Projected (in Thousands)



Additional Information

For additional information, visit:

- Iowa Department of Revenue Contingent Liabilities Report
- Iowa Department of Revenue Tax Credit Users' Manual
- Legislative Services Agency Individual Income Tax Guide

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