General information
For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, and before January 1, 2019, eligible taxpayers may claim the hire a veteran credit for hiring and employing qualified veterans. Individuals (including sole proprietors), estates and trusts, shareholders of an S corporation, partners in a partnership (including a member of a limited liability company (LLC) that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes), and beneficiaries of an estate or trust may claim the credit on Form IT-643.

Eligibility
To be eligible for this credit, you must meet all of the following requirements:
• you are subject to tax under Tax Law Article 9-A, 22, or 33;
• you hire a qualified veteran who begins his or her employment on or after January 1, 2014, but before January 1, 2018; and
• you employ the qualified veteran in New York State for one year or more for at least 35 hours each week.

Note: This credit is based on wages paid to the qualified veteran during his or her first year of employment, and may only be claimed once for each qualified veteran.

A taxpayer who uses the hiring of a qualified veteran as the basis for this credit may not use this same hiring as the basis for any other credit allowed under Article 9-A, 22, or 33 of the Tax Law.

A taxpayer who discharges an employee and hires a qualified veteran solely for the purpose of qualifying for the credit is not eligible to claim the credit for any qualified veteran.

This credit is not refundable. However, any amount of the credit not used for the current tax year may be carried forward to the following three years.

How to claim the credit
File Form IT-643 with your return if you are an individual, a beneficiary or fiduciary of an estate or trust, a partner in a partnership (including members of an LLC treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes), or a shareholder of a New York S corporation, and you are claiming the hire a veteran credit.

An estate or trust that divides the credit among itself and its beneficiaries must submit Form IT-643 with Form IT-205, Fiduciary Income Tax Return, showing each beneficiary’s share of the credit.

A partnership must submit Form IT-643 with Form IT-204, Partnership Return, showing the total credit.

A New York S corporation does not file Form IT-643. It must file Form CT-643, Hire a Veteran Credit. If you are a shareholder of an S corporation, obtain your share of the credit from the S corporation and follow the instructions on this form for claiming the credit on your personal income tax return.

Definitions
A qualified veteran is an individual who:
• served on active duty or in the reserves in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, or who served in active military service of the United States as a member of the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, New York Guard, or New York Naval Militia, and who was released from active duty by general or honorable discharge after September 11, 2001;
• is hired in New York State by a qualified taxpayer and begins his or her employment on or after January 1, 2014, but before January 1, 2018; and
• certifies by signed affidavit, under penalty of perjury, that he or she has not been employed for 35 or more hours during any week in the 180-day period immediately prior to his or her employment by the taxpayer (see Employee affidavit above).

A disabled veteran is an individual who meets the above definition of a qualified veteran and also meets the following qualifications of a disabled veteran as defined in New York State Civil Service Law section 85.1(b):
• the veteran is certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or a military department as entitled to receive disability payments upon the certification by the Department of Veterans Affairs or military department for a disability incurred by the veteran in time of war and in existence at the time of hiring; and
• the certificate of the Department of Veterans Affairs states that:
  – the veteran has been examined by a medical officer at the Department of Veterans Affairs within one year of the date of hiring, and at the time of the examination, the war incurred disability described in the certificate was found to exist and the disability is rated at 10% or more; or
  – whether or not the veteran has been examined by a medical officer of the Department of Veterans Affairs within one year of the date of hiring, a permanent stabilized condition of disability exists to an extent of 10% or more.

Time of war includes the wars and hostilities participated in by the military forces of the United States for the following periods:
• Korean Conflict - June 27, 1950, through January 31, 1955;
• Vietnam Conflict - February 28, 1961, through May 7, 1975;
• Hostilities in Lebanon - June 1, 1983, through December 1, 1987, as established by receipt of the Armed Forces Discharge.
Part 2 – Computation of credit for qualified disabled veterans
Enter the information for each qualified disabled veteran who has completed one year of employment with you. Do not include veterans shown in Part 1.

Column C – Enter the beginning and ending dates of the qualified veteran’s first full year of employment. You must claim the credit for the tax year in which the qualified veteran completes one year of employment.

Column D – Enter the amount of wages paid to the qualified disabled veteran during his or her first full year of employment, entered in column C.

Schedule B – Partner’s, shareholder’s, or beneficiary’s share of credit
Enter the appropriate information for each partnership, New York S corporation, or estate or trust from which you received a share of the credit. Obtain your share of the credit from your partnership(s), S corporation, or estate or trust. See Additional sheets above, if needed.

Schedule C – Beneficiary’s and fiduciary’s share of credit
An estate or trust must complete Schedule C. If an estate or trust allocates or assigns the credit to its beneficiaries, it must base the division on each beneficiary’s proportionate share of the income of the estate or trust. Provide the beneficiaries with their share of the credit. See Additional sheets above, if needed.

Schedule D – Computation of credit

Fiduciaries – Do not enter an amount on line 8 or 9.

Schedule E – Application of credit and computation of carryover

Line 13
Form IT-201 filers: Enter the tax from Form IT-201, line 39, plus any amount from Form IT-201-ATT, line 21.

Form IT-203 filers: Enter the tax from Form IT-203, line 46, plus any amount from Form IT-203-ATT, line 20.

Form IT-205 filers: Enter the tax from Form IT-205, 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 14 – If you are applying any credits against the tax before this credit, enter the total amount here.

When applying credits, use the following rules:
• First apply the household credit.
• Next apply any credits that cannot be carried over or refunded.
• Then apply any credits that can be carried over for a limited duration.
• Then apply any credits that can be carried over for an unlimited duration.
• Apply refundable credits last.

Line 16 – Enter this amount and code 643 on Form IT-201-ATT, line 6; or Form IT-203-ATT, line 7; or include the amount on Form IT-205, line 10.