

Training Institution—a public training provider, secondary or postsecondary vocational technical school, apprenticeship program registered with the Louisiana Department of Labor, or community college. The term does not include institutions or other entities organized for profit.

Value—the donor's actual cost for new machinery or equipment or the appraised worth of used materials and equipment and instructional services.

B. Tax Credit

1. A credit shall be allowed against the individual and corporate income tax and the corporate franchise tax for the donation of the latest technology available in materials and equipment and the donation of instructors made to public training providers, secondary and postsecondary vocational-technical schools, apprenticeship programs registered with the Louisiana Department of Labor, or community colleges within the state.

2. The tax credit shall be an amount equal to one-half the value of the donated materials, equipment, or services rendered by the instructor at the time of donation.

a. When used materials or equipment or instructional services are donated, the institution accepting the donation shall obtain an appraisal to establish the value of the materials, equipment, or instructional services, which is to be provided to the donating employer.

b. When new materials or equipment are donated, the donating employer shall submit an invoice showing the actual price paid, which shall be considered the value of the donated property.

3. A donation shall not qualify for the tax credit unless it is accepted by the training institution.

a. The training institution accepting the donation shall furnish to the donating employer certification of the donation that includes the date of the donation and the value of the donated materials, equipment, or instructional services.

b. The donating employer shall attach this certification to the income or franchise tax return filed with the department for the year in which the credit is claimed.

4. The tax credit shall be a credit against the applicable tax or taxes for the tax period that the donation was made and when combined with all other applicable tax credits, shall not exceed 20 percent of the employer's tax liability for any taxable year. The tax credits may only be taken by the donating employer entity and may not be passed through to partners or shareholders when the donating entity is a partnership, Subchapter S Corporation, or Limited Liability Company.

C. Maintenance or Service Agreement. If requested by the training institution receiving the donation, any employer donating material or equipment may agree to provide a minimum of three months maintenance or service to the institution in order to receive the tax credit. This agreement shall cover the cost of any maintenance required on the donated materials or equipment for the term of the agreement.

D. Orientation Agreement. Any employer donating materials or equipment to an eligible training institution shall agree to provide the training institution with materials or equipment operating instructions at no cost to the institution at a location specified in the agreement. Orientation instruction shall take place within two weeks after installation of the donated materials and equipment.

E. Eligible Donations. The tax credit shall be applicable to donations made after July 1, 1998 and before January 1, 2001.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Corporation Income and Franchise Taxes Division, in consultation with the Department of Labor, LR 25:877 (May 1999).

§1902. Inventory Tax Credits

A. Tax Credits for Local Inventory Taxes Paid. R.S. 47:6006 allows a credit for ad valorem taxes paid to local governments on inventory held by manufacturers, distributors, and retailers.

B. Application to Corporations. All entities taxed as corporations for Louisiana income or corporation franchise tax purposes shall claim any credit allowable for inventory taxes paid by them on their corporation income and corporation franchise tax return. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. S corporations;
2. partnerships taxed as corporations for income tax purposes;
3. limited liability companies (LLC's) taxed as corporations for income tax purposes.

C. Application to Individuals, Estates, and Trusts

1. All individuals shall claim on their individual income tax returns any credit allowable for inventory taxes paid by them.

2. Estates or trusts shall claim on their fiduciary income tax returns any credit allowable for inventory taxes paid by them.

D. Application to Partnerships. Any credit allowable for inventory taxes paid by partnerships not taxed as corporations shall be claimed on the returns of the partners as follows.

1. Corporation partners shall claim the credit on their corporation income or corporation franchise tax returns.
2. Individual partners shall claim the credit on their individual income tax returns.
3. Partners that are estates or trusts shall claim the credit on their fiduciary income tax returns.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:6006 and R.S. 47:1511.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 27:1705 (October 2001).

§1903. Administration of the School Readiness Tax Credits

A. General School Readiness Tax Credit Provisions

1. For purposes of the tax credits in R.S. 47:6101 through 6109, a child will be deemed to be five years of age or less if the child is five years of age or less on any day of the taxable year for which a credit is claimed.

2. The term “business” as used in this regulation means any for-profit or not-for-profit entity not including any individual operating in their personal capacity.

3. The credits provided for in R.S. 47:6101 through 6109 are applicable against individual income tax and corporation income and franchise tax but not against income taxes imposed on estates and trusts.

B. Child Care Expense Tax Credit

1. The Department of Revenue shall make available to qualifying child care facilities a credit certificate to be given to each taxpayer claiming the child care expense tax credit. The credit certificate will consist of a provider portion of the certificate and a taxpayer portion of the certificate.

2. The provider shall complete the provider portion of the credit certificate and shall submit the certificate to each taxpayer who had a child at the facility during the calendar year no later than January 31 of the succeeding year. The provider portion of the credit certificate will include, but not be limited to, the following information: the child care facility name, the child care facility star rating, the child care facility Louisiana tax identification number, the child care facility Department of Social Services license number, the name of the child attending the facility and the issue date and effective year. The provider shall submit to the Department of Revenue a list of all taxpayers to whom a certificate was issued.

3. The taxpayer shall complete the taxpayer portion of the certificate which will include, but not be limited to, the following information: the name and social security number of the taxpayer claiming the credit and the name, social security number and date of birth for the qualifying child for whom this credit is claimed on the tax return. The taxpayer must submit or maintain the certificate as required by the Secretary of the Department of Revenue in forms and instructions.

4. The Department of Social Services shall provide information necessary for the Secretary of the Department of Revenue to determine the child care provider's quality rating.

C. Child Care Provider Tax Credit

1. The average monthly number of children as used in R.S. 47:6105 is to be determined on a calendar year basis and the provider shall claim the credit for the tax year that includes December 31. The child care provider tax credit will be calculated based on the average monthly number of children participating full-time in the Child Care Assistance or Foster Care Program, from January to December of a calendar year, as follows:

a. full-time participation is considered when the Child Care Assistance or Foster Care Program pays for at least 12 days of service per child during the month; or

b. part-time participation is considered when the Child Care Assistance or Foster Care Program pays for at least 40 hours of service per child during the month; or

c. part-time participation is considered when the Child Care Assistance or Foster Care Program pays for at least 5 days but no more than 11 days of service per child during the month;

d. two part-time participants are considered one full-time participant for purposes of this calculation.

2. The Department of Social Services shall provide documentation to each qualifying provider of the average monthly number of children participating in the Child Care Assistance Program or in the Foster Care Program. If the provider has multiple sites, the Department of Social Services shall provide this information for each site. The certificate shall be delivered or mailed to all qualifying child care providers by March 1 of the year following the year the credit is earned. The certificate shall include, but not be limited to, the following information: the child care facility name, the child care facility star rating, the child care facility Department of Social Services license number and the issue date and effective year.

3. Child care providers that operate as a corporation or sole proprietorship shall submit or maintain the credit certificate as required by the Secretary of the Department of Revenue in forms and instructions.

4. For child care providers that operate as flow through entities such as partnerships, LLCs electing partnership treatment, or S corporations passing credits through to shareholders, every partner, member, or shareholder claiming the credit must submit or maintain copies of the information issued by the Department of Social Services for each site. Every partner, member, or shareholder claiming the credit must submit or maintain a schedule showing how the total credit is allocated to each partner, member or shareholder.

5. The Department of Social Services shall provide information necessary for the Secretary of the Department of Revenue to determine and/or verify the provider's quality rating.

D. Credit for Child Care Directors and Staff

1. The Department of Social Services shall provide information necessary for the Secretary of the Department of Revenue to determine and/or verify the director and staff levels for earning the credit.

2. In order to claim this credit, the Department of Social Services, or their representative, must provide child care facility directors and staff members with a certificate no later than January 31 that states which level of qualification the employee meets according to the criteria established by the Department of Social Services. The taxpayer must submit or maintain the certificate as required by the

Secretary of the Department of Revenue in forms and instructions.

3. Each child care facility director and staff member will also have to verify that he/she has worked at the same child care facility for at least six months in the calendar year, unless otherwise approved by the Department of Social Services.

4. Child care director and staff levels will have such meaning as provided by regulation issued by the Department of Social Services.

E. Business-Supported Child Care Credits

1. Business Child Care Expense Credit

a. In order for a business to claim this credit, the business must provide the Department of Revenue the following information: the name and Louisiana revenue tax identification number of the child care facility to or for whom the eligible expenses were paid or made, the amount and nature of qualifying expenses at each child care facility as defined in R.S. 47:6102 and the child care facility's quality rating.

b. The Department of Social Services shall provide information necessary for the Secretary of the Department of Revenue to determine and/or verify the facility's quality rating.

2. Payments and Donations to Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

a. In order for a business to claim this portion of the business child care expense credit, the taxpayer must provide the Department of Revenue a receipt from the child care resource or referral agency for the amount of money the taxpayer paid and/or donated during the taxable year.

b. If the child care resource or referral agency is part of a larger charitable organization, only fees and/or donations made to the child care resource or referral agency division of that organization will qualify for this credit. For example, if Volunteers of America has a division that functions as a child care resource or referral agency, only fees and donations made to the division of that organization would qualify for the credit while all other donations to Volunteers of America would not.

c. The Department of Social Services shall provide to the Department of Revenue a list of qualifying child care resource or referral agencies for each calendar year.

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§1905. Telephone Company Property Assessment Relief Fund

A. Telephone companies are allowed a credit for 40 percent of the total ad valorem taxes paid to political subdivisions of Louisiana on their public service properties

that are assessed by the Louisiana Tax Commission at 25 percent of fair market value.

B. The credit can be taken against the following state taxes:

1. individual income tax;
2. corporation income tax; and
3. corporation franchise tax.

C. The monies to pay the credits will be taken from Telephone Company Property Assessment Relief Fund.

D. The state sales taxes collected on interstate telecommunication services will be deposited into the Telephone Company Property Assessment Relief Fund.

1. The amount state sales taxes collected on interstate telecommunications will be determined by the secretary using industry data available at the time the fund was originally created and was published by the Federal Communications Commission.

2. Based on the industry data published by the Federal Communications Commission in 1998, which was the latest available data at the time that the fund was created in 2000, 36 percent of telephone revenues in Louisiana from end-users were from interstate calling.

3. Accordingly, the Secretary of Revenue has notified the state treasurer that 36 percent of the sales tax revenue collected on telecommunication services shall be deposited to the Telephone Company Property Assessment Relief Fund.

4. This rule shall be effective July 1, 2006, in accord with Acts 2005, No. 266.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Revenue, Policy Services Division, LR 32:866 (May 2006).

§1907. Income Tax Credits for Solar Energy Systems

A. Revised Statute 47:6030 provides an income tax credit for the purchase and installation of a solar electric system, solar thermal system or any combination of components thereof, collectively referred to as a "system," at a single family residence located in Louisiana. In order for costs associated with the purchase and installation of a solar electric system or solar thermal system to qualify for this credit, the expenditure must be made on or after January 1, 2008, and before January 1, 2018.

1. **Purchase of Solar Energy System.** The amount of the credit for the purchase and installation of a system at a Louisiana residence or for a system which is already installed in a newly constructed home located in Louisiana is equal to 50 percent of the first \$25,000 of the cost of a solar electric system, solar thermal system, or any combination of components thereof.

2. Lease of Solar Energy System