

Claim for EZ Wage Tax Credit

Including the ZEA Wage Tax Credit

Tax Law – Article 9-A, former Section 210.19 and Article 33, Section 1511(g)

CT-601

All filers must enter tax period:

beginning

ending

Legal name of corporation	Employer identification number
• Name of empire zone (EZ) or zone equivalent area (ZEA) (if multiple zones, complete Schedule C)	• Date of zone designation

File this claim with your franchise tax return, Form CT-3, CT-3-A, CT-33, CT-33-A, or CT-33-NL.

A If you are claiming this credit as a corporate partner, mark an **X** in the box **A**

Schedule A – Computation of credit carryover available for the current tax year

1	Wage tax credit carryforward from preceding tax year (see instructions)	1		
2	Current year's tax (see instructions)	2		
3	50% limitation (multiply line 2 by 50% (.5); if claiming a credit carryforward from more than one entity, see instructions)	3		

Schedule B – Computation of credit used and carried forward

4	Current year's tax (see instructions)	4	
5	Enter other credits claimed before the wage tax credit (see instructions)	5	
6	Net tax (subtract line 5 from line 4)	6	
7	Enter the appropriate minimum tax (see instructions)	7	
8	Credit limitation (subtract line 7 from line 6)	8	
9	Credit limitation for current tax year (enter the lesser of line 3 or line 8)	9	
10	Credit used for current tax year (see instructions)	10	
11	Credit available as carryforward (subtract line 10 from line 1)	11	

Schedule C – Multiple zone information *(attach additional sheets if necessary)*

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Instructions

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 carryover from previous years. For tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2014, you may only claim an **EZ** wage tax credit carryover from previous years. Any business that was required to obtain an EZ retention certificate from Empire State Development, but was denied one, is not eligible to claim any carryover of the credit.

Line instructions

Schedule A – Computation of credit carryover available for the current tax year

The wage tax credit allowed in Schedule A is **limited to**:

- 50% of the tax imposed under Tax Law Article 9-A, before the addition of the metropolitan transportation business tax (MTA surcharge) or the deduction of any tax credit; **or**
- for **life insurance** corporations, 50% of the lesser of:
 - the tax computed under Article 33 section 1505(a); **or**
 - the **greater** of the sum of taxes imposed under Article 33 sections 1501 and 1510, or the tax computed under Article 33 section 1505(b),
 before the addition of the MTA surcharge or the deduction of any tax credit.
- for **non-life insurance** corporations, 50% of the taxes imposed under Article 33 section 1502-a, before the addition of the MTA surcharge or the deduction of any tax credit.

In addition, the wage tax credit allowed may not reduce the tax below:

- the fixed dollar minimum tax as computed under Article 9-A **or**
- the minimum tax of \$250 under Article 33.

The wage tax credit may not be applied against the MTA surcharge under Article 9-A or 33.

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

Line 1 – On line 1, enter the wage tax credit carryforward from your prior year Form CT-601.

Line 2 – Enter the current year's tax before the deduction of any tax credit or addition of the MTA surcharge.

Line 3 – For taxpayers claiming a wage tax credit carryforward from more than one entity on a return, such as on a combined franchise tax return, the aggregate amount of all the wage tax credits used in the current year cannot exceed 50% of the current year's tax. Multiply line 2 by 50%. From this result, subtract any wage tax credits claimed for this year that you want to apply prior to the credit claimed on this form and enter here.

Schedule B – Computation of credit used and carried forward

Line 4 – Enter the amount from line 2 **plus** any net recaptured tax credits.

CT-33 filers: Enter the tax from Form CT-33, line 9a, **plus** any net recaptured tax credits.

CT-33-A filers: Enter the tax from Form CT-33-A, line 10, **plus** any net recaptured tax credits.

Line 5 – If you are claiming more than one tax credit for this tax year, enter the amount of the tax credit(s) claimed before the wage tax credit (include any ZEA or EZ wage tax credit applied to the tax prior to the credit claimed on this form). Otherwise, enter **0**. Refer to your corporation franchise tax return to determine the order of credits that applies.

Article 9-A taxpayers: Refer to Form CT-600-I, *Instructions for Form CT-600, Ordering of Corporation Tax Credits*.

If you are included in a combined return, include any amount of tax credit(s) being claimed by other members of the combined group, including the wage tax credit, that you want to apply before your wage tax credit.

Line 7 – Enter the appropriate minimum tax as follows:

- Form CT-3 or CT-3-A – Enter your fixed dollar minimum tax from Form CT-3 or the designated agent's fixed dollar minimum tax from Form CT-3-A.
- Form CT-33, CT-33-A, or CT-33-NL – Enter **250**.

Line 10 – Enter the lesser of line 1 or line 9. Transfer this amount to your franchise tax return.

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See Form CT-1, *Supplement to Corporation Tax Instructions*.

