

# INVESTMENT IN QUALIFIED SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT

This publication is designed to provide general information with respect to the individual income tax credit for investment made in qualified small businesses. For complete details, refer to the Arizona Revised Statutes § 43-1074.02. In case of inconsistency or omission in this publication, the language of the Arizona Revised Statutes will prevail.

## **Q1. Who is eligible for the credit for investment in qualified small businesses?**

A1. A partnership or individual that has invested in qualified small businesses in an amount determined and authorized by the Arizona Department of Commerce. The investment in the qualified small business is made prior to application with the Arizona Department of Commerce.

## **Q2. What is a qualified small business?**

A2. A qualified small business means a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or other business entity that has at least two full-time equivalent employees who are Arizona residents and whose sole responsibilities are not administrative and that maintains at least a portion of its operations at an office or manufacturing or research facility located in Arizona. The qualified small business may not have a principal business involving (1) sales or distribution or retail goods or food or restaurant services, (2) development, sale, leasing, rental or operation of or investment in, real estate, (3) providing professional services except for the professional services for hardware or software licensed or sold by the provider of such services, (4) providing health care services to patients, except for services provided in connection with research, development, clinical trials and marketing activities by bioscience enterprises, (5) providing banking, brokerage, insurance or other financial or investment services, (6) providing personal services, (7) operating mining, forestry and other natural resource exploitation or extraction businesses, except for research and development in these businesses, (8) agricultural operations, except for research and development in these businesses, (9) operating an investment company or fund, or (10) any other business activity that the

Department of Commerce determines to be outside the purposes of this section. The qualified small business may not engage in any activities that involve human cloning or embryonic stem cell research. The qualified small business may not have total assets exceeding \$2 million.

## **Q3. What is the amount of the credit for investment in qualified small businesses?**

A3. If the qualified investment is made in a qualified small business that maintains its principal place of business in a rural county in Arizona OR is a bioscience enterprise, the credit is equal to 12% of the investment amount per year for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> taxable years after the investment is made and 11% of the investment amount for the 3<sup>rd</sup> taxable year after the year in which the investment is made.

If the qualified investment is made in a qualified small business other than a business described in the preceding paragraph, the credit is equal to 10% of the amount of the investment for each of the 3 taxable years after the year in which the investment is made.

However, there is an aggregate limitation on the amount of tax credits that can be approved by the Department of Commerce. The Department of Commerce cannot certify tax credits exceeding \$20 million.

## **Q4. What is a rural county?**

A4. A rural county is a county with a population of 400,000 or fewer persons.

## **Q5. What are the effective dates of the credit?**

A5. The credit for investment in qualified small businesses is effective for taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2006 through December 31, 2024.

## **Q6. What if the taxpayer cannot use all the credit authorized for the tax year in the tax year?**

A6. If the allowable tax credit exceeds the taxes due, the amount of the credit not used to offset the taxes may be carried forward for three consecutive taxable years.

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[Angel Investment Program for Qualified Small Businesses](#)

**NEW!** For tax years beginning from and after December 31, 2013, an individual may subtract from the investor's Arizona gross income the amount of any net capital gain included in the federal adjusted gross income for the tax year derived from investment in a business qualified by Commerce pursuant to A.R.S. §43-1022.

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