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**Carryforward of the District of Columbia
First-Time Homebuyer Credit**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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► Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR.

2020
Attachment
Sequence No. **106**

Name(s) shown on return

Your social security number

1 Credit carryforward from 2019. Enter the amount from line 4 of your 2019 Form 8859	1	
2 Limitation based on tax liability. Enter the amount from the Tax Liability Limit Worksheet in the instructions below	2	
3 Current year credit. Enter the smaller of line 1 or line 2 here. Include this amount on Schedule 3 (Form 1040), line 6. See your tax return instructions	3	
4 Credit carryforward to 2021. Subtract line 3 from line 1	4	

General Instructions

Purpose of Form

Use Form 8859 to claim a carryforward of the District of Columbia first-time homebuyer credit from 2019.



You may claim only a carryforward of any unused credit (which is shown on your prior year Form 8859, line 4).

The original credit amount was the smaller of:

- \$5,000 (\$2,500 if married filing separately), or
- The purchase price of the home.

The credit was phased out when your modified adjusted gross income (AGI) was greater than \$70,000 (\$110,000 if married filing jointly). No credit was allowed if your modified AGI was greater than or equal to \$90,000 (\$130,000 if married filing jointly).

Specific Instructions

Line 2

Complete the following worksheet to determine the amount to enter on line 2 of Form 8859.

Tax Liability Limit Worksheet—Line 2

- 1.** Enter the tax liability before the application of credits from your 2020 income tax return (Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR), line 18 **1.** _____
- 2.** Enter the total of the following credit(s) if you are taking the credit(s) on your 2020 income tax return:
 - Foreign tax credit, Schedule 3 (Form 1040), Part I, line 1.
 - Credit for child and dependent care expenses, Schedule 3 (Form 1040), Part I, line 2.
 - Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled, Schedule R (Form 1040), line 22.
 - Nonrefundable education credits, Schedule 3 (Form 1040), Part I, line 3.
 - Retirement savings contributions credit, Schedule 3 (Form 1040), Part I, line 4.
 - Nonbusiness energy property credit, Form 5695, Part II, line 30.
 - Alternative Motor Vehicle Credit, Personal use part, Form 8910, Part III, line 15.
 - Qualified Plug-in Electric Drive Motor Vehicle Credit (Including Qualified Two-Wheeled Plug-in Electric Vehicles), Personal use part, Form 8936, Part III, line 23.
 - Child Tax Credit and Credit for Other Dependents:
 - If filing Form 2555, include the amount from Pub. 972, Child Tax Credit and Credit for Other Dependents Worksheet, line 16.
 - If not filing Form 2555, include the amount from Pub. 972, Line 14 Worksheet, line 14.
 - Mortgage Interest Credit, Form 8396, line 9.
 - Adoption Credit, Form 8839, line 16.

Note. Enter the total of the preceding credit(s), only if allowed and taken on your 2020 income tax return. Not all credits are available for all years nor for all filers. See the instructions for your 2020 income tax return. **2.** _____
- 3.** Subtract line 2 from line 1. Enter this amount on Form 8859, line 2. If zero or less, enter -0- here and on Form 8859, lines 2 and 3 **3.** _____

Line 4

You can carry forward any unused credit shown on line 4 until you have used all of it. You cannot carry the unused credit back to prior years.