



Instructions for Form IT-601

Claim for EZ Wage Tax Credit

Including the ZEA Wage Tax Credit

IT-601-I

General information

The zone equivalent area (ZEA) and empire zone (EZ) wage tax credits have **both** expired:

- For tax years beginning after June 13, 2004, you may only claim a **ZEA** wage tax credit you carried forward from previous years.
- For tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2014, you may only claim an **EZ** wage tax credit you carried forward from previous years.
- If you were required to obtain an EZ retention certificate from Empire State Development, but were denied one, you are **not** eligible to claim any amount of the credit you carried forward.

Credit limit

The EZ wage tax credit, including any ZEA wage tax credit, is limited to 50% of the tax imposed under Tax Law section 601 before the allowance of any tax credits.

Part 1: Calculation of the credit carried forward and available for the current tax year

Line 1

Enter the wage tax credit you carried forward. This is the amount from your prior year Form IT-601, line 9.

Line 3

If you carried forward a wage tax credit from more than one entity, the total amount of all wage tax credits you use this year **cannot** exceed 50% of this year's tax.

Part 2: Calculation of credit used and carried over

Line 5

- **Form IT-201 filers:** Enter the tax from Form IT-201, *Resident Income Tax Return*, line 39, **plus** any amount from Form IT-201-ATT, *Other Tax Credits and Taxes*, line 21.
- **Form IT-203 filers:** Enter the tax from Form IT-203, *Nonresident and Part-Year Resident Income Tax Return*, line 46, **plus** any amount from Form IT-203-ATT, *Other Tax Credits and Taxes*, line 20.
- **Form IT-205 filers:** Enter the tax from Form IT-205, *Fiduciary Income Tax Return*, line 8 (for residents), or line 9 (for nonresidents), **plus** any credits shown on line 1 of the *Addbacks worksheet*, in the instructions for Form IT-205, line 12.

Line 6

If you are applying any credits against the tax before this credit, enter those amounts here.

Apply credits in the following order:

1. household credit
2. any credits that cannot be carried over or refunded
3. any credits that can be carried over for a limited duration
4. any credits that can be carried over for an unlimited duration
5. refundable credits

For more information, see *Ordering of personal income tax credits*, or visit www.tax.ny.gov (search: *ordering*).

Line 8

Enter the amount from line 8 and code **161** on:

- **Form IT-201-ATT**, line 6,
- **Form IT-203-ATT**, line 7, or
- include it in the total you report on **Form IT-205**, line 10.