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New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

Claim for QEZE Tax Reduction Credit

Tax Law - Section 16

All filers must enter tax period:

beginning ending

Name of corporation	Employer identification number (EIN)
• Name of empire zone(s)	

File this form with your corporation franchise tax return Form CT-3, CT-3-A, CT-3-S, CT-3-S-A, CT-32, CT-32-A, CT-32-S, CT-33, CT-33-NL, or CT-33-A.

QEZE first certified **prior** to April 1, 2005, complete **only** Section I, Schedules A through G.

QEZE first certified **on or after** April 1, 2005, complete **only** Section II, Schedules H through M.

Note: You must file **only** Section I (pages 1 through 4) or Section II (pages 5 through 8). Do not file both.

Section I — For QEZE first certified prior to April 1, 2005

Date of first certification by Empire State Development (*attach copies of all Certificates of Eligibility*) •
(mm/dd/yy)

Schedule A — Employment test for QEZE first certified prior to April 1, 2005

Part 1 — Empire zone (EZ) employment — Computation of the employment number within all EZs for the current tax year and in the five-year base period: Include employees within all EZs even if you are not certified in all of those zones (*see instructions*).

Current tax year employment number	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total
Number of full-time employees within all EZs					
1 Employment number within all EZs for the current tax year (<i>see instructions</i>)	• 1.				

Base period employment number	Tax year ending (mm/yy)	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total
a	Number in base year 1					
b	Number in base year 2					
c	Number in base year 3					
d	Number in base year 4					
e	Number in base year 5					
f	Total number of full-time employees within all EZs in the base period					
2 Employment number within all EZs in the base period (<i>see instructions</i>)	• 2.					

3 Does the amount on line 1 **equal** or **exceed** the amount on line 2? (*see instructions*) **3.** Yes No

Part 2 — New York State employment outside all EZs — Computation of the employment number inside New York State and outside all EZs (whether or not you are certified in all of those EZs) for the current tax year and in the five-year base period (*see instructions*).

Current tax year employment number	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total
Number of full-time employees inside New York State and outside all EZs					
4 Employment number inside New York State and outside all EZs for the current tax year	• 4.				

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Part 2 — New York State employment outside all EZs (continued)

Base period employment number	Tax year ending (mm/yy)	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total	
a	Number in base year 1						
b	Number in base year 2						
c	Number in base year 3						
d	Number in base year 4						
e	Number in base year 5						
f	Total number of full-time employees inside New York State and outside all EZs in the base period						
5	Employment number inside New York State and outside all EZs in the base period					• 5.	
6	Does the amount on line 4 equal or exceed the amount on line 5? (see instructions)					6.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Schedule B — Computation of employment number within the EZs in which you are certified for the test year

Test year _____ to _____ (mm/yy)	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total	
Number of full-time employees within the EZs						
7	Employment number within the EZs in which you are certified for the test year (see instructions)					• 7.

Schedule C — Employment increase factor (see instructions)

8	Employment number within the EZs in which you are certified for the current tax year (see instructions)	• 8.
9	Employment number within the EZs in which you are certified for the test year (from line 7)	9.
10	Subtract line 9 from line 8	10.
11	Divide line 10 by line 9 (carry result to four decimal places; if line 9 is zero and line 8 is greater than zero, enter 1.0 here) ...	11.
12	Divide line 10 by 100 (carry result to four decimal places)	12.
13	Employment increase factor (enter the greater of line 11 or 12, but not more than 1.0; also enter on line 21)	13.

Schedule D — Zone allocation factor (see instructions)

	A EZ	B New York State
14	Average value of property (see instructions)	14.
15	EZ property factor (divide line 14, column A by line 14, column B; carry result to four decimal places)	15.
16	Wages and other compensation of employees, excluding general executive officers (see instructions)	16.
17	EZ payroll factor (divide line 16, column A by line 16, column B; carry result to four decimal places)	17.
18	Total EZ factors (add lines 15 and 17)	18.
19	Zone allocation factor (divide line 18 by two; carry result to four decimal places; enter here and on line 22)	19.

Schedule E — QEZE tax reduction credit (New York S corporations do not complete Schedule E)

Part 1 — Computation of QEZE tax reduction credit

20	Tax year of the business tax benefit period _____; benefit period factor (from table below)	20.	
21	Employment increase factor (from line 13)	21.	
22	Zone allocation factor (from line 19)	22.	
23	Tax factor (see instructions)	23.	
24	QEZE tax reduction credit (multiply line 20 by line 21 by line 22 by line 23)	24.	

Part 2 — Application of QEZE tax reduction credit

25	Enter your franchise tax from Form CT-3, line 78; Form CT-3-A, line 77; Form CT-32, line 5; Form CT-32-A, line 5; Form CT-33, line 11; Form CT-33-A, line 15; or Form CT-33-NL, line 5	25.	
26	Tax credits claimed before the QEZE tax reduction credit (if applying multiple credits on your franchise tax return, see instructions)	26.	
27	Subtract line 26 from line 25.....	27.	
28	Enter appropriate tax: Article 9-A — If line 19 equals 1.0, enter 0. If line 19 is less than 1.0, enter your fixed dollar minimum tax Article 32 and 33 — Enter 250 Article 33 combined — Multiply number of filers in combined group by 250.....	28.	
29	Credit limitation (subtract line 28 from line 27)	29.	
30	Enter the lesser of line 29 or line 24; transfer this amount to your franchise tax return	30.	

Tax year of benefit period	Benefit period factor	Tax year of benefit period	Benefit period factor
1 - 10	1.0	13	0.4
11	0.8	14	0.2
12	0.6	15	0.0

* For taxpayers first certified prior to April 1, 2005, the QEZE tax reduction credit is generally available for up to 14 years for taxpayers that continue to qualify.

Find the tax year of your business tax benefit period. Enter the benefit period factor for that year (from the table on the left) on line 20.

Schedule F — Related entities

List the names and employer identification numbers of any related business entities. Attach additional sheets if necessary. See *Related persons* on the front page of the instructions to determine if an entity is related.

Name	EIN

Schedule G — Valid business purpose for QEZE first certified prior to August 1, 2002 (see instructions)

If you are claiming that the QEZE was formed for a valid business purpose, mark an **X** in the box and attach a notarized statement describing in detail how your QEZE meets the valid business purpose test.

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Section II begins on page 5.**

Claim for QEZE Tax Reduction Credit

Section II — For QEZEs first certified on or after April 1, 2005

All filers must enter tax period:

beginning ending

Name of corporation	Employer identification number (EIN)
• Name of empire zone(s)	

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Schedule H — Employment test for QEZEs first certified on or after April 1, 2005

Part 1 — Empire zone (EZ) employment — Computation of the employment number within all EZs for the current tax year and in the four-year base period: Include employees within all EZs even if you are not certified in all of those zones (*see instructions*).

Current tax year employment number	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total
Number of full-time employees within all EZs					
31 Employment number within all EZs for the current tax year (<i>see instructions</i>)					31.

Base period employment number	Tax year ending (mm/yy)	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total
a Number in base year 1						
b Number in base year 2						
c Number in base year 3						
d Number in base year 4						
e Total number of full-time employees within all EZs in the base period						
32 Employment number within all EZs in the base period (<i>see instructions</i>)					32.	

33 Does the amount on line 31 **exceed** the amount on line 32? (*see instructions*) **33.** Yes No

Part 2 — New York State employment — Computation of the employment number in New York State for the current tax year and in the four-year base period (*see instructions*).

Current tax year employment number	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total
Number of full-time employees in New York State					
34 Employment number in New York State for the current tax year					34.

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Part 2 — New York State employment *(continued)*

Base period employment number	Tax year ending (mm/yy)	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total
a	Number in base year 1					
b	Number in base year 2					
c	Number in base year 3					
d	Number in base year 4					
e	Total number of full-time employees in New York State in the base period					
35	Employment number in New York State in the base period.....					35.

36 Does the amount on line 34 **exceed** the amount on line 35? *(see instructions)* **36.** Yes No

Schedule I — Computation of employment number within the EZs in which you are certified in the test year

Test year _____ to _____ (mm/yy)	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total	
Number of full-time employees within the EZs						
37	Employment number within the EZs in which you are certified for the test year <i>(see instructions)</i>					37.

Schedule J — Employment increase factor *(see instructions)*

38	Employment number within the EZs in which you are certified for the current tax year <i>(see instructions)</i>	38.
39	Employment number within the EZs in which you are certified for the test year <i>(from line 37)</i>	39.
40	Subtract line 39 from line 38.....	40.
41	Divide line 40 by line 39 <i>(carry result to four decimal places; if line 39 is zero and line 38 is greater than zero, enter 1.0 here)</i> ...	41.
42	Divide line 40 by 100 <i>(carry result to four decimal places)</i>	42.
43	Employment increase factor <i>(enter the greater of line 41 or 42, but not more than 1.0; also enter on line 51)</i>	43.

Schedule K — Zone allocation factor *(see instructions)*

	A EZ	B New York State
44	Average value of property <i>(see instructions)</i>	44.
45	EZ property factor <i>(divide line 44, column A by line 44, column B; carry result to four decimal places)</i>	45.
46	Wages and other compensation of employees, excluding general executive officers <i>(see instructions)</i>	46.
47	EZ payroll factor <i>(divide line 46, column A by line 46, column B; carry result to four decimal places)</i>	47.
48	Total EZ factors <i>(add lines 45 and 47)</i>	48.
49	Zone allocation factor <i>(divide line 48 by two; carry result to four decimal places; enter here and on line 52)</i>	49.

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