

2013 VIRGINIA SCHEDULE CR INSTRUCTIONS

For use with Forms 760, 760PY, 763 and 765 General Information

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WHEN TO COMPLETE SCHEDULE CR

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Each section of Schedule CR notes the carryover period, if any, that applies to the credit. As a general rule, the maximum nonrefundable credit available is the amount on Schedule CR, Section 1, Part 1, Line 1A, reduced by the other credits claimed, regardless of the order on Schedule CR. There are five refundable credits: Virginia Coal Employment and Production Incentive Tax Credit, Coalfield Employment Enhancement Tax Credit (computed on Form 306), Motion Picture Production Tax Credit, Agricultural Best Management Practices Tax Credit and Research and Development Expenses Tax Credit. These refundable credits are reported in Section 3 of Schedule CR. The combined total of nonrefundable and refundable credits is entered on Form 760, Line 23; Form 760PY, Line 25; or Form 763, Line 25.

If the total of your nonrefundable credits exceeds the balance of the maximum nonrefundable credit available, the following rules will ensure that you receive the maximum benefit of your credits:

- First claim any nonrefundable credits without carryforward provisions (such as the credit for political contributions);
- Next, claim any carryover credits from prior years (in expiration order);
- Then, use any current year credits in the order of their carryover provision;
- Finally, report any unused credits as carryovers for succeeding taxable years to the extent allowed by law.

Partners of a partnership, shareholders of an S corporation, and members of a limited liability company may claim the amount of credit passed through to them by the partnership, S corporation, or limited liability company. Generally, distributions of a credit by a partnership, S corporation, or limited liability company to its partners, shareholders, or members are in proportion to their ownership or interest in the partnership, S corporation, or limited liability company. Any partnership, S corporation, or limited liability company distributing a credit to its partners, shareholders, or members must issue each owner a Schedule VK-1.

MAXIMUM NONREFUNDABLE CREDITS

The total nonrefundable credits claimed on Schedule CR may not exceed the amount of tax shown on your return less the total amount reported for the spouse tax adjustment, credit for tax paid to another state, and credit for low-income individuals or Virginia earned income credit.

CREDIT DESCRIPTIONS

Trust Beneficiary Accumulation Distribution Credit

If only claiming the credit set forth under Va. Code § 58.1-370 on Schedule CR, enter the amount of this credit on Form 760, Line 23; Form 760PY, Line 25; or Form 763, Line 25. Write "Trust Beneficiary Accumulation Distribution Credit" to the left of the entry box. If you are claiming other credits on Schedule CR, add the amount of this credit to the total on Schedule CR, Section 2, Line 1A. **A schedule showing the credit computation must be attached to your return.**

Enterprise Zone Act Credit

Businesses located within an enterprise zone that have initiated the use of the Enterprise Zone General Income Tax Credit or have a signed agreement with the Commonwealth regarding the use of such credits in place by July 1, 2005, may be eligible, based on job creation, to claim a credit against the tax due on zone taxable income in an amount of 80% of the tax due for the first year and 60% of the tax due for the second through the tenth years. Excess general tax credit, if any, may not be carried forward. Such credits are authorized through fiscal Year 2019.

In addition, businesses located within an enterprise zone that have initiated the use of the Zone Investment Tax Credit or have a signed agreement with the Commonwealth regarding the use of such credits in place by July 1, 2005, may be eligible for a credit against zone taxable income. The investment credit can be carried forward until the full amount is used. Such credits are authorized through fiscal Year 2019.

If the annual tax credit requested exceeds the annual appropriation, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development will issue a proportionate amount to each qualified business firm requesting the credits. To claim this credit, complete Form 301 and attach to Schedule CR.

For qualification forms and additional information, contact: **Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Office of Community Revitalization & Development, Main Street Centre, 600 East Main Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23219**, or call **804-371-7121**.

Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit

The Virginia Neighborhood Assistance Act provides tax credits to individuals and businesses that make qualified donations directly to pre-approved Neighborhood Assistance Program organizations whose primary function is to provide educational or other qualified services for the benefit of low-income families. Individuals may receive a credit for a donation of cash or marketable securities to an eligible organization. Businesses may receive a credit for a donation of money, marketable securities, property, limited professional services or contracting services. Licensed veterinarians, physicians, dentists, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, chiropractors, optometrists, dental hygienists, pharmacists, professional counselors, clinical social workers, clinical psychologists, marriage and family therapists, and physical therapists who donate their services for an approved clinic may also be eligible for credits. The amount of credit attributable to a partnership or S corporation must be allocated to the partners and shareholders in proportion to their ownership or interest in the partnership or S corporation. Any unused tax credits may be carried forward for the next five taxable years. For a list of approved organizations or additional information, contact the **Virginia Department of Social Services, Neighborhood Assistance Program, 801 E. Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219-3301** or the **Virginia Department of Education, P.O. Box 2120, Richmond, VA 23218-2120, Division of Finance and Operations, Attn: Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit Program for Education**.

Recyclable Materials Processing Equipment Credit

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1999, and before January 1, 2015, an income tax credit may be claimed for purchases made during the taxable year for machinery and equipment used exclusively in or on the premises of manufacturing facilities or plant units which manufacture, process, compound or produce items of tangible personal property from recyclable materials within the Commonwealth for sale. For purposes of determining "purchase price paid," the taxpayer may use the original total capitalized cost of such machinery and equipment, less capitalized interest. The credit is 10% of such expenditures and cannot exceed 40% of the taxpayer's Virginia income tax liability for the year, computed prior to computing the credit. Any amount unused this year may be carried forward for the next 10 taxable years.

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) administers the certification of all recycling machinery and equipment. To claim this credit, you must have received pre-approval from DEQ certifying the equipment. Attach your certified DEQ Form 50-11S along with purchase receipts and invoices for the equipment purchase to the income tax return in order to receive the credit. For additional information on how to qualify for certification, contact the **Department of Environmental Quality, Equipment Certification Officer, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23218** or call **804-698-4145**.

Conservation Tillage Equipment Credit

This credit may be claimed by individuals who purchase conservation tillage equipment for the purpose of agricultural production. The tax credit is 25% of conservation tillage equipment expenditures made or \$4,000, whichever is less. The term conservation tillage equipment means no-tillage planters and drills designed to reduce soil compaction (including guidance systems to control traffic patterns that are designed to minimize soil disturbance), which may be attached to equipment already owned. Any amount unused this year may be carried over to the next 5 taxable years.

Attach a statement to your return showing purchase date, description and credit computation when claiming this credit.

Precision Fertilizer and Pesticide Application Equipment Credit

The Precision Fertilizer and Pesticide Application Equipment Credit is 25% of all expenditures for equipment certified by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board as providing more precise pesticide and fertilizer application or \$3,750, whichever is less. Qualifying individuals must be engaged in agricultural production for market and have in place a nutrient management plan approved by the local Soil and Water Conservation District. Any unused tax credits may be carried forward for the next 5 taxable years.

Rent Reduction Program Credit

This credit expired December 31, 2010. Only carryover credits from prior years are allowed. For additional information, contact: **Brenda Hawkins, Virginia Housing Development Authority, 601 S. Belvidere Street, Richmond, VA 23220-6504**, or call **804-343-5763**.

Clean-Fuel Vehicle and Vehicle Emissions Testing Equipment Credits

An income tax credit may be claimed for purchases of vehicle emissions testing equipment and clean-fuel vehicles made while you were a Virginia resident.

The Clean-Fuel Vehicle Credit is equal to 10% of the deduction allowed under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) § 179A for purchases of clean-fuel vehicles principally garaged in Virginia or certain refueling property placed in service in Virginia or 10% of the costs used to compute the credit under IRC § 30. The Vehicle Emissions Testing Equipment Credit is 20% of the purchase or lease price paid during the taxable year for equipment certified by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for vehicle emissions testing within a locality that is required by law to implement an enhanced vehicle emissions inspection program or, after January 1, 1998, within any locality adjacent to those localities required to implement the program.

Clean-Fuel Vehicle Credit - You are not required to submit a specific form as part of your tax return to document the purchase of a clean-fuel vehicle. However, you should retain documentation to support your claim for the tax credit because an audit may be conducted to verify any credit claimed under these provisions.

Vehicle Emissions Testing Equipment Credit - Attach a copy of the letter from DEQ to the equipment vendor certifying that the equipment configuration meets the regulation and equipment specification requirements for use in the enhanced vehicle emissions inspection program. **For a copy of this letter, contact your equipment vendor or the DEQ Northern Virginia Regional Office in Woodbridge at 703-583-3900. You are not required to submit a specific form for the Vehicle Emissions Testing Equipment Credit.**

Major Business Facility Job Tax Credit

Individuals, estates, trusts, corporations, banks, insurance companies and telecommunications companies may claim a Virginia tax credit if the taxpayer creates at least 50 new full-time jobs in connection with the establishment or expansion of a major business facility, and the company is engaged in a qualifying industry in Virginia. If a taxpayer is located in an enterprise zone or in an economically distressed area (as defined by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership), the threshold is reduced from 50 to 25 new full-time jobs. Credits will be recaptured proportionately if employment decreases during the five years following the initial credit year.

This nonrefundable credit is equal to \$1,000 per qualifying new job in excess of the 50/25 job threshold in enterprise zones or economically distressed areas. This credit is spread ratably over 2 years for taxpayers whose initial credit year begins January 1, 2009, but before January 1, 2015. The credit only applies to facilities where an announcement to expand or establish such a facility was made on or after January 1, 1994. The credit must be claimed ratably beginning with the taxable year following the year in which the facility is established or expanded, or the new qualifying jobs are added. Unused credits may be carried forward for the next 10 taxable years. A qualified business firm receiving an Enterprise Zone Job Creation Grant under Va. Code § 59.1-547 shall not be eligible to receive a Major Business Facility Job Tax Credit for any job used to qualify for the Enterprise Zone Job Creation Grant.

To apply for this credit, complete **Form 304**. All applications must be submitted to the **Department of Taxation, Tax Credit Unit, P.O. Box 715, Richmond, VA 23218-0715** 90 days prior to the due date of your return. A letter will be sent to certify the credit. To claim this credit, complete Section 1, Part 9 of Schedule CR.

Foreign Source Retirement Income Tax Credit

A credit is available to Virginia residents who paid income tax to a foreign country on pension or retirement income derived from past employment in a foreign country, provided that such income is included in Virginia taxable income for the taxable year. For purposes of computing the credit, the foreign currency must be converted to U.S. dollars using the prevailing exchange rate that most nearly reflects the value of the currency at the time the taxes were actually paid to the foreign country. *If you filed separately in the foreign country, but are filing jointly in Virginia, enter only the Virginia taxable income attributable to the filer whose income was taxed by the foreign country.* For the purposes of this credit, United States territories are considered foreign countries. Any foreign country that does not qualify for the federal tax credit (under IRC § 901(j)) does not qualify for this Virginia credit. To claim this credit, complete Schedule CR and attach a copy of the return filed in the foreign country or other proof of tax payment to the foreign country.

Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit

Individuals, estates, partnerships, trusts or corporations incurring eligible expenses in the rehabilitation of a certified historic structure are entitled to claim a credit against individual income tax, fiduciary income tax, corporation income tax, the bank franchise tax, and taxes imposed against insurance companies and utility companies. The credit is equal to 25% of eligible rehabilitation expenses for projects completed in the 2000 taxable year and thereafter. To qualify for this credit, the cost of the rehabilitation must equal at least 50% (25% if the building is an owner-occupied residence) of the assessed value of the building for local real estate tax purposes in the year preceding the start of the rehabilitation. The rehabilitation work must be certified by the Virginia Department of Historic

Resources as consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Any unused credit may be carried forward for 10 years. Applications for certification may be obtained by contacting the **Virginia Department of Historic Resources, 2801 Kensington Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221, 804-367-2323**, or visiting **www.dhr.virginia.gov**.

Day-Care Facility Investment Tax Credit

A credit is allowed in an amount equal to 25% of the expenditures paid or incurred to establish a day-care facility for the children of employees, not to exceed \$25,000. The total credits approved may not exceed \$100,000 in any fiscal year. To be eligible for the credit: (1) the facility must be operated under a license issued by the Virginia Department of Social Services; (2) the building permit application for the facility must be submitted after July 1, 1996; (3) the facility must be used primarily by the children of the taxpayer's employees; and (4) the Tax Commissioner must approve the credit application prior to claiming the credit. To apply for this credit, submit a letter of application that specifies the employer's name, the location of the facility and certification of items (1)-(3) above. Send the application to: **Virginia Department of Taxation, Tax Credit Administration Unit, P.O. Box 715, Richmond, VA 23218-0715**. Applications are approved in the order received. Approved applicants will receive an approval from the Department. To claim the credit, complete Section 1, Part 12, of the Schedule CR. This credit is nonrefundable but excess credit may be carried forward for 3 years.

For additional information, contact the **Department of Taxation, Tax Credit Unit, P. O. Box 715, Richmond, VA 23218-0715**, or call **804-786-2992**.

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit

As of June 30, 2010, the Board of Housing and Community Development stopped approving Low-Income Housing Credits. Only carryover credits from prior years are allowed. For additional information, contact the **Department of Housing and Community Development at 804-371-7000**.

Qualified Equity and Subordinated Debt Investments Credit

Taxpayers making a "qualified investment" in the form of equity or subordinated debt in a "qualified business" may be eligible for this credit. Businesses may apply for designation as a qualified business using **Form QBA**. The qualification is **valid** only for the calendar year of the application. Therefore, the business needs to reapply each year for qualification. To qualify, the business must meet the following criteria: (1) have annual gross revenues of no more than \$3 million in its most recent fiscal year, (2) have its principal office or facility in the Commonwealth, (3) be engaged in business primarily in or having substantially all of its production in the Commonwealth and (4) have not obtained during its existence more than \$3 million in aggregate gross cash proceeds from the issuance of its equity or debt investments (not including commercial loans from chartered banking or savings and loan institutions).

Taxpayers may claim a credit equal to 50% of the qualified business investments made during the taxable year. For the 2013 taxable year, the total amount of credit approved may not exceed \$4.5 million. One-half of this amount must be allocated to commercialization investments and the other half is available for all other qualifying investments. If credit applications for either half exceed the allowed amount, the credits for that half will be prorated. However, if credit applications for either half are less than the allowed amount, the balance will be available for allocation to the other type of credit. The total amount of credit that may be used per taxpayer per taxable year may not exceed \$50,000. This credit is nonrefundable; however, any unused tax credits may be carried forward for the next 15 years. Equity and

debt investments held in connection with a qualified business investment must be held by the investor for at least 3 full calendar years following the calendar year for which the credit is allocated, except in certain instances. If the holding period is not met, the unused credit amount will be forfeited, and an assessment will be issued for the amount used to which shall be added interest, computed at the rate of one percent per month, compounded monthly from the date the tax credits were claimed.

Taxpayers cannot receive a grant from the Small Business Investment Grant Fund and claim the Qualified Equity and Subordinated Debt Investments Tax Credit for the same investment.

This credit requires **pre-approval** by the **Department of Taxation**. Investors must apply to the Department by April 1 of the year following the year the investment was made using **Form EDC**. **Taxpayers filing Form EDC after April 1 will be denied this credit.** All approved investors filing a timely **Form EDC** will be notified of the allowable credit by June 30. Since the tax return of most individuals is due May 1, most investors will need to file a return on extension or amend their original return to claim the credit.

Pass-Through Entities must file **Form PTE** with the Department of Taxation at least 60 days before filing their income tax return. A copy of the certification letter from the Department is a required attachment to **Form PTE**.

Visit the Department's website at **www.tax.virginia.gov** to obtain **Form QBA**, **Form EDC** and **Form PTE**. Information on the application process is also available from the **Virginia Department of Taxation, Tax Credit Unit, P. O. Box 715, Richmond, VA 23218-0715**, or call **804-786-2992**.

Worker Retraining Tax Credit

This credit allows an employer to claim a tax credit for the training costs of providing eligible worker retraining to qualified employees. "Eligible worker retraining" includes noncredit courses that are approved by the Department of Business Assistance (DBA) and that are provided by any of the Commonwealth's community colleges or a private school. Eligible worker retraining programs also include courses (both credit and noncredit) undertaken through an apprenticeship agreement approved by the Virginia Apprenticeship Council. The credit is 30% of all expenditures paid or incurred by the employer during the taxable year, subject to certain limitations. For taxable years beginning prior to January 1, 2013, if the eligible worker retraining consists of courses conducted at a private school, the credit cannot exceed \$100 per qualified employee annually. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, if the eligible worker retraining consists of courses conducted at a private school, the credit cannot exceed \$200 per qualified employee annually, or \$300 per qualified employee annually if the eligible training includes retraining in a STEM or STEAM discipline. A STEM or STEAM discipline is defined as a science, technology, engineering, mathematics or applied mathematics related discipline, as determined by DBA, and includes a health care related discipline.

Employers must apply for certification of the amount of allowable credit using **Form WRC**, Worker Retraining Tax Credit, by April 1 of the year following the year in which the training expenses were paid or incurred, before claiming the credit on their income tax return. All approved businesses filing a timely **Form WRC** will be notified of their allowable credit by June 30. The maximum Worker Retraining Credits granted to all employers is limited to \$2,500,000 annually. If the total credits approved exceed this amount, each will be prorated. The credit is allowable against individual income tax, fiduciary income tax, corporation income tax and the bank franchise tax. The credit is also allowable against taxes imposed upon

insurance companies and utility companies (under *Va. Code* §§ 58.1-2500 et seq. and 58.1-2620 et seq.). This credit is nonrefundable, but excess credit may be carried forward for the next 3 taxable years. To claim this credit, complete Section 1, Part 16 of Schedule CR. For information on pre-approved apprenticeship programs, contact the **Virginia Department of Labor and Industry at 804-225-4362**. For information on noncredit course approval, contact: **Virginia Department of Business Assistance, P. O. Box 446, Richmond, VA 23218-0446**, or call **804-371-8120**.

Waste Motor Oil Burning Equipment Credit

A business that operates a business facility in Virginia that accepts waste motor oil from the public is allowed a tax credit equal to 50% of the purchase price paid for equipment during the taxable year, provided that the equipment is used exclusively for burning waste motor oil at the business facility. The total credit allowed per taxpayer per taxable year is limited to \$5,000. Taxpayers successfully applying for equipment certification with the Department of Environmental Quality by filing Form DEQ 50-12 will receive a statement from that agency certifying that the equipment is used for burning waste motor oil. For additional information concerning equipment qualifying for this credit or to apply for tax credit certification, contact: **Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Attention: Equipment Certification Officer, P. O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23218**, or call **804-698-4145**.

Long-Term Care Insurance Tax Credit

An individual may claim a credit equal to 15% of the amount paid by the individual during the taxable year in eligible long-term care insurance premiums for long-term care insurance coverage for himself, but the total credits for any policy may not exceed 15% of the amount of premiums paid for the first 12 months of coverage. Any unused credit may be carried forward for the next 5 taxable years. In order to determine the amount of eligible premiums that may be used as a basis for this credit, the individual must subtract any amount claimed as a deduction on Line 4 of Schedule A of the individual's federal income tax return. In addition, the individual may not claim this credit to the extent the same premiums have been used to claim the Virginia deduction for long-term health care premiums. It may be possible, however, for an individual to claim this credit and the Virginia deduction in the same year. See the example below.

This credit is based on the amount paid during the taxable year, even if the months covered by the policy extend into the following taxable year. For example, if an individual purchased a policy on July 1 and paid for 12 months of premiums, he would base his credit on the entire payment, even though only 6 months of the coverage period would fall in the taxable year in which he claimed the credit. If, however, the individual made payments on a monthly basis, he would claim a credit in the current taxable year for 6 months of premiums and a credit in the second year for the next 6 months of premiums in order to reach the allowed total of 12 months. In that case, the individual could also claim a deduction in the 2nd year for the 6 months of premiums that were not used as a basis for the credit. For more information, contact: **Virginia Department of Taxation, Tax Credit Unit, P.O. Box 715, Richmond, VA 23218-0715**, or call **804-786-2992**.

Biodiesel and Green Diesel Fuels Tax Credit

Beginning on January 1, 2008, a credit is available for Virginia biodiesel and green diesel fuel producers who produce up to 2 million gallons of fuel per year. This credit is only available during the first 3 years of production.

Form BFC is used to apply to the Virginia Department of Taxation for a Biodiesel and Green Diesel Fuels Tax Credit

after the Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy has certified that you have satisfied all the requirements of Va. Code § 58.1-439.12:02.

The amount of the credit is \$0.01 per gallon, not to exceed \$5,000 annually. Any credit not used for the taxable year may be carried over to the next 3 taxable years. The amount of the credit allowed cannot exceed the tax liability for the tax year the credit is being claimed.

The amount of the credit attributable to a partnership, electing small business corporation (S corporation), or limited liability company must be allocated to the individual partners, shareholders, or members in proportion to their ownership or interest within the business entity using **Form PTE**.

The credit may be transferred to another taxpayer. The transfer of the credit must be completed before the end of a tax year in order to use the credit for that tax year. For more information, contact: **Virginia Department of Taxation, Tax Credit Unit, P.O. Box 715, Richmond, VA 23218-0715**, or call **804-786-2992**.

Livable Home Tax Credit

Individuals or licensed contractors may be eligible for an income tax credit of up to \$5,000 for the purchase or construction of a new accessible residence or up to 50% of the cost of retrofitting activities on an existing residence, not to exceed \$5,000. Any tax credit that exceeds the eligible individual's or licensed contractor's tax liability may be carried forward for up to 7 years. If the total amount of tax credits issued under this program exceeds \$1 million in a fiscal year, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will prorate the amount of credits among the eligible applicants. Individuals or licensed contractors must obtain pre-approval before claiming the credit on their income tax returns. Applications are to be filed with the DHCD by February 28 of the year following the year in which the purchase/construction or retrofitting was completed. Documentation must be submitted with the application. Enter any carryforward amount of the Livable Home Tax Credit in Section 1, Part 20, Line B of Schedule CR. For more information, contact: **Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Special Needs Housing, Main Street Centre, 600 East Main Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23219**, or call **804-371-7124**.

Riparian Forest Buffer Protection for Waterways Tax Credit

Individuals, trusts and corporations may qualify for an income tax credit of 25% of the value of the timber on land designated as a riparian buffer for a waterway. The credit may not exceed \$17,500 or the total amount of tax, whichever is less. To apply for this credit, file Department of Forestry (DOF) Form 179 with DOF or apply online at **www.dof.virginia.gov**.

A riparian buffer is a wooded area of land adjacent to a waterway on which timber may be harvested. In order to receive the credit, the owner of such land must refrain from harvesting more than 50% of the timber from tracts designated as riparian buffers. The buffer must be at least 35 feet wide and no more than 300 feet. There must also be a Forest Stewardship Plan and annual certification of compliance for each tract. The buffer must remain in place for at least 15 years. The land that is the subject of this credit cannot be the subject of this credit again for 15 years after it was first taken. The credit may be carried over for the succeeding 5 taxable years. For more information, contact: **Virginia Department of Forestry, 900 Natural Resources Dr., Suite 800, Charlottesville, VA 22903**, or call **434-977-6555**.

Land Preservation Tax Credit

This tax credit is for taxpayers that convey land or interest in land located in Virginia to a public or private agency eligible to hold such land or interests for conservation or preservation purposes. The conveyance must be in perpetuity.

Credits for conveyances made in 2007 and thereafter are equal to 40 percent of the land's fair market value. All fair market valuations must be substantiated by a "qualified appraisal" and prepared by a "qualified appraiser," as those terms are defined under applicable federal law and regulations governing charitable contributions. Generally, the credit limit per taxpayer per taxable year is \$100,000. However, for taxable years 2009, 2010, and 2011, the total amount of credit per taxpayer per taxable year was limited to \$50,000 or the total tax liability, whichever was less. For the 2012 taxable year and thereafter, the credit limit per taxpayer per taxable year is \$100,000. For taxpayers affected by the 2009 and 2010 usage limit, an additional 2-year carryforward will be added to the credit. For taxpayers affected by the 2011 usage limit, an additional 3 years carryforward will be added to the credit. Any unused credit not affected by the usage limits will retain the original carryforward periods (5 years for donations originating prior to January 1, 2007 and 10 years for donations originating on or after January 1, 2007).

Any taxpayer holding a Land Preservation Tax Credit that originated on or after January 1, 2002, may transfer unused but otherwise allowable credit for use by another taxpayer on Virginia income tax returns. Transfers and pass-through allocations derived from donations recorded on or after January 1, 2007, are subject to a fee. See Schedule A of Form LPC-1 or Form LPC-2 for further information.

If this credit is taken, then for the next 3 years taxpayers cannot take a subtraction for the gain on the sale of land or easements dedicated to open-space use. A subtraction is allowed for any gain or income recognized by a taxpayer on the application of a Land Preservation Tax Credit against a Virginia income tax liability, to the extent the gain is included in and not otherwise subtracted from federal adjusted gross income. The transfer of the credit and its application against a tax liability shall not create gain or loss for the transferor or the transferee.

Before claiming the credit, complete and file Form LPC-1 and/or Form LPC-2 with the Department of Taxation at least 90 days before filing your income tax return. Additionally, applicants filing for tax credits of \$1 million or more must apply to the Department of Conservation and Recreation to receive verification of the conservation value. The Department of Taxation will issue a letter acknowledging the amount of the credit. For assistance, contact the **Virginia Department of Taxation, Tax Credit Unit, P. O. Box 715, Richmond, VA 23218-0715**, or call **804-786-2992**.

Community of Opportunity Tax Credit

The Community of Opportunity Tax Credit provides Virginia income tax credits to landlords with qualified housing units located in census tracts with poverty rates of less than ten percent in the Richmond Metropolitan Statistical Area who participate in the Housing Choice Voucher program.

The amount of tax credit for an eligible property is equal to 10% of the annual fair market rent for that specific unit and prorated when units are qualified for less than the full tax year. Prorations are based on full calendar months. A landlord may receive tax credits on one or more units within the same taxable year. Credits taken for any 1 tax year cannot exceed the tax liability for that year. Credits not taken for the year for which they are allocated may be carried forward, but cannot be carried forward for more than 5 years.

Should eligible applications received by the March 1 deadline exceed the annual appropriation, tax credits will be prorated based on the total amount of qualified requests received and the total amount of credits available. If the annual appropriation for tax credits is not fully allocated based on qualified applications received by the March 1 deadline, the remaining balance will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Unused balances will not be allocated more than 3 years after the taxable year in which they were first made available.

Credits granted to a partnership, limited liability company, or electing small business corporation (S corporation) shall be allocated to the individual partners, members, or shareholders in proportion to their ownership or interest in such business entity. The landlord must assume responsibility for distributing credits in this manner. No person shall be allowed a tax credit under Va. Code § 58.1-339.9 (Rent Reductions Tax Credit) and the Community of Opportunity Tax Credit tax credit for the rental of the same dwelling unit in a taxable year.

For additional information, please contact: **Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Main Street Centre, 600 East Main Street, Suite 300, Richmond VA 23219**, or call **804-371-7000**.

Green Jobs Creation Credit

For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2010, but before January 1, 2015, a \$500 income tax credit is allowed for the creation of green jobs paying an annual salary in excess of \$50,000. Each taxpayer is allowed a credit for up to 350 new green jobs. In order to qualify for the tax credits, the taxpayer must have created the green job and filled it during the taxable year in which the credit is claimed. The credit is allowed for the taxable year in which the job has been filled for at least 1 year and for each of the 4 succeeding taxable years, provided that the job is continuously filled during the respective taxable year. Any unused tax credits may be carried over for 5 taxable years.

To apply for this credit, complete and file **Form GJC** with the **Department of Taxation, Tax Credit Unit, P. O. Box 715, Richmond, VA 23218-0715**. All applications must be submitted at least 90 days prior to the due date of your return. Approved applicants will receive a letter from the Department certifying their credit. **To claim the credit you must complete Section 1, Part 24 of Schedule CR.**

For assistance, contact the **Department of Taxation, Tax Credit Unit, P. O. Box 715, Richmond, VA 23218-0715**, or call **804-786-2992**.

Political Contributions Credit

Establishes a tax credit for individuals who make contributions to candidates for state or local political office equal to 50% of the amount of the contribution, subject to a \$25 limit for individuals and a \$50 limit for married taxpayers filing jointly.

Farm Wineries and Vineyards Tax Credit

An individual and corporate income tax credit is available for Virginia farm wineries and vineyards in an amount equal to 25% of the cost of all qualified capital expenditures made in connection with the establishment of new Virginia farm wineries and vineyards and capital improvements made to existing Virginia farm wineries and vineyards.

The total amount of tax credits available for a calendar year cannot exceed \$250,000. If applications for this credit exceed \$250,000, the Department of Taxation will allocate the credits on a pro rata basis. Any credit amounts that exceed a taxpayer's liability can be carried forward for 10 years. Taxpayers cannot claim both this credit and a federal deduction for the same expenses under IRC § 179.

The business must apply by April 1st using **Form FWV**. Submitting

a late application will disqualify you from the credit. All applications must be sent to the **Virginia Department of Taxation, Tax Credit Unit, P.O. Box 715, Richmond, VA 23218-0715**. This credit requires certification from the Tax Credit Unit to be claimed on your tax return. A letter will be sent to certify the credit.

For assistance, contact the **Department of Taxation, Tax Credit Unit, P. O. Box 715, Richmond, VA 23218-0715**, or call **804-786-2992**.

International Trade Facility Tax Credit

An income tax credit is allowed for either increasing jobs related to an international trade facility or capital investment in an international trade facility. Taxpayers can elect to claim either credit, but cannot claim both credits in the same taxable year. The amount of the credit is equal to \$3,500 per new qualified full-time employee that results from increased qualified trade activities by the taxpayer or two percent of the amount of capital investment made by the taxpayer to facilitate the increased eligible trade activities.

No more than \$250,000 in tax credits can be issued in any fiscal year. If the amount of tax credits requested exceeds \$250,000, the credits will be allocated proportionately among all qualified taxpayers. The Virginia Department of Taxation will determine the credit amount for the taxable year and provide a written certification to each taxpayer. The amount of the credit will be limited to fifty percent of the taxpayer's tax liability for the taxable year. Any unused credit amount can be carried forward for 10 years.

The business must apply by April 1st using **Form ITF**. Submitting a late application will disqualify you from the credit. All applications must be sent to the **Virginia Department of Taxation, Tax Credit Unit, P.O. Box 715, Richmond, VA 23218-0715**. This credit requires certification from the Tax Credit Unit to be claimed on your tax return. A letter will be sent to certify the credit. For assistance contact the **Department of Taxation, Tax Credit Unit, P. O. Box 715, Richmond, VA 23218-0715** or call **804-786-2992**.

Port Volume Increase Tax Credit

A taxpayer that is an agricultural entity, a manufacturing-related entity (manufacturer or distributor of manufactured goods) or a mineral and gas entity that uses Virginia maritime port facilities and increases its port cargo volume through these facilities may be eligible to claim this tax credit.

To qualify for the credit, a taxpayer must generally increase its port cargo volume at Virginia port facilities in a single calendar year by 5% over its base year port cargo volume. Base year port cargo volume is equal to the total amount of net tons of noncontainerized cargo or 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of cargo actually transported by way of a waterborne ship or vehicle through a port facility during the 2012 calendar year or the first calendar year in which it meets the requirements of 75 tons of noncontainerized cargo or 10 loaded TEUs. The amount of the credit is generally equal to \$50 for each TEU above the base year port cargo volume. However, a qualifying major facility may apply for a credit equal to \$50 for each TEU transported through a port facility during the major facility's first calendar year.

Any taxpayer claiming this credit must first submit an application to the Virginia Port Authority by March 1 of the calendar year after the taxable year in which the increase in port cargo volume occurs. The maximum amount of tax credits is capped at \$3.2 million for each calendar year. If, on March 15 of each year, the cumulative amount of tax credits requested by qualifying taxpayers for the prior year exceeds \$3.2 million, the credits will be prorated among the qualifying taxpayers who requested the credit. A qualifying taxpayer is generally not permitted to receive more than \$250,000 each calendar year. However, if, on March 15 of each year, the \$3.2 million credit amount is not fully allocated among qualifying taxpayers, those taxpayers who have already

been allocated a credit for the prior year are allowed a pro rata share of the remaining credit amount. Any unused tax credits may be carried over for 5 taxable years.

For more information, contact: **Virginia Port Authority, 600 World Trade Center, Norfolk, VA 23510**, or call **800-446-8098**.

Barge and Rail Usage Tax Credit

An income tax credit is allowed for transporting cargo containers by barge and rail rather than by trucks or other motor vehicles on the Commonwealth's highways. The amount of the credit is \$25 per 20-foot equivalent unit or 16 tons of noncontainerized cargo moved by barge or rail rather than by trucks or other motor vehicles on Virginia's highways. Containers for which this credit is claimed must result from a diversion of shipments from the highways. To receive a credit, an international trade facility is required to apply to the Virginia Department of Taxation. No more than \$1.5 million in tax credits can be issued in any fiscal year. The Department will determine the allowable credit amount for the taxable year and provide a written certification of the credit amount to each taxpayer.

The business must apply by April 1st using **Form BRU**. Submitting a late application will disqualify you from the credit. All applications must be sent to the **Virginia Department of Taxation, Tax Credit Unit, P.O. Box 715, Richmond, VA 23218-0715**. This credit requires certification from the Tax Credit Unit to be claimed on your tax return. A letter will be sent to certify the credit. For assistance contact the **Department of Taxation, Tax Credit Unit, P. O. Box 715, Richmond, VA 23218-0715** or call **804-786-2992**.

Telework Expenses Tax Credit

The Telework Expenses Tax Credit is an individual and corporate income tax credit for employers who (1) incur eligible telework expenses pursuant to a telework agreement or (2) conduct telework assessments. This credit is equal to the amount of expenses incurred during the January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2017 calendar years and must be for eligible telework expenses incurred during the calendar year that ends during the taxable year. The amount of the credit cannot exceed \$50,000 per year for each employer.

To qualify for a credit for eligible telework expenses incurred pursuant to a telework agreement, the employer must enter into a signed telework agreement with the teleworking employee on or after July 1, 2012, but before January 1, 2017. This telework agreement must be in accordance with policies set by the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). Such policies are available on the Telework!VA website at **www.teleworkva.org**. The maximum amount of expenses that can be used in determining the amount of this portion of the credit is \$1,200 per employee.

The portion of the credit for telework assessment expenses is equal to the costs of preparing an assessment, not to exceed \$20,000. This portion of the credit can only be claimed once by an employer.

Taxpayers may claim this credit for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2012, but before January 1, 2017. The aggregate amount of tax credits that will be issued is capped at \$1 million annually. If credit applications exceed the \$1 million cap, credits will be allocated on a pro rata basis.

The amount of credit claimed cannot exceed the tax liability of the taxpayer. There is no carryforward of any unused credit. Accordingly, even if a taxpayer is granted a credit amount, he must have sufficient tax liability in order to claim the full credit amount. If the amount of credit granted exceeds the taxpayer's tax liability, he may only claim the credit up to the amount of his tax liability for the taxable year. To be eligible for this credit,

the employer is not allowed to deduct the qualified expenses in any taxable year. If these expenses are deducted for federal purposes, they will need to be included as an addition on the Virginia return. Taxpayers are not eligible for this tax credit if any other income tax credit is claimed for the same expenses.

To qualify for the credit, the employer cannot claim another Virginia income tax credit on the jobs, wages or other expenses for the same employee.

Taxpayers are required to apply to the Department of Taxation to reserve a portion of the credit. The reservation application must be filed between September 1 and October 31 of the year preceding the taxable year for which the tax credit is earned. The Department of Taxation will provide tentative approval by December 31. If the applications for the credit exceed the cap, the credits will be allocated to taxpayers on a pro rata basis. To be eligible to claim the credit, a Telework Expenses Tax Credit Confirmation Application must be filed by April 1 of the year following the calendar year that the eligible expenses were incurred.

Information on the application process is available from the **Virginia Department of Taxation, Tax Credit Unit, P. O. Box 715, Richmond, VA 23218-0715**, or call **804-786-2992**.

Coalfield Employment Enhancement Tax Credit

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1996, but before January 1, 2017, a tax credit may be earned by individuals, estates, trusts and corporations who have an economic ownership interest in coal mined in Virginia. Credits may be claimed for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1999. Compute the allowable credit on **Form 306** and report it on Schedule CR for the taxable year in which the credit is claimed and/or earned.

Virginia Coal Employment and Production Incentive Tax Credit

This credit may be allocated between a qualifying electricity generator and qualifying person with an economic interest in coal. The allocation of this credit may not exceed \$3 per ton. All credits earned on but after January 1, 2006, or prior to July 1, 2016, which are allocated to persons with an economic interest in coal, may be redeemed by the Tax Commissioner if the credits exceed the taxpayer's state tax liability for the applicable taxable year. To claim this credit, you must complete the **Form 306, Form 306T** and any attachments.

Motion Picture Production Tax Credit

Qualifying motion picture production companies are eligible to receive a series of refundable individual and corporate income tax credits in the aggregate amount of \$2.5 million for the 2010-2012 biennium and \$5 million for any biennium thereafter.

Base-Income Tax Credit: The base credit available is 15% of all qualifying expenses (including wages), with a bonus of 5% if the production is filmed in an economically distressed area of the Commonwealth, making the total base credit available up to 20% of qualifying expenses.

Additional Virginia Resident Credit: The production company is allowed an additional credit of 10 to 20% of the total aggregate payroll for Virginia residents employed in connection with the motion picture production. For companies that spend at least \$250,000 in total production costs in the Commonwealth, but not more than \$1 million, the credit will equal 10% of the total Virginia resident aggregate payroll. For companies that spend over \$1 million in total production costs in the Commonwealth, the credit will equal 20% of the total aggregate Virginia resident payroll.

Additional Virginia Resident First-Time Industry Employee Credit: In addition to the above outlined credits, companies may claim a credit of 10% of their total aggregate payroll for Virginia residents

who are employed as first time actors or first time members of a production crew in connection with a production in Virginia.

To qualify for this credit, production companies must submit an initial application to the Virginia Film Office ("VFO") at least 30 days prior to production and must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding. After production is complete, the production company must submit documentation to the VFO and will be issued a certification letter. A taxpayer may only claim this credit after receiving the certification letter from the VFO. For more information, contact: **Virginia Film Office, 901 East Byrd Street, Richmond, VA 23219-4048**, or call **800-854-6233**.

Credits available through the Virginia Motion Picture Production Tax Credit are offered in addition to other Virginia production incentives. For additional information regarding all available funding assistance for Virginia productions, please refer to the Virginia Film Office's website (<http://FilmVirginia.org>).

Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMP) Tax Credit

This credit is available to qualified taxpayers engaged in agricultural production for market or having equines that create needs for agricultural best management practices to reduce nonpoint source pollutants who have in place a soil conservation plan approved by the local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). The credit is 25% of the first \$70,000 expended for agricultural best management practices approved by the local SWCD. The maximum credit is \$17,500 or the total amount of state income tax obligation of the individual. Effective for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2011, this credit is refundable to individual taxpayers. The credit is still non-refundable to corporate taxpayers. Individual taxpayers who had a carryforward amount from credits claimed in the 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, or 2010 taxable years are permitted to claim that carryforward amount on their 2011 income tax returns and will receive a refund for any excess amount of the carryforward. Individual taxpayers who had a carryforward amount from credits claimed prior to 2006 are not permitted to claim that carryforward amount on their 2011 return. If a pass-through entity (PTE) distributes this credit to an individual partner, shareholder, or member, the amount of the Agricultural Best Management Practices Tax Credit listed on the individual's Schedule VK-1 is refundable and should be claimed in Section 3, Part 3 of the Schedule CR. Any amount distributed by a PTE to a corporate partner, shareholder, or member is non-refundable. For additional information about eligible BMPs, contact your local **Soil and Water Conservation District Office**.

For additional tax return related information visit our website at www.tax.virginia.gov, or call the **Virginia Department of Taxation** at **804-786-2992**.

Research and Development Expenses Tax Credit

A refundable individual and corporate income tax credit is allowed for qualified research and development expenses for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, but before January 1, 2016. The tax credit is equal to (i) 15% of the first \$167,000 in Virginia qualified research and development expenses, or (ii) 20% of the first \$175,000 of Virginia qualified research and development expenses if the research was conducted in conjunction with a Virginia public or private college or university, to the extent the expenses exceed a base amount. There is a \$5 million cap on the total amount of credits allowed in any fiscal year. If the total amount of approved tax credits is less than the \$5 million limit, the Department of Taxation will allocate the remaining amount to the taxpayers already approved for the tax credits for the taxable year for 15% of the second \$167,000 in Virginia qualified research expenses or 20% of the second \$175,000 in Virginia qualified research expenses if the research was conducted in conjunction with a Virginia public college or university to the extent the expenses exceed the Virginia base amount, on a pro rata basis.

The business must apply by April 1st using **Form RDC**. Submitting a late application will disqualify you for the credit. All applications must be sent to the **Virginia Department of Taxation, Tax Credit Unit, P.O. Box 715, Richmond, VA 23218-0715**. This credit requires certification from the Tax Credit Unit in order to be claimed on your tax return. A letter will be sent to certify the credit.

The amount of the credit attributable to a partnership, electing small business corporation (S corporation), or limited liability company (LLC) must be allocated to the individual partners, shareholders, or members in proportion to their ownership or interest in the business entity using Form PTE within 30 days after the credit is granted.

Any taxpayer that is allowed a Research and Development Expenses Tax Credit is not allowed to use the same expenses as the basis for claiming any other Virginia tax credit. If the taxpayer conducts research and development in Virginia on human cells or tissue derived from induced abortions or from stem cells obtained from human embryos, then the credit for the approved research and development expenses will not be allowed to be refunded to the taxpayer.

If you did not conduct embryonic stem cell research in Virginia, then the tax credit is *refundable*. Enter the amount of the credit that is allowed on Line 4A under Section 3, Part 4 of the Schedule CR.

If you did conduct embryonic stem cell research in Virginia, then the tax credit is *nonrefundable*. Enter the amount of the credit that is allowed in Section 1, Part 30 of the Schedule CR.

WHAT TO ATTACH

Attachments should be included with your return when claiming original or carryover credits. Computation schedules are required for carry forward claims. Missing attachments may cause a credit to be disallowed.

- **Enterprise Zone Act Credit:** Attach Form 301.
- **Recyclable Materials Processing Equipment Credit:** Approved Form 50-11S from the Department of Environmental Quality as well as any receipts, invoices or other documentation to confirm purchase price paid.
- **Conservation Tillage Equipment Credit:** Statement showing purchase date, description and credit computation.
- **Precision Fertilizer and Pesticide Application Equipment Credit:** Statement showing purchase date, description and credit computation.
- **Vehicle Emissions Testing Equipment Credit:** Copy of the letter from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to the equipment vendor certifying that the equipment configuration meets the regulation and equipment specification requirements for use in the enhanced vehicle emissions inspection program. A copy of the letter may be obtained from the equipment vendor or the DEQ Northern Virginia Regional Office in Woodbridge, Virginia by calling (703) 583-3900.
- **Foreign Source Retirement Income Tax Credit:** Copy of the tax return filed in the other country or other proof of income tax paid to the foreign country and a schedule showing computation of foreign currency converted to United States dollars.
- **Waste Motor Oil Burning Equipment Credit:** Approved Form 50-12 from the Department of Environmental Quality as well as receipts, invoices or other documentation to confirm purchase price paid.
- **Biodiesel and Green Diesel Fuels Tax Credit:** Attach the letter of certification from the Virginia Department of Taxation authorizing the credit.
- **Coalfield Employment Enhancement Tax Credit and Virginia Coal Employment and Production Incentive:** Form 306 with completed schedules, if appropriate. See "What to Attach" on the instructions for Form 306 for additional attachment requirements and information.
- **Agricultural Best Management Practices Credit:** Copy of the tax credit approval letter from the local Soil and Water Conservation District.