

**Computation of Credit for Federal Tax on Gasoline, Special Fuels, and Lubricating Oil**

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▶ Attach this form to your income tax return.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)		Social security or employer identification number		
Type of business use	Gasoline, Diesel Fuel and Special Motor Fuels			
	A. Number of Gallons Used	B. Rate of Tax	C. Multiply Column A by Column B	
<b>1 Nonhighway:</b>				
<b>a Farm (for farming purposes) (Ground applicators of agricultural substances, see instruction C.1.)</b>		.02	}	\$
		.04		
		.09		
<b>b Commercial fishing vessel (See instructions C.2. and D.2.(b)):</b>				
(i) Gasoline		.02	}	*
		.04		
		.09		
(ii) Diesel fuel or special fuels		.02	}	*
		.04		
		.09		
<b>c Off-highway business (specify)</b>		.02	}	*
		.04		
		.09		
<b>2 Intercity, local, and school buses (See instruction C.4.)</b>		.02	}	*
		.04		
		.09		
<b>3 Gasoline/alcohol mixture</b>		.04	}	*
		.05		
		.04		
<b>4 Qualified taxicab</b>		.04		
<b>5 Total (add lines 1, 2, 3, and 4)</b>				\$
(Specify type of business in which oil used—see instruction E)		Lubricating Oil		
<b>6</b>		.06		\$
		Aviation Fuel		
<b>7 Farm (for farming purposes) (Aerial applicators of agricultural substances, see instruction C.1.)</b>		.12	}	\$
		.14		
<b>8 Aviation (Applies only to commercial or certain helicopter uses as defined in instruction C.7.)</b>		.12	}	\$
		.14		
<b>9 Total income tax credit claimed (add lines 5, 6, 7, and 8)</b>				\$

\* Use rate paid or allowable rate if lesser

**Instructions**

(Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise specified)

**Paperwork Reduction Act Notice.**—We ask for this information to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. We need it to ensure that taxpayers are complying with these laws and to allow us to figure and collect the right amount of tax. You are required to give us this information.

**Refund Instead of Credit.**—If you paid excise tax of at least \$1,000 (\$200 for gasoline/alcohol mixture and \$50 for gasoline, diesel fuel, or special fuels used in a qualified taxicab) on any fuel category or lubricating oil used in any one of the first three quarters of the tax year, you may file for a refund of the tax instead of claiming a credit for it on Form 4136. To claim the refund, file **Form 843, Claim**, before the end of the quarter following the one for which you are claiming the refund. Show separate computations for a claim on gasoline, special fuels, and lubricating oils. You may use Form 4136 as a worksheet to show your computations and attach it to the Form 843 you file.

You must claim a credit, rather than a refund, for any tax paid during the fourth quarter, and for any tax under \$1,000 (\$200 for gasoline/alcohol mixture and \$50 for gasoline, diesel fuel, or special fuels used in a qualified taxicab) for any fuel or lubricating oil used in the first three quarters. You must also claim the credit rather than a refund, for tax paid on gasoline or special fuels used on a farm for farming purposes.

Do not claim as a credit on Form 4136 any amount that you previously claimed as a refund.

**A. Purpose of Form.**—File this form if you claim credit for Federal excise tax on certain fuels, and lubricating oil as defined in instructions C, D, and E.

The credit is figured by multiplying the number of gallons used by the rate of Federal excise tax paid or the allowable rate if lesser.

An individual, estate, trust, or corporation may file this form, but a partnership may not.

However, when a partnership files **Form 1065,**

U. S. Partnership Return of Income, it must include a statement showing:

- How many gallons of the fuels are allocated to each partner.

- The types of use, as shown in this form.

**B. Year To Include the Credit Or Refund In Income.**—When you claim a credit or refund, you must include it in your gross income to the extent it resulted in a reduction of your income tax. The year in which you include it depends upon your method of accounting.

**1. Cash Method.**—If you use the cash method, include the amount of credit in gross income for the tax year in which you file the tax return that claims the credit. If you file an amended return, or if you file a claim for credit or refund (and claim the credit for the tax), include the refund that results from the credit in your gross income for the tax year you receive it.

**2. Accrual Method.**—If you use the accrual method, figure the amount of the credit or refund due at the close of your tax year. Include it in income, even if you have not filed a claim for refund.

**C. What Gasoline to Include.**—You may claim credit for Federal excise tax on gasoline or

gasohol for farm uses, commercial fishing vessel uses, off-highway business uses, intercity, local, or school bus uses, qualified taxicab use, and commercial or certain helicopter aviation uses.

**1. Farm Use.**—You may claim a credit for gasoline used for farming on a trade or business farm in the United States in the amount of 4¢ or 9¢, whichever paid, a gallon. (See instruction C. 7. for aviation fuel used for farming.) Such farms include the following:

- Stock, dairy, poultry, fur-bearing animal, and truck farms.
- Plantations, ranches, nurseries, ranges, and greenhouses.
- Orchards.

Gasoline is considered used for farming only if the owner, tenant, or operator of the farm uses the gasoline. If gasoline is used for the farming tasks set forth below by anyone else, the owner, tenant, or operator is considered the user of the gasoline. There is an exception to this rule. An aerial applicator (also ground applicators after 3/31/83) of agricultural substances is considered to have used gasoline for farming when performing the farming tasks under the following conditions:

- The applicator is the ultimate purchaser of the gasoline; and
- The farm owner, tenant, or operator agrees not to be treated as the user and ultimate purchaser of the gasoline.

The following tasks are considered farming:

(a) Cultivating the soil, and raising or harvesting any horticultural or agricultural commodity. This includes raising livestock, bees, poultry, fur-bearing animals, and wildlife.

(b) Handling, drying, packing, grading, or storing any horticultural or agricultural commodity before manufacture, but only if the owner, tenant, or operator produced more than half of the commodity treated.

(c) Planting, cultivating, or cutting trees, or preparing them for market. This does not include milling the lumber.

(d) Operating, managing, conserving, improving, or maintaining the farm and its tools and equipment.

Gasoline is not considered used by you for farming under the following conditions:

(a) It is used off the farm to transport livestock, feed, crops, or equipment.

(b) It is used in processing, packaging, freezing, or canning operations.

(c) It is used for personal purposes.

(d) It is used on the farm of another person, even though used for farming.

Often a vehicle will be used on the farm both for farming and for nonfarming purposes. In these cases, show the number of gallons of gasoline used for each purpose when claiming credit.

**2. Commercial Fishing Vessel Use.**—You may claim a credit for tax paid on gasoline used in a commercial fishing vessel in the amount of 2¢ a gallon if purchased and used before 4/1/83, 4¢ a gallon if purchased before 4/1/83 and used after 3/31/83, and 9¢ a gallon if purchased and used after 3/31/83. A commercial fishing vessel is one used in the fisheries or whaling business and used:

- Exclusively for catching shrimp and other types of aquatic life for sale commercially as bait, or
- On specific trips exclusively for catching fish to be sold commercially.

**3. Off-highway Business Uses.**—You may claim a credit for tax paid on gasoline used for off-highway business purposes in the amount of 2¢ a gallon if purchased and used before 4/1/83, 4¢ a gallon if purchased before 4/1/83 and used after 3/31/83, and 9¢ a gallon if purchased and used after 3/31/83. Off-highway business use does not include gasoline used in a motorboat or in a highway vehicle that either:

- Is registered or required to be registered for highway use under the laws of any State, the District of Columbia, or foreign country; or

- Is owned by the United States and is used on the highway.

**4. Intercity, Local, or School Bus Uses.**—If you are the ultimate purchaser of gasoline for a bus that provides transportation (1) to the general public for a fee or (2) to students and school employees, you may claim a credit for tax paid on gasoline used for this service in the amount of 4¢ or 9¢, whichever paid, a gallon.

If you provide transportation on intercity and local buses on non-scheduled irregular routes, you may take the credit only if the seating capacity of the bus is at least 20 adults, not including the driver.

**5. Gasoline/alcohol Mixture.**—You may claim a credit for tax paid on gasoline that you used to produce a gasoline/alcohol mixture which was sold or used in your trade or business. The credit is 4¢ per gallon of gasoline in the mixture if you purchased the gasoline before 4/1/83 and sold or used the mixture during the tax year. The credit is 5¢ per gallon of gasoline in the mixture if you purchased the gasoline after 3/31/83, paid tax of 9¢ per gallon, and sold or used the mixture during the tax year.

**6. Qualified Taxicab Use.**—The ultimate purchaser may claim a credit for tax paid on gasoline used after December 31, 1978, and before October 1, 1984, in a qualified taxicab providing qualified taxicab service in the allowable amount of 4¢ a gallon.

A qualified taxicab is a land vehicle that holds fewer than 10 adults including the driver. For 1978 and later model years, the vehicle model must have a fuel economy rating better than the average fuel economy standard for the model year (18 mpg for 1978 models, 19mpg for 1979, 20 mpg for 1980, 22 mpg for 1981, 24 mpg for 1982, 26 mpg for 1983, and 27 mpg for 1984). A taxicab is qualified if the vehicle received or could have received an exemption from the fuel economy standard for the model year. Fuel economy standards do not apply for vehicles acquired before 1979.

Qualified taxicab service means furnishing nonscheduled land transportation for a fixed fee in a qualified taxicab. The person operating the taxicab must be properly licensed as a taxicab driver and must not be prohibited by company policy (with the consent of the passengers) from furnishing ride-sharing.

**7. Farming, Commercial, or Helicopter Aviation Uses.**—You may claim a credit for tax paid on aviation gasoline used in farming, commercial, or certain helicopter aviation uses in the amount of 12¢ a gallon.

See C. 1. for the definition of farm use.

Commercial aviation is the use of an aircraft in a business of carrying people or property for air for pay. The use of an aircraft may be considered noncommercial aviation if the aircraft:

(a) Has a maximum certificated takeoff weight of 6,000 pounds or less and is not operated on an established line; or

(b) Is owned or leased by a member of an affiliated group and is not available for hire to nonmembers.

Helicopter uses are:

(a) Transporting individuals, equipment, or supplies in the exploration for, or the development or removal of, hard minerals, or

(b) The planting, cultivation, cutting, or transportation of, or caring for, trees (including logging operations),

but only if the helicopter does not take off from, or land at, a facility eligible for assistance under the Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970, or otherwise use services provided pursuant to the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 during such use. The use must have occurred after August 31, 1982.

## D. What Special Fuels To Include.—

### 1. Definitions of Special Fuels.—

(a) Diesel Fuel.—This fuel is a liquid that is:

(1) Sold for use in a diesel-powered highway vehicle; or

(2) Used for fuel in such a highway vehicle. (This use is not taxable if there was a taxable sale of the fuel under (1) above.)

(b) Special Motor Fuels.—These fuels include benzol, benzene, naphtha, liquefied petroleum gas, casinghead and natural gasoline and other liquid, except kerosene, gas oil, fuel oil, diesel fuel, or any product taxable under section 4081. Special motor fuels must be:

(1) Sold for use as a fuel in a motor vehicle or motorboat; or

(2) Used for fuel in a motor vehicle or motorboat. (This use is not taxable if there was a taxable sale of the fuel under (1) above.)

### 2. Uses of Special Fuels.—

(a) Farm Use.—You may claim a credit for tax paid on fuels as defined in D. 1. in the amount of 2¢, 4¢, or 9¢, whichever paid, a gallon that were for farm use. See instruction C. 1. for definition of farm use.

(b) Commercial Fishing Vessel Use.—You may claim a credit for tax paid on fuels as defined in D. 1. in the amount of 2¢ a gallon if purchased and used before 4/1/83, 4¢ a gallon if purchased before 4/1/83 and used after 3/31/83, and 9¢ a gallon if purchased and used after 3/31/83. See instructions C. 2. for definition of commercial fishing vessel use.

(c) Intercity, Local, or School Bus Uses.—You may claim credit for tax paid on fuels as defined in D. 1. in the amount of 2¢, 4¢, or 9¢, whichever paid, a gallon that were for intercity, local and school bus use. See instruction C. 4. for definition of intercity, local, and school bus uses.

(d) Qualified Taxicab Use.—You may claim a credit for tax paid on fuels as defined in D. 1. in the amount of 4¢ a gallon. See C. 6. for definition of qualified taxicab use.

(e) Farming, Commercial, or Helicopter Aviation Uses.—You may claim a credit for tax paid on fuels as defined in D. 1. in the amount of 14¢ a gallon that were for farming, commercial, or helicopter aviation uses. See instruction C. 1. for definition of farming uses and instruction C. 7. for definition of commercial or helicopter aviation uses.

(f) Nontaxable Uses.

Diesel and Special Motor Fuel.—These fuels (defined in D. 1.) may qualify for a credit in any of the following cases:

- You resold the fuel.

- You used the fuel for a nontaxable purpose.

- You used the fuel for a purpose that was not the one you bought it for. This other purpose must make a lower tax rate apply.

If any of these three conditions exist, claim as credit the figure you get by subtracting (a) the tax that applies to the actual use of the fuel, from (b) the tax imposed by section 4041 on the fuel sold to you.

**E. What Lubricating Oil To Include.**—You may claim an income tax credit for tax paid on lubricating oil that was purchased before 1/7/83 and used in a qualified business use, in a qualified bus, or in a commercial fishing vessel.

**F. What Fuels Not To Include.**—Do not include gasoline lost or destroyed through spillage, accident, or shrinkage. Such gasoline is not considered to be used and therefore does not qualify for credit or refund.

**G. Additional Information.**—Publication 225, Farmer's Tax Guide, and Publication 378, Fuel Tax Credits, are available from the Internal Revenue Service.