



2018 Instructions for Massachusetts Premium Excise Return for Life Insurance Companies Form **63-20P**

Massachusetts has an electronic filing requirement for this form. See TIR 16-9 for further information.

Recent Tax Law Changes

Filing Due Dates

Massachusetts law was changed in 2017 to conform the due dates for Massachusetts C corporation tax returns to federal filing due dates, beginning with tax returns due on or after January 1, 2018. Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) ch 62C, §§ 11 and 12 have been amended to require C corporations to file their tax returns on or before the 15th day of the fourth month following the close of each taxable year (April 15 in the case of corporations filing on a calendar year basis). This change affects all returns due on or after January 1, 2018, irrespective of a corporation's fiscal year end. The law did not change the filing due date for S corporation tax returns, which remains the 15th day of the third month following the close of each taxable year. See Technical Information Release (TIR) 17-5.

For calendar year filers, Monday, April 15, 2019 is Patriot's Day, a legal holiday in Massachusetts. For Massachusetts tax purposes, returns and payments made with returns otherwise due on April 15, 2019 will be treated as timely if they are filed/paid on or before Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

Extension Due Dates for Tax Returns Due on or After January 1, 2018

C corporations are allowed an automatic extension to file their tax returns if they satisfy the payment requirements stated in TIR 15-15. For corporations participating in a combined report pursuant to MGL ch 63, § 32B, tax returns filed on extension are due seven months from the filing due date (November 15 in the case of corporations filing on a calendar year basis). For corporations filing returns reporting unrelated business income tax under MGL ch 63, tax returns filed on extension are due eight months from the filing due date (December 15 in the case of corporations filing on a calendar basis). For all other C corporations, tax returns filed on extension are due 6 months from the due date (October 15 in the case of corporations filing on a calendar year basis). See TIR 17-5.

Electronic Filing and Payment Requirements

Effective January 1, 2016, Insurance companies are required to file and pay their taxes electronically. For further information, see TIR 16-9.

Who Must File Form 63-20P?

All domestic life insurance companies, as defined by MGL ch 175, §§ 47 and 118, which are subject to MGL ch 63, § 20, and which do any or all of their business in Massachusetts, must complete and file Form 63-20P.

A domestic life insurance company is a company incorporated or formed in the Commonwealth.

All classes of foreign life insurance companies on accident and health business subject to MGL ch, §§ 23, 24 and 24A must file Form 63-20P.

All foreign life insurance companies subject to MGL ch 63, §§ 20, 21 and 24A must file Form 63-20P.

A foreign company is any company organized or formed in any state or country other than Massachusetts.

When Must Form 63-20P Be Filed?

Form 63-20P, together with payment in full of any tax due, must be filed on or before the 15th day of the fourth month after the close of the company's taxable year. See TIR 17-5.

Can an Insurance Company Obtain an Extension of Time to File?

Form 63-20P filers will receive an automatic six-month extension of time to file Form 63-20P provided they satisfy certain payment requirements.

DOR has adopted an automated process for extensions of time to file tax returns for corporate excise taxpayers as part of the MassTaxConnect system. Consistent with current rules, insurance companies meeting certain payment requirements will be given an automatic six-month extension. For further information, see TIR 15-15.

Note: An extension of time to file is not valid if the corporation fails to pay at least 50% of the total tax liability or the minimum tax of \$456, whichever is greater, through estimated payments or with Form 355-7004, Corporate Extension Worksheet, by or before the due date of the original return.

Any tax not paid on or before the due date — without regard to the extension — shall be subject to an interest charge.

What Are the Penalties for Late Returns?

Insurance excise returns which are not filed and/or paid on or before the due date are subject to interest and penalty charges. The penalty for failure to pay the total payment due with this form is 1% of the balance due per month (or fraction thereof), up to a maximum of 25% of the tax reported as due on the return. A late payment penalty does not apply to amended returns when the amount shown on the original return was paid.

The penalty for failure to file a return by the due date is 1% of the balance due per month (or fraction thereof), up to a maximum of 25%.

Any tax not paid on or before the due date — without regard to the extension — is subject to interest.

What is a Valid Return?

A valid return is one upon which all required amounts have been entered for all of the appropriate items on the form. Data sheets, account forms, or other documents may be attached to explain these amounts. Referencing items to attachments instead of properly entering all amounts onto the return is not sufficient. The return must be signed by either the treasurer or the assistant treasurer of the company.

To be valid, a return must also include the following:

- Schedule T, Exhibit of Premiums Written from the NAIC Annual Statement;
- Annual Statement for the Year for Direct Business in the State of Massachusetts.

Reproduction of returns must be approved by DOR prior to filing and meet the criteria provided in TIR 95-8.

Failure to meet any of the requirements detailed in this section may result in a penalty for filing an insufficient return. Such a penalty may be assessed at double the amount of the excise due.

When are Estimated Tax Payments Required?

Any insurance company which reasonably estimates its excise to be in excess of \$1,000 for the taxable year is required to make estimated tax payments to the Commonwealth. Estimated payments must be made in quarterly installments of 40%, 25%, 25% and 10% of the estimated annual tax liability.

Note: New corporations in their first full taxable year with less than 10 employees have different estimated payment percentages — 30%, 25%, 25% and 20% respectively.

Insurance companies that underpay, or fail to pay, their estimated taxes may incur an additional penalty on the amount of the underpayment for the period of the underpayment. Form M-2220, Underpayment of Massachusetts Estimated Tax by Corporations, is used to compute the additional charge.

Any corporation having \$1 million or more of federal taxable income in any of its three preceding taxable years (as defined in Internal Revenue Code (IRC) §§ 6655 (g)) may only use its prior year's tax liability to calculate its first quarterly estimated tax payment. Any reduction in the first installment payment that results from using this method must be added to the second installment payment.

A company that claims the exception to the underpayment penalty of equaling the prior year's tax liability must provide federal tax returns (front page only) for the three preceding taxable years to verify that federal taxable income is less than \$1 million.

Note: Any insurance company required to file more than one type of excise return must also file separate estimated tax payments since each type of tax is governed by a different section of the Massachusetts General Laws.

For more information on corporate estimated taxes, refer to MGL ch 63B.

How Is the Excise Determined?

Domestic life insurance companies are taxed both on life and accident and health premiums written in Massachusetts and on premiums written in other jurisdictions where no tax is paid. Form 63-20P filers must also add in dividends applied to purchase paid-up additions and/or to shorten the premium paying period. The tax rate is 2%, after claiming allowable deductions.

Form 63-20P filers are allowed deductions for dividends to policyholders, including those:

- ▶ Paid in cash;
- ▶ Applied in reduction of renewal premiums;
- ▶ Left to accumulate at interest;
- ▶ Applied to purchase paid-up additions; or
- ▶ Applied to shorten the premium paying period.

Deductions are also allowed to Form 63-20P filers for returned premiums (not including cash surrender values) and/or premiums for Company Employees' Group Life and Accident and Health plans, only if previously included in line 1 of Part 1.

A deduction for preferred provider arrangement premiums is allowed to those companies who have been approved by the Commissioner of Insurance as preferred provider organizations, if those premiums were previously included in line 1 of Part 1 and reported on Form 63-23P.

Foreign Accident and Health insurance companies are taxed on net direct premiums for insurance of property or interest in Massachusetts.

Foreign life insurance companies are taxed on all new and renewal policies issued during the preceding calendar year if the insured is a resident of Massachusetts at the time the premium was paid.

Filing an Amended Return

If you need to change a line item on your return, complete a return with the corrected information and fill in the **Amended return** oval. An amended return can be filed to either increase or decrease your tax. Generally, an amended return must be

filed within three years of the date that your original return was filed. Electronic filing requirements apply to amended returns. See TIR 16-9 for further information.

Consent to Extend the Time to Act on an Amended Return treated as Abatement Application

In certain instances, an amended return showing a reduction of tax may be treated by DOR as an abatement application. Under such circumstances, by filing an amended return, you are giving your consent for the Commissioner of Revenue to act upon the abatement application after six months from the date of filing. See TIR 16-11. You may withdraw such consent at any time by contacting the DOR in writing. If consent is withdrawn, any requested reduction in tax will be deemed denied either at the expiration of six months from the date of filing or the date consent is withdrawn, whichever is later.

Filing an Application for Abatement

File an Application for Abatement, Form ABT, only to dispute one of the following:

- ▶ Penalties
- ▶ Audit assessments
- ▶ Responsible person determinations

Insurance companies are required to file a dispute online at mass.gov/masstaxconnect.

Visit mass.gov/dor/amend for additional information about filing an application for abatement.

What if the Taxpayer Is a Fiscal or Short Year Filer?

File the 2018 return for calendar year 2018 and fiscal years that began in 2018 and ended in 2019. For a fiscal year return, fill in the tax year space at the top of page 1. Short year filers should file using the tax form for the calendar year within which the short year falls. If the short year spans more than one calendar year, the filer should file use the tax form for the calendar year in which the short year began. If the current form is not available at the time the short year filer must file, the filer should follow the rules explained in TIR 11-12.

Are There Special Tax Credits Available In Massachusetts?

Yes. Massachusetts offers several special credits to corporations. See instructions for Credit Manager Schedule beginning on page 4.

Line Instructions

Should the Whole Dollar Method be Used?

Yes. All amounts entered on Form 63-20P must be rounded off to the nearest dollar.

Line 1

Enter the amount of premiums subject to tax in Massachusetts (from Part 1, Domestic Life Premium Excise Calculation, line 10). If amount is negative, enter 0.

Line 4

Enter the amount of accident and health premiums subject to tax in Massachusetts from Part 1, Domestic Life Premium Excise Calculation, line 11.

Lines 5 and 13

If the corporation is required to recapture any amount of previously claimed Economic Opportunity Area Credit, Low-Income Housing Credit, Life Science Credit and Historic Rehabilitation Credit, complete the Credit Recapture Schedule and enter the result in line 5 or 13 of the return. Current year credits can then be used to offset the total excise due which will include the recapture amount.

Line 7

Enter the amount of life premiums subject to tax in Massachusetts from Part 2, Foreign Premium Excise Calculation, line 7. If amount is negative, enter 0.

Lines 8 and 11

Use Part 3 of Form 63-20P to calculate your excise using the same method and rate used by the state in which you are incorporated and would be imposed on a like Massachusetts insurance company, or its agents, if doing business to the same extent. If the computation in the state of your incorporation is in every respect the same as your Massachusetts computation, a statement to that effect should be made. Retaliatory tax provisions are provided under MGL ch 63, § 24A.

Line 10

Enter the amount of total net direct accident and health premiums subject to tax in Massachusetts from Part 2, Foreign Premium Excise Calculation, line 12. If the amount is negative, enter 0.

Line 15

A company shall be allowed a credit against the premium tax equal to 1.5% (0.015) of such company's total capital contribution in excess of their full proportionate share which shall mean an investment in the Massachusetts Life Insurance Company Community Investment Initiative.

This credit is effective for tax years in which the aggregate cumulative investment in the Massachusetts Life Insurance Company Community Investment Initiative reaches \$100,000,000 or the tax year 2005, whichever is later.

Line 16

Enter 1.5% (0.015) of the company's proportionate share of the cost of certain investments in the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company.

Line 17

The taxpayer may take 10% of any class B assessments paid to the Massachusetts Life and Health Insurance Guaranty in the prior five calendar years. For this 2018 return, the taxpayer may take 10% of class B assessments paid in 2013 through 2017.

Line 18

Enter the total amount of other credits claimed from the Credit Manager Schedule.

Line 21

Any corporation that wishes to contribute any amount to the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Fund may do so on this form. This amount is added to the excise due. It increases the amount of the corporation's payment or reduces the amount of its refund.

The Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Fund is administered by the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement to provide for conservation programs for rare, endangered and nongame wildlife and plants in the Commonwealth.

Line 27

Enter the amount of any withholding tax from pass-through entities. Be sure to include the taxpayer identification number of the person or entity submitting the withholding payment on behalf of the taxpayer.

Lines 30 through 32

If line 29 is greater than line 22, subtract line 22 from line 29 and, enter the amount overpaid in line 30.

The overpayment may be applied in part or in full to 2019 estimated taxes by entering in line 31 the amount to be credited to 2019 estimated tax payments. Enter in line 32 the amount to be refunded.

Note: Massachusetts law was changed to conform the filing due dates for Massachusetts C corporation tax returns to federal filing due dates, beginning with tax returns due on or after January 1, 2018. C corporations are now required to file their tax returns on or before the 15th day of the fourth month following the close of each taxable year (April 15 in the case of corporations filing on a calendar year basis). The law did not change the filing due date for S corporation tax returns, which remains the 15th day of the third month following the close of each taxable year. The laws governing estimated tax payment re-

quirements for corporations were not changed. For further details see TIR 17-5.

Payments made with a return, including extension payments, estimated tax payments and withholding, are considered to be paid on the last day prescribed for the filing of the return and/or the payment of the tax, without regard to any extensions. See MGL ch 62C, § 79. Therefore, any overpayment from a prior year return will be considered to be paid as of the prior year return due date. For example, if a calendar year C corporation reported an overpayment on its 2017 corporation excise tax return and elected to apply it as a credit to its 2018 estimated tax, the payment will be credited as of April 17, 2018, which is the 2017 return due date and about one month after the due date of the first estimated tax installment payment for the 2018 tax year.

To avoid the imposition of underpayment penalties the first estimated tax installment should be paid on or before the first installment due date, not the return due date.

An overpayment of tax cannot be applied as a credit to the tax of another account of this company or to the tax of another company.

Line 33

If line 29 is greater than line 22,, enter the balance due in line 33.

Lines 34a through 35

Any company that has an underpayment of estimated tax will incur a penalty on the underpayment for the period of the underpayment. Enclose a copy of Form M-2220. For more information, refer to the section When Are Estimated Tax Payments Required?

Any company that fails to file a timely return will be subject to a late filing penalty of 1% per month (or fraction thereof), and a late payment penalty of 1% per month (or fraction thereof), on the amount required to be shown as the tax due on the return. For more information, refer to the section What Are the Penalties for Late Returns?

Any company which fails to pay its tax when due will be subject to interest on the unpaid balance.

Line 36

Enter the total payment due. Insurance companies are required to submit any payment due electronically. See TIR 16-9.

Credit Manager Schedule

Note: The taxpayer must complete and enclose a Credit Manager Schedule with the return in order to report all credits generated, taken or carried over from prior years.

Financial institutions, insurance companies, business corporations, and other taxpayers subject to tax under MGL ch 63 may be eligible for certain tax credits in Massachusetts. Credits may be used to offset a tax due, may be passed or shared with another person or entity, or, in some cases credits may be fully or partially refundable. MGL ch 63 taxpayers with credits available for use in the current taxable year must file a Schedule CMS to claim most credits.

For each credit claimed on a Schedule CMS, report the amount of the credit available for use and the amount of credit claimed to reduce tax for the current taxable year. For pass-through entities, report the amount of credit distributed to partners, shareholders or beneficiaries in the credit shared column. Taxpayers also report the amount of a refundable credit they are using to request a refund of tax. See the 2018 Credit Manager Schedule Instructions for more information on how to complete the Schedule CMS and claim the credits.

Credits reported on the Schedule CMS are generally identified either by a certificate number assigned by the issuing agency (which may be the Department of Revenue) or by the tax period end date in which the credit originated. If a credit has been assigned a certificate number, the certificate number must be included on the Schedule CMS. A taxpayer that does not include an assigned certificate number on the Schedule CMS will not be allowed the credit on the tax return and will have their tax liability adjusted by the Department of Revenue. Be sure to omit hyphens, spaces, decimals and other special symbols when entering the certificate number. Also, enter the number from left to right.

Likewise, a taxpayer that is required to complete a separate schedule to claim a credit must include the separate schedule with the taxpayer's return filing. Failure to do so may result in the credit being disallowed.

If, by operation of MGL ch 63, § 32C or another provision of law, a credit normally identified by tax period end date is eligible for indefinite carry-over, the credit should be reported as "non-expiring" and identification of the tax period of origin is not necessary.

Overview of Schedule CMS

The following is a brief overview of Schedule CMS sections and where certain credits should be reported. If a taxpayer is using a credit to reduce a taxpayer's current year tax liability, whether it is a non-refundable credit or a refundable credit, the credit should be reported in section 1 or 3 of Schedule CMS. Only a refundable credit that the taxpayer is seeking a refund for should be reported in either section 2 or 4 of Schedule CMS.

Generally, a credit should only be reported in one section on Schedule CMS unless a portion of it is being used to offset a tax and a portion is being refunded.

Section 1. Non-Refundable Credits

This section is for reporting credits that are being used to offset tax or passed/shared with another person. Generally a taxpayer must report all available credits that the taxpayer is using to offset or reduce a tax, or passing to partners, shareholders, beneficiaries, or sharing with affiliates, in Section 1 of the Schedule CMS. The Brownfields Credit, Film Incentive Credit, or Medical Device Credit should always be included in Section 1, unless the taxpayer is requesting a refund of the Film Incentive Credit. However, a taxpayer that received a credit on a Massachusetts K-1 schedule from a pass-through entity or a credit transfer should report such credit in Section 3 or 4, as applicable.

Section 2. Refundable Credits

This section is for reporting refundable credits resulting in refund. Generally a taxpayer must report all available refundable credits that the taxpayer is using to request a refund in Section 2 of the Schedule CMS. The Film Incentive Credit should always be included in Section 2 to the extent that the taxpayer is requesting a refund. However, a taxpayer that received a refundable credit on a Massachusetts K-1 from a pass-through entity or a credit transfer should report such credit in Section 4, to the extent that the taxpayer is requesting a refund. For each refundable credit, report the amount of the credit available after taking into consideration any amount of the credits that may have been taken to offset a tax or shared as reported in Section 1 of this schedule. Enter the amount by which the available credit balance is being reduced and the amount to be treated as a refundable credit, which may be either 90% or 100% of the reduction. See TIR 13-6, Example 3, for an illustration.

Section 3. Non-Refundable Credits Received from Massachusetts K-1 Schedules

This section is for reporting credits that are received on a Massachusetts K-1 and are being used to offset tax or passed/shared with another person. Generally a taxpayer must report all available credits received on a Massachusetts K-1 from a pass-through entity or a credit transfer and that the taxpayer is using to offset or reduce a tax, or passing to partners, shareholders, beneficiaries, or sharing with affiliates, in Section 3 of the Schedule CMS. The Brownfields Credit, Film Incentive Credit, or Medical Device Credit should never be included in Section 3. This section shows the credit amounts received on a Mass-

achusetts K-1 from pass-through entities or a credit transfer and used to reduce the total excise or tax, or passed to partners/shareholders/beneficiaries, or shared with affiliates.

Note: Do not report the Brownfields Credit, Film Incentive Credit, and Medical Device Credit in this section because these credits are issued new certificate numbers from the Department of Revenue when they are received from a pass-through entity or a credit transfer. These credits should always be reported in Section 1, unless the taxpayer is requesting a refund of the Film Incentive Credit.

Section 4. Refundable Credits Received from Massachusetts K-1 Schedules

This section is for reporting credits that are received on a Massachusetts K-1 and that are refundable credits resulting in refund. Generally a taxpayer must report all available refundable credits received on a Massachusetts K-1 from a pass-through entity or a credit transfer, that the taxpayer is requesting a refund for, in Section 4 of the Schedule CMS. The Film Incentive Credit should never be included in Section 4. For each refundable credit, report the amount of the credit available after taking into consideration any amount of the credits that may have been used to offset a tax or shared as reported in Section 3 of this schedule. Enter the amount by which the available credit balance is being reduced and the amount to be treated as a refundable credit, which may be either 90% or 100% of the reduction. See TIR 13-6, Example 3, for an illustration.

Note: You do not report the refundable Film Incentive Credit in this section because these credits are issued new certificate numbers from the Department of Revenue when they are received from a pass-through entity or a credit transfer. If the taxpayer is requesting a refund of the Film Incentive Credit, it should be reported in Section 2.

List of credit names and codes

The following table identifies various credits that may be available to a taxpayer subject to tax under MGL ch 63 and that must be claimed on a Schedule CMS.

<i>Credit name</i>	<i>Credit type code</i>
<i>Brownfields</i>	<i>BRWFLD</i>
<i>Certified Housing</i>	<i>CRTHOU</i>
<i>Community Investment</i>	<i>CMMINV</i>
<i>Conservation Land</i>	<i>CNSLND</i>
<i>Dairy Farm</i>	<i>DAIFRM</i>
<i>EDIP</i>	<i>EDIPCR</i>
<i>Employer Wellness</i>	<i>EMPWLL</i>
<i>EOAC</i>	<i>EOACCR</i>
<i>Film Incentive</i>	<i>FLMCRD</i>
<i>Harbor Maintenance</i>	<i>HRBMNT</i>
<i>Historic Rehabilitation</i>	<i>HISRHB</i>
<i>Investment Tax</i>	<i>INVTAX</i>

<i>Life Science (FDA)</i>	<i>LFSFDA</i>
<i>Life Science (ITC)</i>	<i>LFSITC</i>
<i>Life Science (Jobs)</i>	<i>LFSJOB</i>
<i>Life Science (RD)</i>	<i>LFSRDC</i>
<i>Low-Income Housing</i>	<i>LOWINC</i>
<i>Low-Income Housing Donation</i>	<i>LIHDON</i>
<i>Medical Device</i>	<i>MEDDVC</i>
<i>Research</i>	<i>REARCH</i>
<i>Vanpool</i>	<i>VANPOL</i>
<i>Veteran's Hire</i>	<i>VETHIR</i>

*These credits are potentially refundable.

Credit Recapture Schedule

The Credit Recapture Schedule (CRS), which eliminates Schedule RF, lists each credit for which a recapture calculation must be made.

Certain Massachusetts tax credits are subject to recapture as specified in the statute authorizing the credit (e.g. the investment tax credit is subject to recapture under MGL ch 63, § 31A(e) if an asset for which the credit was taken is disposed of before the end of its useful life). Recapture may also be triggered if the corporation no longer qualifies for the credit (as when a manufacturing corporation ceases to qualify as such or a corporation's status as a Life Sciences Company is terminated as discussed in TIR 13-6.)

If a recapture calculation is required, the amount of the credit allowed is redetermined and the reduction in the amount of credit allowable is recaptured to the extent the credit was taken or used in a prior year. See DD 89-7. Taxpayers who have a recapture calculation must complete this schedule whether or not a recapture tax is determined to be due.

For credits tracked by certificate numbers, enter each certificate number and the associated credits separately. For credits not tracked by certificate number, enter credits separately by type and the year to which they relate. List only those credits and certificate numbers or tax years for which a reduction in the credit is being calculated.

Changes have been made to the Schedule CRS for 2018. For more information and examples, see the Credit Recapture Schedule instructions.

Business corporations, financial institutions, insurance companies and other taxpayers subject to tax under MGL ch 63 may be eligible for certain tax credits in Massachusetts. Credits may be used to offset a tax due, may be passed or shared with another person or entity or (in some cases) may be fully or partially refundable. All MGL ch 63 taxpayers with credits available for use in the current taxable year must complete and file a Schedule CMS in order to report and claim most tax credits.

For each credit reported and claimed on Schedule CMS, report the amount of the credit available for use and the amount of credit claimed to reduce tax for the current taxable year or to be passed or shared with another person or entity. For pass-through entities, report the amount of credit distributed to partners, shareholders, or beneficiaries in the credit shared column. Taxpayers must also report the amount of a refundable credit they are using to request a refund.

Note: Taxpayers should refer to the 2018 Schedule for more information on how to complete and file Schedule CMS and report claimed credits.

Credits reported on Schedule CMS are generally identified either by a certificate number assigned by the issuing agency (which may be DOR) or by the tax period end date in which the credit originated. If a credit has been assigned a certificate number, the certificate number must be included on Schedule CMS. A taxpayer that does not include an assigned certificate number on Schedule CMS will not be allowed the credit on the tax return and will have their tax liability adjusted by DOR. Be sure to omit hyphens, spaces, decimals and other special symbols when entering the certificate number. Enter the number from left to right.

Note: In a tax year when a credit is generated and a separate credit schedule is required to claim such credit, the taxpayer must complete the separate credit schedule, report the credit claimed on Schedule CMS, and enclose both with the tax return. Failure to do so may result in the claimed credit being disallowed.

Brief Summary of Available Credits That Must be Reported on Schedule CMS

The following are brief summaries describing the specific credits that may be available to a taxpayer subject to tax under MGL ch 63 and must be reported on Schedule CMS:

Brownfields Tax Credit

Taxpayers subject to tax under MGL ch 63 and nonprofit organizations may be eligible to claim a Brownfields Tax Credit (BTC) for amounts expended to clean up contaminated property in Massachusetts in an amount equal to either 25% or 50% of the cost. Cleanup must begin on or before August 5, 2023, and costs must be incurred before January 1, 2024 and equal or exceed 15% of the assessed value of the property before the beginning of the cleanup. Contaminated properties must be owned or leased for business purposes, reported to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), cleaned up in compliance with DEP's standards

and located in an economically distressed area as identified by DEP. Unused portions of BTC may be carried forward for the next 5 years. If a BTC recipient does not maintain the property in compliance with standards set out by DEP, the credit may be recaptured. The BTC is not refundable. In all cases BTC may not reduce the excise below the minimum excise amount for taxpayers subject to a minimum excise under MGL ch 63. The BTC is also subject to a 50% limitation (unless the taxpayer files a Premium Insurance return in which case 100% of the credit (not below the minimum excise amount) can be claimed against tax due).

The BTC may be transferred, sold or assigned to another taxpayer with a tax liability under MGL ch 62 or 63 or to a nonprofit organization. A taxpayer must complete a Form BCA (Brownfields Credit Application) and submit it to DOR. If approved, DOR will issue a certificate reflecting the amount of the BTC awarded. The party receiving BTC must include the certificate number with each tax return in which the credits are being applied. The BCA form and additional information is available at mass.gov/dor.

To claim the BTC, enter BTC certificate number and the amount of BTC using credit code BR-WFLD on Schedule CMS.

Certified Housing Development Tax Credit

Taxpayers subject to tax under MGL ch 63 that invest in housing development projects in Massachusetts may be eligible to claim a Certified Housing Development Credit (CHDC) for up to 25% of the costs of qualified project expenditures as defined in MGL ch 40V § 1. Eligibility for and amount of CHDC awarded are determined and administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The CHDC is not refundable, but unused amounts may be transferred or carried forward for 10 years. See TIRs 16-15, 10-15, and 10-14 for further information.

To claim the CHDC, enter CHDC certificate number and amount of CHDC using credit code CR-THOU on Schedule CMS.

Community Investment Tax Credit

Taxpayers subject to tax under MGL ch 63 may be able to claim a Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC) for cash contributions made to a community partner to support implementation of its community investment plan or to a community partnership fund. The CITC is equal to 50% of the total contribution made by the taxpayer and cannot be claimed for contributions of less than \$1,000. DHCD is responsible for determining which contributions qualify for CITC and the actual amount of CITC awarded. CITC is refundable

or, alternatively, may be carried forward for 5 years. The CITC is not transferrable.

See DHCD's Community Investment Grant and Tax Credit Program regulation (760 CMR 68.00), DOR's Community Investment Tax Credit regulation (830 CMR 62.6M.1) and TIRs 16-15, 13-15, and 12-10 for further information.

To claim the CITC, enter CITC certificate number and the amount of CITC using credit code CM-MINV on Schedule CMS.

Conservation Land Tax Credit

Taxpayers subject to tax under MGL ch 63 that make qualified donations of certified land to a public or private conservation agency in Massachusetts may be eligible for a Conservation Land Tax Credit (CLTC). The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) ultimately determines which donations qualify for CLTC and the actual amount of CLTC attributable to the donation. The CLTC is equal to 50% of the fair market value of the donated certified land, but may not exceed \$75,000. The CLTC is refundable, but is not transferable. Taxpayers who claim CLTC may not claim any other credit or deduction in the same tax year for the costs related to the same donated, certified land.

For more information, please see the EEA's "Conservation Land Tax Credit" regulation (301 CMR 14.00) which sets forth EEA's criteria for authorizing and certifying the credit. See also DOR's "Conservation Land Tax Credit" regulation (830 CMR 62.6.4) which explains the calculation of the allowable CLTC.

To claim the CLTC, enter CLTC certificate number and the amount of CLTC using credit code CNSLND on Schedule CMS.

Dairy Farm Tax Credit

Massachusetts dairy farmers taxable under MGL ch 63 may be eligible for a Dairy Farm Tax Credit (DFTC) based on the amount of milk produced and sold during the taxable year when the cost of milk drops below a price based on federal standards. The dairy farmer must have a certificate of registration as a Massachusetts dairy farm from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR). The total amount of DFTC granted through the program cannot exceed \$6,000,000 in any year. The DFTC is refundable but is not transferrable.

To claim the DFTC enter MDAR-issued certificate number and the amount of DFTC from MDAR's Dairy Farmer Certified Tax Credit Statement using credit code DAIFRM on Schedule CMS.

Economic Opportunity Area/ Economic Development Incentive Program Credits

Economic Opportunity Area Credit. Projects Certified Before January 1, 2010 and in Effect Through December 31, 2016

Taxpayers subject to tax under MGL ch 63 that participated in projects certified by the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council (EACC) before January 1, 2010 and in effect through December 31, 2016 may be eligible to claim an Economic Opportunity Area Credit (EOAC) equal to 5% of the cost of qualifying property purchased for business use within a certified project within an Economic Opportunity Area (EOA). A certified project is a project approved by EACC. To qualify for EOAC, the property must be used exclusively by the certified project in an EOA and must meet the same tests imposed for the 3% Investment Tax Credit (ITC)(see ITC summary below). The 5% EOAC cannot offset more than 50% of the tax due. Any unused EOAC may be carried forward for 10 years while credits not used because of the 50% limitation may be carried over indefinitely. The EOAC may be subject to recapture if a taxpayer's business is decertified by EACC or a taxpayer stops using the qualifying property in a certified project before the end of the property's useful life. The EOAC is neither refundable nor transferrable. For taxpayers subject to a minimum excise under MGL ch 63, EOAC may not reduce the excise due below the minimum amount. The EOAC is not available to certified projects that were certified by EACC on or after January 1, 2010. See TIRs 16-15 and 10-01 for further information.

To claim the EOAC complete Schedule EOAC and enter the amount of the credit using credit code EOACCR on the Schedule CMS. Include both the completed Schedule EOAC and Schedule CMS with the return.

Economic Development Incentive Program Credit. Projects Certified Between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2017

For projects certified by EACC on or after January 1, 2010 but before January 1, 2017, the Economic Development Incentive Program Credit (EDIPC) is available to taxpayers subject to tax under MGL ch 63 with respect to certified projects as defined under MGL ch 23A. The EDIPC is equal to a percentage of the cost of qualifying property purchased by a certified project for business use within Massachusetts. As part of the project certification, EACC may (but is not required to) award a credit under the program and determine the percentage of the cost of the property to be used to determine the credit. In addition,

EACC may award an EDIPC that is refundable. To qualify for the EDIPC, the qualifying property must be used exclusively in the certified project in Massachusetts and must meet the same tests imposed for the 3% ITC (see ITC summary below).

Unless EDIPC awarded is refundable, the credit may not offset more than 50% of the tax due. Carryover of unused EDIPC is available only to the extent authorized by the EACC. The EACC may, in consultation with DOR, limit (but not expand) EDIPC to a specific dollar amount or time duration, or in any other manner deemed appropriate by the EACC. See St. 2009, c. 166 § 18.

For example, EACC may limit EDIPC available with respect to a particular project to a specific dollar maximum even if the actual dollar amount of the qualifying purchases would otherwise generate a higher credit amount. Similarly, EACC may limit the otherwise applicable credit carry forward period provided by MGL ch 63 § 38N(d).

The EDIPC may be subject to recapture if a taxpayer's business is decertified by the EACC or if a taxpayer stops using the qualifying property in a certified project before the end of the property's useful life. The EDIPC is not transferable. For taxpayers subject to a minimum excise under MGL ch 63 EDIPC may not reduce the excise due below the minimum amount. See TIRs 16-15, 14-13, 10-15 and 10-1 for further information.

To claim the EDIPC complete Schedule EDIP and enter the amount of EDIPC using credit code EDIPCR on Schedule CMS. Also enter EACC-issued certificate number on Schedule CMS. Include both the completed Schedule EDIP and Schedule CMS with the tax return.

EDIP Credit (for projects certified on or after January 1, 2017)

The EDIPC provisions were significantly changed for projects certified on or after January 1, 2017. In such cases EDIPC allowed to taxpayers subject to tax under MGL ch 63 is determined by EACC based on numerous factors set forth in MGL ch 23A § 3D. The EACC may award a refundable EDIPC to any certified project. Unless an EDIPC award is refundable, EDIPC may not offset more than 50% of the total excise due. Carryover of unused EDIPC is available only to the extent authorized by EACC. Recapture is required only if EACC revokes certification of a project. The EDIPC is not transferable. For taxpayers subject to a minimum excise under MGL ch 63 EDIPC may not reduce the excise due below the minimum amount. See TIRs 16-15 and 10-01 for further information.

To claim the EDIPC complete Schedule EDIP and enter the amount of EDIPC using credit code

EDIPCR on Schedule CMS. Also enter EACC-issued certificate number on Schedule CMS. Include both the completed Schedule EDIP and Schedule CMS with the tax return.

Employer Wellness Credit. Application for Credit Expired on December 31, 2017

Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, a Massachusetts business that employed 200 or fewer workers qualified for a tax credit for up to 25% of the cost of implementing a "certified wellness program" for its employees. The time to apply for the credit expired December 31, 2017. A taxpayer that sought to claim the credit was required apply to the Department of Public Health (DPH) for certification of its wellness program for DPH approval and issuance of a certificate number to be provided in connection with filing a tax return to claim the credit. The amount of the credit available to be claimed could not exceed \$10,000 in any tax year. DPH promulgated a regulation (Massachusetts Wellness Tax Credit Incentive (105 CMR 216.000)) that set forth the criteria for authorizing and certifying the credit. Since application for the credit expired on December 31, 2017, a taxpayer may only claim a previously awarded credit to subsequent tax years.

Enter the certificate number and the credit amount using credit code EMPWLL on the Schedule CMS to claim the Employer Wellness credit.

Film Incentive Credit

Motion picture production companies subject to tax under MGL ch 63 may be eligible to claim the Film Incentive Credit (FIC) for certain payroll and production expenses. Production companies that incur at least \$50,000 of production costs in Massachusetts are eligible for a credit equal to 25% of the total Massachusetts payroll for the production (excluding salaries of \$1 million and higher). In addition, production companies whose Massachusetts production expenses exceed 50% of the total production cost may receive a credit equal to 25% of the total Massachusetts production expense. The FIC may be applied to reduce a taxpayer's liability (down to an amount equal to the current tax year minimum excise amount) and to reduce any other available credits, after which 90% of any remaining credits may be refunded to the taxpayer. Subject to certain conditions, any unused FIC may be carried over, refunded, or transferred by the taxpayer for the following 5 tax years. FIC transferees may carry forward unused FIC for the 5 tax years subsequent to the first tax year FIC was allowed to the initial FIC transferor. The FIC is generally not refundable to the transferee. However, there are certain exceptions. For example, if a production company wants to trans-

fer FIC to its members, it is required to submit a transfer application with DOR to determine whether FIC and its refundable attributes may be transferred to the production company's members. See TIR 07-15 for further information.

To claim the FIC enter FIC certificate number and the amount of FIC using credit code FLMCRD on Schedule CMS. Supporting documentation must be available to DOR upon request. Certificate application forms and additional information are available at mass.gov/dor.

Harbor Maintenance Tax Credit

Business corporations subject to tax under MGL ch 63 that have paid certain federal harbor maintenance taxes under IRC § 4461 may be eligible to claim the Harbor Maintenance Tax Credit (HMTc). A corporation is eligible for HMTc only for federal harbor maintenance taxes paid that are attributable to the shipment of break-bulk or containerized cargo by sea and ocean-going vessels through a Massachusetts harbor facility. The HMTc is neither refundable nor transferrable. The HMTc may not reduce the corporate excise due below the minimum excise but is not subject to the 50% limitation imposed by MGL ch 63, § 32C. Any unused portion of HMTc may be carried forward for the following 5 tax years. See TIR 97-4 and Schedule HM instructions for further information.

To claim the HMTc complete Schedule HM and enter the amount of HMTc using credit code HRBMNT on Schedule CMS. Include both the completed Schedule HM and Schedule CMS with the return.

Historical Rehabilitation Credit

Taxpayers subject to tax under MGL ch 63 that have made qualified expenditures in the rehabilitation of a qualified historic structure may be eligible to claim a Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit (HRTC). The HRTC may be claimed for up to 20% of the taxpayer's rehabilitation expenditures made in substantially rehabilitating a historic structure that has received final certification from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and placed into service (where occupancy of the entire structure or some identifiable portion of it is permitted). Unused portions of HRTC may be carried forward for the following 5 tax years. The HRTC may be transferred or sold to another taxpayer but is not refundable. HRTC awards also may be transferred to other qualifying taxpayers that acquire a historic structure as long as certain criteria are met. Any HRTC claimed by the taxpayer may be subject to recapture if the taxpayer disposes of its interest in the structure within 5 years of its placement into service. Unused HRTC awards are not subject to recapture. For tax-

payers subject to the corporate excise, HRTC is not subject to the 50% limitation under MGL ch 63, § 32C but may not reduce the excise due below the minimum amount. For further information, see DOR's "Massachusetts Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit" regulation (830 CMR 63.38R.1) and TIRs 16-15 and 10-11.

To claim the HRTC enter HRTC certificate number and the amount of HRTC using credit code HIS-RHB on Schedule CMS. Supporting documentation must be enclosed with the return or HRTC may be disallowed. For further information on documentation see the 2018 Transfer/Sale HRC: Historic Rehabilitation Credit Certificate Form and the 2018 Allotment Schedule HRC: Historic Rehabilitation Credit Summary Form.

Investment Credit

Taxpayers subject to tax under MGL ch 63, § 39 may be eligible to claim the Investment Tax Credit (ITC). To claim the ITC, a corporation must qualify as a manufacturing or research development corporation under MGL ch 63 § 42B or be principally engaged in agriculture or commercial fishing. Such corporations may earn a credit equal to 3% of the cost of "qualifying tangible property" acquired, constructed, reconstructed or erected during the taxable year. "Qualifying tangible property" includes tangible property, buildings, and structural components acquired by purchase as defined in IRC § 179(d) that is used and located in Massachusetts on the last day of the taxable year, and is depreciable under IRC § 167 with a useful life of four years or more. Any unused portion of the credit may be carried forward for 3 tax years after the credit was earned, while credits not used because of the 50% limitation may be carried over indefinitely. The ITC may be recaptured if the eligible property for which ITC is claimed is disposed of or ceases to be in qualified use prior to the end of its useful life (as determined by the property's depreciation period for federal tax purposes). The ITC is neither refundable nor transferrable. The ITC may not reduce the corporate excise due below the minimum excise, nor may the amount of the credit exceed 50% of the taxpayer's liability.

To claim the ITC complete Schedule H and enter the amount of ITC using credit code INVTAX on the Schedule CMS. Include both the completed Schedule H and Schedule CMS with the tax return.

Life Sciences Refundable Jobs Tax Credit

Certified life sciences companies subject to tax under MGL ch 63, to the extent authorized by the Life Sciences Tax Incentive Program, may receive a Life Sciences Refundable Jobs Tax Credit (LSRJTC) in an amount determined by the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center in consultation with

DOR. A taxpayer claiming LSRJTC must commit to the creation of a minimum of 50 net new permanent full-time positions in Massachusetts. If LSRJTC claimed by a taxpayer exceeds the tax otherwise due, 90% of the balance of such LSRJTC may be refundable (at the option of the taxpayer and to the extent authorized by the Life Sciences Tax Incentive Program). Excess LSRJTC amounts cannot be carried forward to subsequent taxable years. The LSRJTC is subject to all of the requirements of the Life Sciences Tax Incentive Program under MGL ch 23I. In the event of the revocation of a company's certification as a life sciences company or other disqualifying events, LSRJTC may be subject to recapture. The LSRJTC is not transferrable. For more information, see TIRs 13-6, 11-6, and 08-23.

To claim the LSRJTC complete a Schedule RLSC and enter the amount of LSRJTC using credit code LFSJOB on Schedule CMS. Include both the completed Schedule RLSC and Schedule CMS with the tax return.

Life Sciences Research Tax Credit

Certified life sciences companies subject to tax under MGL ch 63 (to the extent authorized by the Life Sciences Tax Incentive Program) may claim a Life Sciences Research Tax Credit (LSRTC) for certain expenditures that do not qualify for the MGL ch 63 § 38M Research Tax Credit (RTC). The LSRTC generally is calculated in the same manner as RTC but may also include expenditures for research related to legally-mandated clinical trial activities performed both inside and outside of Massachusetts. Unlike RTC, LSRTC is not refundable for certified life sciences companies. The LSRTC is not transferrable and unused portions of LSRTC may be carried forward for 15 years. In the event of the revocation of a company's certification as a life sciences company or other disqualifying event, LSRTC may be subject to recapture. For certified life sciences companies that are subject to a minimum excise, LSRTC cannot reduce the amount of the excise due to less than the minimum amount. For further information, see TIRs 13-6 and 08-23.

To claim the LSRTC complete a Schedule RLSC and enter the amount of LSRTC using credit code LFSRDC on Schedule CMS. Include both the completed Schedule RLSC and Schedule CMS with the tax return.

Life Sciences Refundable Investment Tax Credit

Certified life sciences companies subject to tax under MGL ch 63 (to the extent authorized by the Life Sciences Tax Incentive Program) may claim a Life Sciences Refundable Investment Tax Credit (LSRITC) equal to 10% of the cost of qualifying

property acquired, constructed, reconstructed or erected and used exclusively in Massachusetts. If the LSRITC exceeds the tax due, 90% of the balance of LSRITC may (at the option of the taxpayer and to the extent authorized pursuant to the Life Sciences Tax Incentive Program) be refundable to the taxpayer for the tax year in which the qualified property giving rise to LSRITC is placed in service. If the taxpayer elects to make LSRITC refundable, then the carryover provisions for this credit that would otherwise apply shall not be available. Certified life sciences companies qualifying for the Economic Development Incentive Program Credit (EDIPC) may only take EDIPC to the extent of an additional 2% of the cost of the qualifying property. In the event a company's certification as a life sciences company is revoked, recapture of LSRITC may be required. LSRITC is not transferrable. For certified life sciences companies subject to a minimum excise, LSRITC cannot reduce the amount of the excise due to less than the minimum amount. For further information see TIRs 13-6 and 08-23.

To claim the LSRITC complete a Schedule RLSC and enter the amount of LSRITC using credit code LFSITC on Schedule CMS. Include both the completed Schedule RLSC and Schedule CMS with the tax return.

Life Sciences Refundable FDA User Fees Tax Credit

Certified life sciences companies subject to tax under MGL ch 63 (to the extent authorized by the Life Sciences Tax Incentive Program) may be eligible to claim a Life Sciences Refundable FDA User Fees Tax Credit. The credit is equal to 100% of the user fees paid on or after June 16, 2008 to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) upon submission of an application to manufacture a human drug in Massachusetts. The credit may be claimed in the tax year in which the application for licensure of an establishment to manufacture the drug is approved by FDA. To be eligible for this credit, more than 50% of the research and development costs for the drug must have been incurred in Massachusetts. Certified life sciences companies may use FDA user fees credit to reduce their tax to zero. At the option of the taxpayer and to the extent authorized pursuant to the Life Sciences Tax Incentive Program, where the credit exceeds the tax due 90% of the balance of the excess credit is refundable. A life sciences company claiming the credit may not also deduct FDA user fees for which the credit is claimed on its return. In the event a company's certification as a life sciences company is revoked a recapture of the credit may be required. The credit is not transferrable. For further information, see TIRs 13-6 and 08-23.

To claim the credit complete a Schedule RLSC and enter the amount of the credit using credit code LFSFDA on Schedule CMS. Include both the completed Schedule RLSC and Schedule CMS with the tax return.

Low Income Housing Tax Credit

Taxpayers subject to tax under MGL ch 63 who invest in a qualified low-income housing project located in Massachusetts may be eligible for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC). The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) determines which low-income housing projects will qualify for LIHTC, which properties may generate a LIHTC for investors, and ultimately allocates the amount of credit a taxpayer may claim based on a total pool of \$20,000,000. LIHTC may be claimed in the year that a "qualified Massachusetts project" is placed in service and for each of the four subsequent taxable years. The properties must also meet the requirements established by Massachusetts and federal laws and be owned by a taxpayer who enters into a regulatory agreement with DHCD.

Any unused LIHTC may be carried forward for the next 5 tax years. Alternatively, unused credits may be transferred. If an event or circumstance occurs that results, or would have resulted, in the recapture of any portion of a federal Low Income Housing Credit, then the Massachusetts LIHTC may also be subject to recapture. The LIHTC is not refundable.

For taxpayers subject to a minimum excise under MGL ch 63, LIHTC may not reduce the excise due below the minimum excise amount.

To claim the LIHTC enter LIHTC certificate number and the amount of LIHTC using credit code LOWINC on Schedule CMS. Supporting documentation must be enclosed with the return or LIHTC may be disallowed. For further information on documentation see the 2018 Transfer LIHC: Low-Income Housing Credit Statement Form and 2018 Allotment Schedule LIHC: Low-Income Housing Credit Summary Form. For further information regarding this credit, contact DHCD, Division of Private Housing, at (617) 727-7824.

Low Income Housing Donation Tax Credit

Taxpayers subject to tax under MGL ch 63 that make a "qualified donation" of real or personal property to certain non-profit entities for use in purchasing, constructing or rehabilitating a "qualified Massachusetts project" may be eligible to claim a Low Income Housing Donation Tax Credit (LIHDTIC). This credit operates in a similar manner to the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) but LIHDTIC is limited to 50% of the amount of the "qualified donation" which may be increased to 65% by DHCD. In addition, LIHDTIC

may only be claimed in the year that the "qualified donation" is made. However, any unused LIHDTIC may be carried forward for the next 5 years. DHCD determines eligibility and ultimately allocates LIHDTIC a taxpayer may claim based on a total pool of \$20,000,000 shared with LIHTC. Only one-fifth of awarded LIHDTIC will count towards this pool. LIHDTIC is not refundable but is transferrable in the same manner as LIHTC.

The property must also meet the requirements established by Massachusetts and federal laws, and be owned by an owner who enters into a regulatory agreement with DHCD. If an event or circumstance occurs that results, or would have resulted, in the recapture of any portion of a federal Low Income Housing Credit, then the Massachusetts LIHDTIC may also be subject to recapture. For taxpayers subject to a minimum excise under MGL ch 63, LIHDTIC may not reduce the excise due below the minimum excise amount.

To claim the LIHDTIC enter LIHDTIC certificate number and the amount of LIHDTIC using credit code LIHDON on Schedule CMS. Supporting documentation must be enclosed with the return or the LIHDTIC may be disallowed. For further information on documentation see the 2018 Transfer LIHC: Low-Income Housing Credit Statement Form and 2018 Allotment Schedule LIHC: Low-Income Housing Credit Summary Form. For further information regarding this credit, contact DHCD, Division of Private Housing, at (617) 727-7824.

Medical Device Tax Credit

Medical Device Companies taxable under MGL ch 63 may be eligible to claim a Medical Device Tax Credit (MDTC). The MDTC is equal to 100% of the user fees actually paid by the medical device company to FDA. To qualify for MDTC, the user fees must be paid during the tax year for which the tax is due for pre-market submissions (e.g., applications, supplements, or 510(k) submissions) to market new technologies developed or manufactured in Massachusetts. The MDTC may not be carried forward to subsequent tax years. The MDTC is not refundable. However, unused portions of MDTC may be transferred to a purchasing company who may carry over MDTC but must use it within 5 years of the issuance of the certificate. The purchasing company may not transfer MDTC. The MDTC may not reduce the purchasing company's corporate excise due below the minimum excise amount.

To claim the MDTC, enter MDTC certificate number and the amount of MDTC using credit code MEDDVC on Schedule CMS. Certificate application forms and additional information are available at mass.gov/dor.

Research Credit

Business corporations subject to an excise under MGL ch 63 that incur “qualified research expenses” and “basic research payments” may be able to claim a Research Tax Credit (RC). The RC closely parallels the federal research credit. Generally “qualified research expenses” include wages paid to employees, a portion of wages paid to contractors and amounts paid for supplies (but only if the services were performed for research purposes or the supplies were used to conduct research in Massachusetts). The RC amount is limited to the first \$25,000 of excise due plus 75% of any excise due in excess of \$25,000. The RC is neither refundable nor transferrable. Business corporations subject to a minimum excise under MGL ch 63 cannot use RC to reduce their tax due to below the minimum excise amount. However, credits in excess of the taxpayer’s liability may be carried over for 15 years while credits not used because of the 75% rule may be carried over indefinitely. The deduction allowed to a corporation for any research expenses generating an RC must be reduced by the amount of RC generated. This amount is added back to income on Schedule E, line 13.

Certified life sciences companies that have an RC that exceeds the amount of the credit that may be claimed for the tax year may (to the extent authorized under the Life Sciences Tax Incentive Program) elect to make 90% of the balance of the remaining credits refundable.

To claim the RC complete Schedule RC and enter the amount of RC using credit code REARCH on the Schedule CMS. Include both the completed Schedule RC and Schedule CMS with the tax return.

Vanpool Credit

Business corporations subject to tax under MGL ch 63 may be eligible for a Vanpool Credit (VPC) equal to 30% of the cost incurred during the taxable year for the purchase or lease of company shuttle vans used by the corporation in an employer-sponsored ride sharing program in Massachusetts. The company shuttle vans must be situated in Massachusetts on the last day of the corporation’s taxable year and used to bring employees from their homes to their jobs or students from a public transportation facility to a school campus in Massachusetts. The amount of VPC will be prorated for property disposed of or no longer having a qualified use prior to the end of the tax year. Additionally, VPC will be recaptured if the property on which VPC has been taken is disposed of or the property ceases to be in qualified use prior to the end of its useful life. No recapture is necessary if the property has been in qualified use for more than 4 consecutive

years. The VPC is neither refundable nor transferrable. For corporations subject to the corporate excise, VPC may not reduce the corporate excise due below the minimum excise amount, nor may the amount of VPC allowable in any one tax year exceed 50% of the corporation’s corporate excise liability.

To claim the VPC complete Schedule VP and enter the amount of VPC using credit code VANPOL on Schedule CMS. Include both the completed Schedule VP and Schedule CMS with the tax return.

Veteran’s Hire Tax Credit

Businesses subject to tax under MGL ch 63 that hire veterans who live and work in Massachusetts may be eligible for a Veteran’s Hire Tax Credit (VHTC). The credit is equal to \$2,000 for each qualified veteran hired. The business must employ fewer than 100 employees, be certified by the Commissioner of Veteran’s Services and qualify for and claim the federal Work Opportunity Credit allowed under IRC § 51. A business may be eligible for a second VHTC for the next taxable year if the veteran continues to work for the business. In order to claim the VHTC, the primary place of employment and the primary residence of the qualified veteran must be in Massachusetts, and the business corporation must obtain certification that the veteran is a qualified veteran (as defined in I.R.C. § 51(d)(3)) from the Department of Career Services no later than the employee’s first day of work.

The VHTC is neither refundable nor transferrable. Any amount of VHTC that exceeds the tax due in the current taxable year may be carried forward to any of the 3 subsequent taxable years. The VHTC is available for qualified veterans hired after July 1, 2017. A business subject to a minimum excise under MGL ch 63 cannot use the credit to reduce its tax due to below the minimum excise amount. See TIR 17-10 for further information.

To claim the VHTC enter the VHTC certificate number and the amount of the VHTC using credit code VETHIR on the Schedule CMS.

Signature

When the form is complete, it must be signed by the treasurer or assistant treasurer. If you are signing as an authorized delegate of the appropriate corporate officer, check the box in the signature section and attach a Massachusetts Form M-2848, Power of Attorney.