



Instructions for Form CT-601

Claim for EZ Wage Tax Credit

General information

An *empire zone* (EZ) is an area within New York State that has been designated as an EZ pursuant to Article 18-B of the General Municipal Law. The area must be characterized by pervasive poverty, high unemployment, and general economic distress.

To be eligible to claim the EZ wage tax credit, a taxpayer must be certified under Article 18-B of the General Municipal Law. A copy of the *Certificate of Eligibility* issued by Empire State Development (ESD) must be attached to Form CT-601 each year the credit or carryforward of the credit is claimed. For information on certification, call ESD at (518) 292-5240.

The EZ wage tax credit is allowed for up to five consecutive tax years, beginning in the first tax year in which all three eligibility requirements are met. (See Schedule A of these instructions for eligibility requirements.)

If certification under Article 18-B of the General Municipal Law is revoked, any wages paid by the taxpayer on or after the effective date of such revocation do not constitute EZ wages.

New for 2002

Chapter 85 of the Laws of 2002 made changes to the Tax Law affecting certain provisions of the wage tax credit. This form has been updated to incorporate these Tax Law changes. The following is a brief summary of these changes.

Effect of subsequent Article 18-B certifications — The Tax Department's existing policy regarding subsequent Article 18-B certifications was added to the Tax Law to clarify any ambiguity on this issue. If a taxpayer becomes certified in an EZ or Zone Equivalent Area (ZEA), the five-year period in which the taxpayer is eligible to claim the EZ or ZEA wage tax credit begins in the first tax year in which the taxpayer first meets all eligibility requirements, and continues for the next four consecutive tax years. Note that unlike the EZ wage tax credit, the last year you can claim the ZEA wage tax credit is the year the ZEA program expires, and therefore, a taxpayer may have fewer than five years to claim the ZEA wage tax credit. Subsequent certifications by a taxpayer in a different EZ or ZEA under Article 18-B does not extend or create a new five-year period for claiming the wage tax credit

Calculation of average number of employees — For purposes of calculating the amount of the EZ or ZEA wage tax credit in Schedule B, an individual employed by a related person (as related person is defined in Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 465(b)(3)(c)) in an EZ within the immediately preceding sixty months is not included in the calculation of average number of employees, unless the related person was never allowed a wage tax credit for that employee. This provision applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2002.

See *Addendum* in these instructions for what is included under the term *related person*.

Refund of the wage tax credit for S corporation

shareholders — The definition of an *owner of a new business* has been amended for purposes of receiving a refund of the wage tax credit. Prior to this amendment, an individual who was a shareholder of an S corporation who had previously received a refund of the wage tax credit or ITC did not qualify as an owner of a

new business and was therefore not eligible to receive another refund of the credit.

The amendment also makes it clear that a taxpayer qualifies as a new business during its first five tax years, excluding short tax years. These provisions apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2002. For the complete definition of a *new business* and *owner of a new business*, see Schedule D of these instructions.

Instructions for corporations (other than New York S corporations)

Complete **Schedule A, Eligibility requirements**. If you answer *No* to any of the three questions, you are not eligible for the wage tax credit in this tax year. Do not continue unless you have carryforward EZ wage tax credits from previous tax years you wish to use in the current tax year. If you are claiming only carryforward credits, you should complete Schedule C.

If you answer *Yes* to all three questions, you are eligible to claim the EZ wage tax credit. Complete Schedules B, C, and if applicable, Schedule D. Banking corporations taxable under Article 32 of the Tax Law and insurance corporations taxable under Article 33 of the Tax Law are not eligible to complete Schedule D. Enter the amount of your allowable credit in the credit section of your franchise tax return.

Attach this form to your franchise tax return.

Instructions for corporate partners

If you are a corporate partner whose only wage tax credit is from a partnership, do not complete Schedule A or Schedule B, Parts I or II. Enter on line 13 of Schedule B, Part III of this form your pro rata share of the wage tax credit passed through to you from the partnership. Complete Schedule C and, if applicable, Schedule D. Banking corporations taxable under Article 32 of the Tax Law and insurance corporations taxable under Article 33 of the Tax Law are not eligible to complete Schedule D. Enter the amount of your allowable credit in the credit section of your franchise tax return.

Enter the name and employer identification number of the partnership that passed the credit through to you on Schedule B, Part VI.

Instructions for New York S corporations

New York S corporations that are certified EZ businesses will calculate the amount of the EZ wage tax credit for their shareholders. The S corporation may not use the wage tax credit against its own tax liability. It is passed through to the shareholders to use against their personal income tax liabilities on their New York State tax returns. New York S corporations complete Form CT-601 as follows:

1. Complete Schedule A, *Eligibility requirements*. If you answer *No* to any of the three questions, the S corporation is not eligible to calculate the wage tax credit in this tax year. Do not continue.

If you answer *Yes* to all three questions, you are eligible to calculate the EZ wage tax credit.

2. Complete Schedule B to compute the amount of the wage tax credit allowed. Transfer the amount from Schedule B, line 14, to Form CT-34-SH, *New York S Corporation Shareholders' Information Schedule*, which is filed with your New York S corporation return. Attach a copy of Form CT-601 to the New York S corporation tax returns.

- Provide all shareholders with the amount of their pro rata share of the wage tax credit calculated. The shareholders will complete their own Form IT-601, *Claim for EZ Wage Tax Credit* (for personal income taxpayers), to claim the credit on their New York State tax returns.

Instructions for combined filers

A taxpayer filing a combined return as a member of a combined group is allowed to claim an EZ wage tax credit. The EZ wage tax credit is computed on a separate basis in Schedules A and B and is applied against the combined tax (see Schedule C).

Schedule A Instructions

Eligibility requirements

The EZ wage tax credit is allowed for up to five consecutive tax years beginning in the first tax year in which all three of the following eligibility requirements are met:

- EZ wages are paid; and
- the average number of full-time employees (including full-time equivalents) in New York State for the current tax year (line 2) exceeds the average number of full-time employees (including full-time equivalents) in New York State during the four years immediately preceding the first tax year in which the EZ wage tax credit is claimed (line 3); and
- the average number of full-time employees (including full-time equivalents) in the EZ for the current year (line 4) exceeds the average number of full-time employees (including full-time equivalents) in the EZ or area comprising the EZ during the four years immediately preceding the first tax year in which the EZ wage tax credit is claimed (line 5).

The average number of employees on line 3 and line 5, once computed, remains the same for each of the five tax years for which the credit is claimed.

Empire zone (EZ) wages are wages paid by a certified taxpayer for full-time employment (excluding general executive officers) during the tax year in an area designated or previously designated as an EZ, if such employment is **in a job created in the EZ during the period of its designation** as an EZ or within four years of the expiration of such EZ designation. This provides a taxpayer who located in the EZ in the last year of the EZ's designation the opportunity to compute the EZ wage tax credit for five consecutive tax years.

Wages paid to individuals employed before an EZ is designated do not qualify as EZ wages.

General executive officers are the chairman, president, vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer, comptroller, and any other officer charged with the general affairs of the corporation. A general executive officer is, therefore, an appointed or elected officer of the corporation having company-wide authority with respect to assigned functions or responsibility for an entire division of the company.

Full-time employment means a job consisting of at least 35 hours per week, or two or more jobs that together constitute the equivalent of a job of at least 35 hours per week (full-time equivalent). Example: John works 25 hours per week and Mary works 15 hours per week. Together, their jobs constitute the equivalent of one job of at least 35 hours per week. This will equal one job for purposes of the employment number.

A seasonal business (a business that regularly operates for less than an entire tax year, such as a ski resort) that employs individuals full-time for at least three months of continuous duration may include such individuals in the employment number.

Part I Instructions

Line 1 — Check the *Yes* box if EZ wages were paid by the taxpayer during the current tax year for full-time employment in a job created in the EZ since the zone was designated.

Check the *No* box if EZ wages were not paid during the current tax year. The taxpayer **will not** qualify to compute the EZ wage tax credit in Schedule B for the current tax year. However, the taxpayer may claim any EZ wage tax credit carryforward from prior years on Schedule C.

Part II Instructions

Line 2 — Enter the total number of full-time employees (including full-time equivalents but excluding general executive officers) employed on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 of your tax year.

Example:

A taxpayer begins business in New York on February 15, 2002. The business has no employees until April 15, 2002, when it hires 100 full-time employees. The business has 100 full-time employees on June 30, 2002, 125 full-time employees on September 30, 2002, and 175 full-time employees on December 31, 2002. The taxpayer completes line 2 as follows:

Current tax year	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total	
Number of full-time employees in New York State 2002	0	100	125	175	400	
2. Average number of full-time employees in New York State for current tax year (400 divided by 4)					2	100

A taxpayer who is a fiscal year filer will use the four dates, March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 that appear in its fiscal tax year.

Example:

A corporation filing a tax return for a fiscal period beginning September 1, 2002, and ending August 31, 2003, would use the following dates to compute the number of employees for that fiscal year: September 30, 2002, December 31, 2002, March 31, 2003, and June 30, 2003.

Line 3 — Enter for each date specified of the four-year period immediately preceding the first tax year in which the EZ wage tax credit is claimed (i.e., the four-year base period), the total number of full-time employees (including full-time equivalents but excluding general executive officers) in New York State. Add the total number of full-time employees including full-time equivalents for the four-year base period and divide by the number of such dates occurring during the four-year base period to obtain the average number of full-time employees including full-time equivalents for the four-year base period.

If the taxpayer provided full-time employment in New York State for only part of the four years immediately preceding the first year in which the EZ wage tax credit is claimed, then the *four-year base period* will be deemed to refer to that smaller set of years.

If the taxpayer did not provide full-time employment in New York State in any of the four years immediately preceding the first year in which the EZ wage tax credit is claimed, enter "0" on line 3.

Example:

A taxpayer began business in New York on July 1, 1998, and had full-time employees in New York State for the dates September 30, 1998, through December 31, 2000. The taxpayer would make no entries for the dates prior to July 1, 1998. Thus, the taxpayer would divide 790 by 10 to obtain 79.

Number of full-time employees in New York State during four-year base period	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total
First year 2000	100	100	100	100	400
Second year 1999	50	75	75	100	300
Third year 1998			40	50	90
Fourth year 1997					
Total number of full-time employees in New York State for four-year base period					790
3. Average number of full-time employees in New York State for four-year base period					
Average number of full-time employees on line 2 must exceed average number of full-time employees on line 3	3				79

The average number of full-time employees in New York State for the current tax year (line 2) must exceed the average number of full-time employees in New York State for the four-year base period (line 3). If line 2 does not exceed line 3, the taxpayer will **not** qualify to compute the EZ wage tax credit in Schedule B for the current tax year. However, the taxpayer may claim as an EZ wage tax credit for the current tax year any EZ wage tax credit carryforward from a preceding tax year in Schedule C.

Part III Instructions

Line 4 — Enter, for each date specified of the current tax year, the total number of full-time employees (including full-time equivalents but excluding general executive officers) in the EZ. Compute the average number of full-time employees including full-time equivalents for the current tax year in the same manner as line 2.

Line 5 — Enter for each date specified of the four-year period immediately preceding the first tax year in which the EZ wage tax credit is claimed (i.e., the four-year base period), the total number of full-time employees (including full-time equivalents but excluding general executive officers) in the area that currently constitutes the EZ. Compute the average number of such employees for the four-year base period in the same manner as line 3.

The average number of full-time employees including full-time equivalents in the EZ for the current tax year (line 4) must exceed the average number of full-time employees including full-time equivalents in the area that currently constitutes the EZ for the four-year base period (line 5). If line 4 does not exceed line 5, you do **not** qualify to compute the EZ wage tax credit in Schedule B for the current tax year. However, you may claim as an EZ wage tax credit for the current tax year any EZ wage tax credit carryforward from a preceding tax year in Schedule C.

Schedule B Instructions

If you meet the three eligibility requirements set forth in Schedule A of these instructions, then compute the EZ wage tax credit in Schedule B, Part I and Part II.

The EZ wage tax credit in Part I (for targeted employees) is \$3,000 multiplied by the average number of qualified employees on line 6.

The EZ wage tax credit in Part II is \$1,500 multiplied by the average number of qualified employees on line 9.

An EZ wage tax credit cannot be computed in Schedule B for any tax year unless all three eligibility requirements set forth in Schedule A are met for that tax year.

Part I — Computation of EZ wage tax credit for targeted employees

Do not include in Schedule B any individual employed within the immediately preceding 60 months by a related person, as related person is defined in IRC section 465(b)(3)(c), unless the related person never received a wage tax credit for that employee. For a definition of *related person*, see the Addendum on page 5 of these instructions.

Include in Schedule B only those employees who worked at least half of your tax year (at least six months for a corporation that had a full 12 month tax year) and is working in a job created in the EZ since the EZ was designated.

Line 6 — Enter for each date specified of the current tax year the number of qualified employees (excluding general executive officers).

- A qualified employee for purposes of Part I is an employee who:
- is employed full time (see definition of full-time employment set forth in Schedule A of these instructions), and
 - is a targeted employee (see definition on this page); and
 - received EZ wages for more than half of the current tax year (see *Example* on next page); and
 - received an hourly wage that is at least 135% of the minimum wage specified in section 652 of the Labor Law for more than half of the employee's period of employment during the current tax year.

A *targeted employee* is a New York State resident who received EZ wages during the current tax year and who is one or more of the following:

- an eligible individual under the provisions of the Federal Work Opportunity Credit (IRC section 51); or
- an individual eligible for benefits under the provisions of the Job Training Partnership Act (Public Law 97-300, as amended); or
- a recipient of public assistance benefits at any time during the previous two years; or
- an individual whose income is below the most recently established poverty rate promulgated by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census; or
- a member of a family whose family income is below the most recently established poverty rate promulgated by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census.

Any employee who qualified as a targeted employee at the time of initial employment will qualify as a targeted employee for subsequent years as long as he or she continues to receive EZ wages and remains a resident of New York State.

The Department of Labor (DOL) is required to provide a certificate verifying the targeted status of an individual for use by an employer seeking wage tax credits under the EZ program. The Tax Department will only recognize Form ES 450, issued by the DOL, and signed by a DOL representative as proof of targeted status under the Wage Tax Credit program.

Add the number of qualified employees for the current tax year and divide by the number of such dates (include "0" dates) occurring during the current tax year to obtain the average number of qualified employees for the current tax year (see the example at line 2 instructions). Also complete Schedule B, Part IV.

Example:

On March 1, 2002, a calendar-year taxpayer located in an EZ applies for certification under Article 18-B of the General Municipal Law. (The zone was designated in a prior tax year.) The taxpayer is notified that such certification is effective September 1, 2002. For purposes of the EZ wage tax credit, the taxpayer is deemed to have been certified as of January 1, 2002, the first day of the taxpayer's tax year in which the taxpayer applied for certification. The taxpayer files a tax return for the tax year January 1, 2002 — December 31, 2002. Assuming the taxpayer met the eligibility requirements on Schedule A, the taxpayer would include in Schedule B, Part I, line 6, and Part II, line 9, any qualified employees who received EZ wages for more than six months of the tax year January 1, 2002 — December 31, 2002. If the taxpayer filed a tax return for the short tax year September 1, 2002 — December 31, 2002, the taxpayer would include in Schedule B, Part I, line 6, and Part II, line 9, any qualified employees who received EZ wages for more than two months of the tax year September 1, 2002 — December 31, 2002.

You must attach Form ES 450 for each employee claimed in Schedule B, Part I.

Part II — Computation of EZ wage tax credit for employees not included in Schedule B, Part I

Line 9 — Enter for each quarter of the current tax year the number of qualified employees (excluding general executive officers).

A *qualified employee* for purposes of Part II is an employee who:

- is employed full time (see definition of *full-time employment* set forth in Schedule A of these instructions), and
- was not included in Schedule B, Part I, line 6; and
- received EZ wages for more than half of the current tax year (see the example under instructions for line 6).

Add the number of qualified employees for the current tax year and divide by the number of such dates (include "0" dates) occurring during the current tax year to obtain the average number of qualified employees for the current tax year (see the example under instructions for line 2). Also complete Schedule B, Part V.

Part III — Computation of EZ wage tax credit for the current year

Line 13 — Enter the amount of the pro rata share of wage tax credit passed through to you from a partnership or other pass-through entity and provide the information requested in Part VI of Schedule B.

Line 14 — General business, banking, and insurance corporations enter the amount from line 14 on line 16.

New York S corporations transfer the line 14 amount to Form CT-34-SH. A New York S corporation is not required to complete Form CT-601, lines 15 through 31. Shareholders of the New York S corporation compute their pro rata share of the EZ wage tax credit, carryforward, and refund of the EZ wage tax credit on Form IT-601.

All filers: If you computed an EZ wage tax credit on line 12, you must complete the additional information requested for Schedule B.

Schedule C Instructions

A taxpayer may claim any available EZ wage tax credit carryforward from a preceding tax year in Schedule C even if the taxpayer was not allowed to compute the EZ wage tax credit under Parts I and II of Schedule B. An EZ wage tax credit carryforward in Schedule C is available until used.

The EZ wage tax credit allowed in Schedule C (including any EZ wage tax credit carryforward) is limited to the following:

- 50% of the tax imposed under section 209 of Article 9-A, General Business Corporations, before addition of the MTA surcharge or the deduction of any tax credit; or
- 50% of the tax imposed under section 1455 of Article 32, Banking Corporations, before the addition of the MTA surcharge or the deduction of any tax credit; or
- 50% of the sum of the taxes imposed under sections 1501 and 1510 of Article 33, Insurance Corporations, or 50% of the limitation on tax computed under section 1505 of Article 33 (whichever is less) before the addition of the MTA surcharge or the deduction of any tax credit.

In addition, the EZ wage tax credit allowed in Schedule C (including any EZ wage tax credit carryforward) may not be applied against the following taxes:

- the larger of the tax on minimum taxable income base or fixed dollar minimum tax as computed under Article 9-A; or
- the fixed minimum tax of \$250 computed under Article 32; or
- the minimum tax of \$250 under Article 33; or
- the metropolitan transportation business tax (MTA surcharge) under Articles 9-A, 32 or 33.

Any portion of the EZ wage tax credit disallowed in Schedule C as a result of the above limitations may be carried forward on subsequent tax returns.

Line 15 — Enter the amount of the EZ wage tax credit carryforward from the tax year immediately preceding the current tax year (from Schedule C).

Qualified new businesses who received a refund of a wage tax credit in the previous year should use the amount of carryforward after the refund, as computed in Schedule D of the prior year's wage tax credit form.

Line 16 — Enter the EZ wage tax credit computed for the current tax year as shown on line 14. Enter "0" if you did not compute an EZ wage tax credit on Schedule B for the current tax year.

Line 18 — Enter the current year's tax after the addition of the tax on subsidiary capital and before the deduction of any tax credit or the addition of the MTA surcharge. The EZ wage tax credit cannot be applied against the MTA surcharge.

Article 9-A taxpayers: enter tax shown on Form CT-3, line 78 or Form CT-3-A, line 77.

Article 32 taxpayers: enter tax shown on Form CT-32, line 5, or Form CT-32-A, line 5.

Article 33 taxpayers: enter tax shown on Form CT-33, line 9a or 10a (for life insurance companies), whichever is less; or line 9a or 10b (for non-life companies), whichever is less; or Form CT-33-A, line 11a or line 16 (for all Form CT-33-A filers), whichever is less.

Line 20 — Article 33 taxpayers: enter tax shown on Form CT-33, line 9a, (for all Form CT-33 filers); or Form CT-33-A, line 11a (for all Form CT-33-A filers).

Line 21 — If you are claiming more than one tax credit for this tax year, enter the amount of the tax credit(s) claimed before the EZ wage tax credit. Refer to your corporation franchise tax return for the order of credit that applies. Otherwise enter "0" on line 21.

Line 23 — Enter the tax limitation to which the EZ wage tax credit cannot be applied.

Line 25 — Enter the EZ wage tax credit limitation for the current tax year, which is the lesser of line 19 or line 24. *Example: If line 19 is \$4,500 and line 24 is \$3,000, enter \$3,000 on line 25.*

Line 26 — Article 9-A taxpayers: transfer the line 26 amount to Form CT-3, line 100a; or Form CT-3-A, line 101a.

Article 32 taxpayers: transfer the line 26 amount to Form CT-32, line 178, or Form CT-32-A, Schedule A, line 211.

Article 33 taxpayers: transfer the line 26 amount to Form CT-33, line 113; or Form CT-33-A, line 132.

Line 27 — To determine the unused EZ wage tax credit, which can be carried forward to future years, subtract line 26 from line 17. Any portion of the EZ wage tax credit (including any wage tax credit carryforward from a preceding tax year) that is disallowed in the current tax year as a result of the limitations may be carried forward, except for wage tax credit that is refunded in Schedule D below. If line 26 is equal to or larger than line 17, enter "0."

Schedule D Instructions

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1994, an Article 9-A taxpayer qualifying as a new business under section 210.12(j) may elect to treat 50% of the EZ wage tax credit available as a carryforward to following years as an overpayment to be refunded or credited.

New business under Article 9-A, section 210.12(j), means any corporation **except**:

- a corporation in which over 50% of the number of shares of stock entitling their holders to vote for the election of directors or trustees is owned or controlled either directly or indirectly by a taxpayer subject to tax under Article 9-A; Article 9, section 183, 184, 185 or 186; Article 32; or Article 33 of the Tax Law; or
- a corporation that is substantially similar in operation and in ownership to a business entity taxable, or previously taxable, under Article 9-A; Article 9, section 183, 184, 185 or 186; Article 32; Article 33; or Article 23 of the Tax Law, or that would have been subject to tax under Article 23, as such article was in effect on January 1, 1980; or the income or losses of which are or were includable under Article 22 of the Tax Law, whereby the intent and purposes of section 210.19(e) with respect to refunding of credit to new businesses would be evaded; or
- a corporation that has been subject to tax under Article 9-A for more than five tax years (excluding short periods).

A shareholder of an S corporation shall be treated as the *owner of a new business* if the S corporation qualifies as a new business under Tax Law section 210.12(j) as defined above.

Line 28 — Any EZ wage tax credit or EZ wage tax credit carryforward computed for a tax year beginning before January 1, 1994, does not qualify.

If you qualify as a new business and elect to receive a refund, enter the lesser of line 16 or line 27.

Once made, the election may not be revoked. Interest will not be paid on any overpayment of tax refunded on line 30.

Line 30 — Article 9-A taxpayers: include the EZ refundable wage tax credit on Form CT-3, line 99; or Form CT-3-A, line 100.

Taxpayers not eligible for the refundable wage tax credit: enter "0" on line 30.

Addendum

Related persons include:

1. Members of a family, but only brothers and sisters, half-brothers and half-sisters, a spouse, ancestors (parents,

grandparents, etc.), and lineal descendants (children, grandchildren, etc.).

2. Two corporations that are members of the same controlled group of corporations determined by applying a 10% ownership test.
3. The fiduciaries of two different trusts, or the fiduciary and beneficiary of two different trusts, if the same person is the grantor of both trusts.
4. A tax-exempt educational or charitable organization and a person who directly or indirectly controls it (or a member of whose family controls it).
5. A corporation and an individual who owns directly or indirectly more than 10% of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation.
6. A trust fiduciary and a corporation of which more than 10% in value of the outstanding stock is owned directly or indirectly by or for the trust or by or for the grantor of the trust.
7. The grantor and fiduciary, or the fiduciary and beneficiary, of any trust.
8. A corporation and a partnership if the same persons own over 10% in value of the outstanding stock of the corporation and more than 10% of the capital interest or the profits in the partnership.
9. Two S corporations if the same persons own more than 10% in value of the outstanding stock of each corporation.
10. An S corporation and a regular corporation if the same persons own more than 10% in value of the outstanding stock of each corporation.
11. A partnership and a person who owns directly or indirectly more than 10% of the capital or profits of the partnership.
12. Two partnerships if the same persons own more than 10% of the capital or profits of each.
13. Two persons who are engaged in business under common control.
14. An executor of an estate and a beneficiary of that estate.

To determine the direct or indirect ownership of the outstanding stock of a corporation, apply the following rules:

- (1) Stock owned directly or indirectly by or for a corporation, partnership, estate, or trust is considered owned proportionately by or for its shareholders, partners, or beneficiaries.
- (2) Stock owned directly or indirectly by or for an individual's family is considered owned by the individual. The family of an individual includes only brothers and sisters, half-brothers and half-sisters, a spouse, ancestors, and lineal descendants.
- (3) Any stock in a corporation owned by an individual (other than by applying rule 2) is considered owned directly or indirectly by the individual's partner.

When applying rule (1), (2), or (3), stock considered owned by a person under rule (1) is treated as actually owned by that person. However, if a person constructively owns stock because of rule (2) or (3), he or she does not own the stock for purposes of applying either rule (2) or (3) to make another person the constructive owner of the same stock.

Privacy notification

The Commissioner of Taxation and Finance may collect and maintain personal information pursuant to the New York State Tax Law, including but not limited to, sections 171, 171-a, 287, 308, 429, 475, 505, 697, 1096, 1142, and 1415 of that Law; and may require disclosure of social security numbers pursuant to 42 USC 405(c)(2)(C)(i).

This information will be used to determine and administer tax liabilities and, when authorized by law, for certain tax offset and exchange of tax information programs as well as for any other lawful purpose.

Information concerning quarterly wages paid to employees is provided to certain state agencies for purposes of fraud prevention, support enforcement, evaluation of the effectiveness of certain employment and training programs and other purposes authorized by law.

Failure to provide the required information may subject you to civil or criminal penalties, or both, under the Tax Law.

This information is maintained by the Director of Records Management and Data Entry, NYS Tax Department, W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227; telephone 1 800 225-5829. From areas outside the United States and outside Canada, call (518) 485-6800.

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