**What is the Disability Employment Tax Credit (DETC)?**

* An employer can receive credit on their state tax when they employ you, a person with a disability. This in effect lessens the tax the employer owes to the state.
* The employer must have employed you for at least 12 months at the time of submitting the tax return.
* In order to claim this credit, your employer will need to submit proof that you, the employee, have a disability. This proof comes in the form of certification that you apply for online through MassAbility.
* MassAbility then provides you with a copy of this certification. You can give this to your employer to be filed with the employer’s state tax returns.
* Please note that the certification does not reveal the nature of your disability or disabilities and does not reveal what evidence you presented in order to document your disability.

**How to Apply for a DETC for your Employer**

1. You will need to prove you live in Massachusetts. This could be a lease, utility bill, Section 8 agreement, homeowners or renters insurance, etc. Please see for the fill list of eligible proof of residence documents.
2. You’ll be asked to select any disability related services or benefits you have been found eligible for. They may include services from MassAbility or the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB), and benefits such as
   1. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

See the online application for the full list of eligible services and benefits.

1. For any service or benefit you have selected, you will need some documentation that demonstrates your eligibility for or receipt of services, and will upload them to the portal.
2. Finally, you’ll sign that the information is true and initial privacy and use acknowledgements

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