General Instructions

Purpose of Form
Form 8038-TC is used by the issuers of qualified tax credit bonds and specified tax credit bonds listed below under Who Must File, to provide the IRS with the information required by section 149(e).

Who Must File—Qualified Tax Credit Bonds
Issuers of the following bonds must file a separate Form 8038-TC for each tax credit bond issue issued after March 2010 and before January 1, 2018.
- Qualified forestry conservation bonds.
- New clean renewable energy bonds.
- Qualified energy conservation bonds.
- Qualified zone academy bonds.
- Qualified school construction bonds.
- Clean renewable energy bonds.
- All other qualified tax credit bonds (except build America bonds which should be reported on Form 8038-B, Information Return for Build America Bonds and Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds).

Who Must File—Specified Tax Credit Bonds
Issuers of the following specified tax credit bonds issued before January 1, 2018, must file a separate Form 8038-TC for each specified tax credit bond issue.
- New clean renewable energy bonds.
- Qualified energy conservation bonds.
- Qualified zone academy bonds.
- Qualified school construction bonds.

When To File
File Form 8038-TC on or before the 15th day of the 2nd calendar month after the close of the calendar quarter in which the bond was issued. Form 8038-TC may not be filed before the issue date and must be completed based on the facts as of the issue date.

For specified tax credit bonds, Form 8038-TC must be filed at least 30 days prior to the submission of the first Form 8038-CP that is filed to request payment with respect to an interest payment date for that issue. Failure to complete this form, including the attached schedules, may result in a delay in processing this form. All attached schedules must include the issuer’s name and EIN at the top.

Late filing. An issuer may be granted an extension of time to file Form 8038-TC under section 3 of Rev. Proc. 2002-48, 2002-37 I.R.B. 531, if it is determined that the failure to file timely is not due to willful neglect. Type or print at the top of the form, “Request for Relief under section 3 of Rev. Proc. 2002-48.” Attach to the Form 8038-TC a letter explaining why Form 8038-TC was not filed on time. Also indicate whether the bond issue in question is under examination by the IRS. Do not submit copies of the trust indenture or other bond documents.

Note. If Form 8038-TC is filed late for specified tax credit bonds, it still must be filed 30 days prior to the submission of the first Form 8038-CP for that issue.

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Who Must File—Qualified Tax Credit Bonds
Issuers of the following bonds must file a separate Form 8038-TC for each tax credit bond issue issued after March 2010 and before January 1, 2018.

Other tax credit bonds, including qualified forestry conservation bonds, clean renewable energy bonds, qualified zone academy bonds issued following an allocation of 2011 (or later) volume cap, and Midwestern tax credit bonds, are not eligible for direct payments under section 6431(f).
credit bonds with multiple maturities must file a separate Form 8038-CP for each maturity. For more information, see 
Purpose of Form in the Instructions for Form 8038-CP.

Rounding to Whole Dollars
You can round off cents to whole dollars. If you do round to whole dollars, you must round all amounts. To round, drop amounts under 50 cents and increase amounts from 50 to 99 cents to the next dollar (for example, $1.39 becomes $1 and $2.50 becomes $3).

If two or more amounts must be added to figure the amount to enter on a line, include cents when adding the amounts and round off only the total.

Definitions
Tax credit bond. An obligation issued under section 54, 54A, or 1400N(l) that entitles the taxpayer holding such bond on one or more credit allowance dates occurring during any tax year to a credit against the federal income tax imposed for that tax year.
Qualified forestry conservation bond. An obligation that is part of an issue 100% of the available project proceeds of which are to be used to finance one or more qualified forestry conservation purposes as defined in section 54D.
Qualified zone academy bond. An obligation that is part of an issue 100% of the available project proceeds of which are to be used for a qualified purpose with respect to a qualified zone academy established by an eligible local education agency as provided in section 54E.
Qualified school construction bond. An obligation that is part of an issue 100% of the available project proceeds of which are to be used for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of a public school facility, or for the acquisition of land on which a facility is to be constructed with the proceeds as set forth in section 54F.
Clean renewable energy bond. An obligation that is part of an issue 95% or more of the proceeds of which are to be used for capital expenditures incurred by qualified borrowers for one or more eligible clean renewable energy projects as defined in section 54.
New clean renewable energy bond. An obligation that is part of an issue 100% of the available project proceeds of which are to be used for capital expenditures incurred by governmental bodies, public power providers, or cooperative electric companies for one or more qualified renewable energy facilities as defined in section 54C.
Qualified energy conservation bond. An obligation that is part of an issue 100% of the available project proceeds of which are to be used for one or more qualified energy conservation purposes as defined in section 54D.
Issue. Generally, bonds are treated as part of the same issue if they are issued by the same issuer, on the same date, and in a single transaction or series of related transactions.
Issue price. The issue price of obligations is generally determined under Regulations section 1.148-1(f). Thus, when issued for cash, the issue price is the price at which a substantial amount of the obligations are sold to the public. To determine the issue price of an obligation issued for property, see sections 1273 and 1274 and the related regulations.
Sale proceeds. Sale proceeds are determined under Regulations section 1.148-1(b) as any amount actually or constructively received from the sale of the issue, including amounts used to pay underwriters’ discount or compensation and accrued interest, other than pre-issuance accrued interest. Sale proceeds also include, but are not limited to, amounts derived from the sale of a right that is associated with a bond, and that is described in Regulations section 1.148-4(b)(4). Sale proceeds shall also include the proceeds from the sale of credit strips. See also Regulations section 1.148-4(h)(5) treating amounts received upon the termination of certain hedges as sale proceeds.
Arbitrage. The issuer must comply with the arbitrage requirements of sections 148 and 54A.

Specific Instructions
Part I—Reporting Authority
Amended return. An issuer may file an amended return to change or add to the information reported on a previously filed return for the same date of issue. If you are filing to correct errors or change a previously filed return, check the “Amended Return” box in the heading of the form.

The amended return must provide all the information reported on the original return, in addition to the new or corrected information. Attach an explanation of the reason for the amended return and write across the top, “Amended Return Explanation.”

Line 1. Enter the name of the entity issuing the bonds, not the name of the entity receiving the benefit of the financing.
Line 2. An issuer that does not have an employer identification number (EIN) should apply online by visiting the IRS website at IRS.gov/EIN. The organization may also apply for an EIN by faxing or mailing Form SS-4 to the IRS. Customers outside the United States or U.S. possessions may also apply for an EIN by calling 267-941-1099 (toll call).

Line 3. If the issuer wishes to authorize a person other than an officer of the issuer (including a legal representative or paid preparer) to communicate with the IRS and whom the IRS may contact with respect to this return (including in writing or by telephone), enter the name of the person here. The person listed in line 3 must be an individual. Do not enter the name and title of an officer of the issuer here (use line 10 for that purpose).

Note. By authorizing a person other than an authorized officer of the issuer to communicate with the IRS and whom the IRS may contact with respect to this return, the issuer authorizes the IRS to communicate directly with the individual entered in line 3 and consents to disclose the issuer's return information to that individual, as necessary, to process this return.

Line 4. This line is for IRS Use Only. Do not make any entries in the boxes.

Lines 5 and 6. If you listed in line 3 a person other than an officer of the issuer (including a legal representative or paid preparer) to communicate with the IRS and whom the IRS may contact with respect to this return, enter the number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to the street address) and city, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code of that person. Otherwise, enter the issuer's number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to the street address) and city, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code.

Line 7. The date of issue is generally the date on which the issuer exchanges the bonds for the underwriter’s (or other purchaser’s) funds.

Line 8. If there is no name of the issue, please provide other identification of the issue.

Line 9. Enter the Committee on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures (CUSIP) number of the latest maturity on line 9. Attach a schedule with a complete list of CUSIP numbers for each bond. If some or all of the tax credits are stripped, attach a schedule with the name of each purchaser of the tax credit bonds or tax credit strips, each purchaser’s EIN, and the CUSIP numbers associated with the bonds and the stripped tax credits. If the issue does not have a CUSIP number, write, “None.” If the issue either has no CUSIP number or is privately placed, attach a schedule with each purchaser’s EIN, name, and address.
Line 10. Enter the name and title of the officer of the issuer whom the IRS may call for more information. If the issuer entered in line 3 the name of a person other than an officer of the issuer (including a legal representative or paid preparer) to communicate with the IRS and whom the IRS may contact for this return (including in writing or by telephone), leave line 10 blank.

Line 11. Enter the telephone number of the person whom the IRS may contact for more information identified in line 3 or line 10, as applicable.

Part II—Type of Issue

Line 1. Identify the type of tax credit bonds issued by entering the corresponding three-digit code as follows.

- 101—Qualified forestry conservation bonds.
- 102—New clean renewable energy bonds.
- 103—Qualified energy conservation bonds.
- 104—Qualified zone academy bonds.
- 105—Qualified school construction bonds.
- 106—Clean renewable energy bonds.
- 108—Other.

Line 2. Enter type of bond.

Line 3. If the issuer has made an irrevocable election to apply section 6431(f), check “Yes,” if not, check “No.” If “No,” skip lines 4 and 5.

Line 4. Enter the first interest payment date. An interest payment date is the date on which interest is payable by the governmental issuer to the holders of the bonds. (For variable rate issues, enter the last interest payment date applicable to the quarterly period for which the first 8038-CP for the issue will relate.) Enter the date in an MM/DD/YYYY format.

Line 5. Check the box indicating the interest payment date frequency. In addition, issuers of specified tax credit bonds must attach a debt service schedule to the Form 8038-TC which contains the information described below for the bond issue.

1. For fixed-rate bonds, attach a complete debt service schedule titled “Fixed Rate Bond—Debt Service Schedule” that provides a list of each interest payment date, the total interest payable on such date, the total principal amount of bonds expected to be outstanding on such date, the interest rate, the refundable credit payment expected to be requested from the IRS as allowed under section 6431(f) on such date, and the earliest date that the bonds can be called.

2. For variable rate bonds, attach a debt service schedule titled “Variable Rate Bond—Debt Service Schedule” that provides a list of each interest payment date, the total principal amount of bonds expected to be outstanding on such date, and a description of how interest on the bonds is figured. However, if the issuer knows the interest amount for a certain period, for that period the issuer should provide the refundable credit payment expected to be requested from the IRS as allowed under section 6431(f).

Note. If the bond issue reported on this Form 8038-TC constitutes both fixed rate bonds and variable bonds, a separate schedule must be entered for each of the bonds.

Part III—Description of Obligations

Line 1. See Issue price under Definitions, earlier.

Line 2. The stated redemption price at maturity of the entire issue is the sum of the stated redemption prices at maturity of each bond issued as part of the issue.

Line 3. Enter the last date on which any of the bonds will mature. If more than one maturity, attach a schedule for each principal payment date.

Line 4. The applicable credit rate is the daily rate set by the IRS under section 54A(b)(3) determined as of the first day on which there is a binding, written contract for the sale or exchange of the bond. Carry the percent out to two decimal places, do not round (for example, 10.74%). Such a rate is posted by the Bureau of the Fiscal Service on its Internet site for State and Local Government Series securities at TreasuryDirect.gov. See Notice 2009-15, which is on page 449 of Internal Revenue Bulletin 2009-6 at IRS.gov/pub/irs-irsbs/rb09-06.pdf.

Line 5. Enter the maximum term set by the IRS under section 54A(d)(5) applicable during each calendar month in which the tax credit bonds are sold. Carry the year out to two decimal places, do not round. Enter zeros in the last two positions (for example, 10.00). The maximum term is posted by the Bureau of the Fiscal Service on its Internet site for State and Local Government Series securities at TreasuryDirect.gov.

Line 6. Enter the applicable maximum permitted yield for the sinking fund expected to be used to repay the issue under section 54A(d)(4)(C). Carry the percent out to four decimal places, do not round. Enter zeros in the last two positions (for example, 10.7400%). The permitted sinking fund yield is set by the IRS consistent with the maximum term determined under section 54A(d)(5) and is posted by the Bureau of the Fiscal Service on its Internet site for State and Local Government Series securities at TreasuryDirect.gov.

Line 7. For specified tax credit bonds, enter the interest rate on the bonds and carry the interest rate out to four decimal
places. For specified tax credit bonds with more than one maturity, enter the interest rate of the latest maturity. If the issue is a variable rate issue, leave blank.

Line 8. For specified tax credit bonds, if the issue is a variable rate issue, check the box on line 8a. Enter the frequency that rates are reset on line 8b.

Part IV—Proceeds of Issue

Line 1. See Sale proceeds under Definitions, earlier.

Note. If the bond is stripped at issuance, line 1 must include sale proceeds of the principal and sale proceeds of the credit strips.

Line 2. Enter the amount of the proceeds that will be used to pay bond issuance costs, including underwriter’s fees, fees for trustees, and bond counsel.

Note. Bond issuance costs for tax credit bonds issued under section 54A are limited to 2% of sale proceeds.

Line 3. Estimate expected investment proceeds on the sale proceeds of the issue, including proceeds received by the issuer from the sale of tax credits that have been stripped from the bonds.

Line 4. For all tax credit bonds issued under section 54A, expected available project proceeds shall be figured by subtracting line 2 from line 1 and adding line 3.

For clean renewable energy bonds (Code 106) read line 4 by substituting “proceeds” for “available project proceeds,” add lines 1 and 3, and enter that amount on line 4. Do not subtract line 2, bond issuance cost.

Line 5. For IRS use only. Do not make an entry in line 5.

Line 6. Enter any amount of proceeds not otherwise itemized in lines 1–4 and describe the purpose for which the proceeds are to be used.

Line 7. Total proceeds equal the sum of lines 4 through 6.

Note. For qualified tax credit bonds issued under section 54A, lines 4 and 7, available project proceeds and total proceeds, respectively, should equal the same amount.

Part V—Description of Use of Proceeds for Qualified Purpose Expenditures

Lines 1a through 12. Enter the dollar amount of proceeds allocated to each qualified purpose expenditure not otherwise itemized in lines 1a through 12 and describe the use of proceeds.

Line 14. Enter total qualified purpose expenditures equal to the sum of amounts entered in lines 1a through 13.

Line 15. To determine the percentage of total proceeds to be used for qualified purpose expenditures, divide line 14 in Part V by line 7 in Part IV, then multiply the result by 100.

Line 16. Determine the proceeds of the issue used to reimburse the issuer for amounts paid for a qualified purpose prior to the issuance of the bonds. See Regulations section 1.150-2.

Line 17. Subject to certain exceptions under Regulations section 1.150-2(f), an issuer must adopt an official intent, as described in Regulations section 1.150-2(e), to reimburse itself for preissuance expenditures within 60 days after payment of the original expenditure. Enter the date the official intent was adopted.

Part VI—Allocation of National, State, Tribal, or Local Bond Limitation Amount

Line 1a. Enter the amount of volume cap allocated to the issue by bond type. Attach a copy of the national (for example, from the Department of the Treasury or IRS), state, tribal, or local allocations with respect to the issue. Check the tribal box if the allocation is provided by the Department of Interior. Failure to attach the appropriate allocation certification will result in a delay in processing this form. The appropriate officials must certify that the issue has been designated as one or more types of qualified tax credit bonds. On the blank line below line 1a, enter the year of allocation and, if applicable, the amount of carryforward allocation.

Lines 1b through 1d. Check the corresponding box indicating whether the allocation is national, local, state, or tribal.

Line 2. If the allocation is from a state, enter the state abbreviation.

Part VII—Miscellaneous

Line 1a. Check the box if there is a reserve fund described in section 54A(d)(4)(C) (sinking fund) that is expected to repay the issue at maturity.

Line 1b. A reserve may be funded in unequal periodic installments so long as it is funded no sooner than in equal periodic installments. Check the box if the reserve fund is funded no sooner than in equal periodic payments.

Line 1c. Check the box if either the reserve fund is expected to result in an amount greater than the amount necessary to repay the issue or if the yield on the reserve fund is greater than the permitted sinking fund yield (entered in Part III, line 6).

Line 1d. For purposes of monitoring the arbitrage requirements of section 148, such monitoring shall include the arbitrage requirements of section 54A. If the issuer has established the written procedures, check the box.

Line 2. The issuer must certify that applicable state and local law requirements governing conflicts of interest are satisfied with respect to the bond issue. See section 54A(d)(6). If these requirements are met, check the box in line 2.

Line 3. If some or all of the tax credits are stripped, check the box.

Note. Submit the information required under Part I, line 9.

Line 4. If an issuer fails to spend 100% of the available project proceeds of the issue by the close of the 3-year expenditure period (including any extensions granted), the issuer must redeem all of the nonqualified bonds within 90 days after the end of such expenditure period. See section 54A(d)(2)(B). If the issuer has established written procedures to meet this requirement, check the box.

Line 5. “Other” is reserved for future tax credit bonds.

Signature and Consent

An authorized representative of the issuer must sign Form 8038-TC and any applicable certification. Also print the name and title of the person signing Form 8038-TC. The authorized representative of the issuer signing this form must have the authority to consent to the disclosure of the issuer’s return information, as necessary to process this return, to the person(s) that have been designated in Form 8038-TC.

Note. If line 3 authorizes the IRS to communicate (including in writing and by telephone) with a person other than an officer of the issuer, by signing this form, the issuer’s authorized representative consents to the disclosure of the issuer’s return information, as necessary to process this return, to such person.

Paid Preparer

If an authorized representative of the issuer filled in this return, the paid preparer’s space should remain blank. Anyone who prepares the return but does not charge the organization should not sign the return. Certain others who prepare the return should not sign. For example, a regular, full-time employee of
the issuer, such as a clerk, secretary, etc., should not sign.

Generally, anyone who is paid to prepare a return must sign it and fill in the other blanks in the Paid Preparer Use Only area of the return. The paid preparer must:
- Sign the return in the space provided for the preparer's signature,
- Enter the preparer's information, and
- Give a copy of the return to the issuer.

Part VIII—Consent to Disclosure of Certain Information From This Return

Line 1. If the issuer consents to the IRS’s publication, through a website or other publication, of its name and address, employer identification number, name and description of bond issue, date of issuance, CUSIP number, issue price, final maturity date, stated redemption price at maturity, applicable credit rate and maximum term to assist in the proper reporting of interest, tax credits, or other nonqualified costs. If any of the available project proceeds have been used to acquire existing facilities, check “Yes.”

Line 2. Notice 2009-33 provides that the amount allocated to a large local government may, if unused, be reallocated by such local government to the state in which such local government is located. If the bonds are issued based on an allocation that has been reallocated from a large local government to a state, check “Yes.”

Line 3. A large local government means any municipality or county if such municipality or county has a population of 100,000 or more. If the issuer is a large local government, check “Yes.”

Line 4. If the issuer issued the bonds based on a volume cap allocation received by another authorized entity (that allocated volume cap to the issue), check “Yes.” If not, check “No.” If “Yes” is checked, provide the name of such authorized entity. If more than one authorized entity allocated volume cap to the bond issue, attach a schedule listing the names of, and amount of bonds for, each such authorized entity. If the box on line 6 is checked “Yes,” failure to insert the name of the other authorized entity that allocated volume cap to the issue may result in a delay in processing the return.

Part II
For IRS use only. Do not make an entry in line 1.

Part III—List of Conservation Purposes, Location of the Facilities, Amount of Proceeds Used for the Purpose, Private Activity User, and Private User’s EIN

Line 1. Eligible issuers of QECBs include states, political subdivisions, as defined for purposes of section 103, and entities empowered to issue bonds on behalf of any such entity under rules similar to those for determining whether a bond issued on behalf of a state or political subdivision constitutes an obligation of that state or political subdivision for purposes of section 103 and Regulations section 1.103-1(b). Further, eligible issuers include otherwise eligible issuers in conduit financing issues (as defined in Regulations section 1.150-1(b)).

List each type of qualified conservation purpose described under section 54D(f) to be financed by the bonds, the location of the facility (if applicable), and the amount of available project proceeds to be used for each qualified conservation purpose. If the bonds are private activity bonds, provide the name and EIN of the private user(s). (If more than one purpose, facility, owner, or user, attach a schedule.)
Schedule C. Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs) Under Sections 54A and 54E

Part I—Academy and Issuer Information

Line 1. If the school is located in a designated empowerment zone, check “Yes.”

Line 2. If the school is located in a designated enterprise community, check “Yes.”

Line 5. If for any calendar year the allocation for a state exceeds the amount of bonds issued for such year, the limitation may be carried over but only to the first 2 years following the year in which the unused limitation arose. Limitation amounts are used on a first-in, first-out basis. If the bonds or any portion of the bonds are issued under a carryover limitation, check “Yes,” and enter the year in which the limitation arose.

Line 7. For a bond to be a “qualified zone academy bond,” the issuer must certify that it has written commitments from private entities to make qualified contributions having a present value (as of the date of issuance of the issue) of not less than 10% of the proceeds of the issue. If the eligible local education agency that established the qualified zone academy has received such written commitments, check “Yes.”

Line 9. A QZAB must be designated as such by the issuing state or local government within the jurisdiction where the school is located. If these bonds have been designated as QZABs, check “Yes.” See section 54E(a)(3) for more information.

Line 10. Write in the name of the local education agency. Failure to provide the name of the eligible education agency may result in a delay in processing the return.

Part II—Description of the Private Business Contribution

Lines 1 through 4. Qualified private business contributions under section 54E(d)(4) are (a) equipment for use in the qualified zone academy (including state-of-the-art technology and vocational equipment); (b) technical assistance in developing curriculum or in training teachers to promote appropriate market-driven technology in the classroom; (c) services of employees as volunteer mentors; (d) internships, field trips, or other educational opportunities outside the academy for students; or (e) any other property or service specified by the eligible local education agency. List the value of the dollar amount of each private contribution on the corresponding line.

Line 5. For items not listed in lines 1 through 4, enter the value of the amount contributed on line 5 and provide a description of such contribution.

Part III—Private Business Contributor

Lines 1 through 5. Enter the name and EIN of the donor of the private business contribution. (If more than five donors, attach a schedule.)

Schedule D. Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs) Under Sections 54A and 54F

Part I—Use of Proceeds

Line 1. An Indian school is a school funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Line 3. A QSCB must be designated as such by the issuing state or local government. See section 54F(a). If these bonds have been designated as QSCBs, check “Yes.”

Part II

For IRS use only. Do not make an entry in line 1.

Part III—Issuer Information

Line 1. If the issuer is not the local education agency in the jurisdiction of which the public school facility is located, enter the name of such local education agency. If the issuer is issuing bonds for more than one local education agency, attach a schedule listing the names of, and amount of bonds for, each local education agency.

Line 2. If the issuer issued the bonds based on a volume cap allocation received by another authorized entity (that allocated volume cap to the issue), provide the name of such authorized entity. If more than one authorized entity allocated volume cap to the bond issue, attach a schedule listing the names of, and amount of bonds for, each authorized entity.

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The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is:

- Recordkeeping: 21 hr., 3 min.
- Learning about the law or the form: 2 hr., 25 min.
- Preparing, copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS: 5 hr., 16 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can send us comments through IRS.gov/FormComments.

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