

Credit for Employer Social Security and Medicare Taxes Paid on Certain Employee Tips

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return

Identifying number

Note: Claim this credit **only** for social security and Medicare taxes paid by a food or beverage establishment where tipping is customary for providing food or beverages. See the instructions for line 1.

Part I Current Year Credit

1	Tips received by employees for services on which you paid or incurred employer social security and Medicare taxes during the tax year (see instructions)	1							
2	Tips not subject to the credit provisions (see instructions)	2							
3	Creditable tips. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3							
4	Multiply line 3 by 7.65% (.0765). If you had any tipped employees whose wages (including tips) exceeded \$87,000, see instructions and check here <input type="checkbox"/>	4							
5	Form 8846 credits from pass-through entities:								
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6	Current year credit. Add lines 4 and 5	6							

Part II Allowable Credit (See Who must file Form 3800 to find out if you complete Part II or file Form 3800.)

7	Regular tax before credits:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals. Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 41 Corporations. Enter the amount from Form 1120, Schedule J, line 3; Form 1120-A, Part I, line 1; or the applicable line of your return Estates and trusts. Enter the sum of the amounts from Form 1041, Schedule G, lines 1a and 1b, or the amount from the applicable line of your return 	7		
8	Alternative minimum tax:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals. Enter the amount from Form 6251, line 35 Corporations. Enter the amount from Form 4626, line 14 Estates and trusts. Enter the amount from Form 1041, Schedule I, line 56 	8		
9	Add lines 7 and 8	9		
10a	Foreign tax credit	10a		
b	Credit for child and dependent care expenses (Form 2441, line 11)	10b		
c	Credit for the elderly or the disabled (Schedule R (Form 1040), line 24)	10c		
d	Education credits (Form 8863, line 18)	10d		
e	Credit for qualified retirement savings contributions (Form 8880, line 14)	10e		
f	Child tax credit (Form 1040, line 49)	10f		
g	Mortgage interest credit (Form 8396, line 11)	10g		
h	Adoption credit (Form 8839, line 18)	10h		
i	District of Columbia first-time homebuyer credit (Form 8859, line 11)	10i		
j	Possessions tax credit (Form 5735, line 17 or 27)	10j		
k	Credit for fuel from a nonconventional source	10k		
l	Qualified electric vehicle credit (Form 8834, line 20)	10l		
m	Add lines 10a through 10l	10m		
11	Net income tax. Subtract line 10m from line 9. If zero, skip lines 12 through 15 and enter -0- on line 16	11		
12	Net regular tax. Subtract line 10m from line 7. If zero or less, enter -0-	12		
13	Enter 25% (.25) of the excess, if any, of line 12 over \$25,000 (see instructions)	13		
14	Tentative minimum tax (see instructions):			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals. Enter the amount from Form 6251, line 33 Corporations. Enter the amount from Form 4626, line 12 Estates and trusts. Enter the amount from Form 1041, Schedule I, line 54 	14		
15	Enter the greater of line 13 or line 14	15		
16	Subtract line 15 from line 11. If zero or less, enter -0-	16		
17	Credit allowed for the current year. Enter the smaller of line 6 or line 16 (if line 16 is smaller, see instructions). Also include this amount on Form 1040, line 52; Form 1120, Schedule J, line 6d; Form 1120-A, Part I, line 2a; Form 1041, Schedule G, line 2c; or the applicable line of your return	17		

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

Certain food and beverage establishments (see **Who Should File** below) use Form 8846 to claim a credit for social security and Medicare taxes paid or incurred by the employer on certain employees' tips. The credit is part of the general business credit.

You can claim or elect not to claim the credit any time within 3 years from the due date of your return on either your original return or on an amended return.

Who Should File

File Form 8846 if you meet **both** of the following conditions.

1. You had employees who received tips from customers for providing, delivering, or serving food or beverages for consumption if tipping of employees for delivering or serving food or beverages is customary.

2. During the tax year, you paid or incurred employer social security and Medicare taxes on those tips.

How the Credit Is Figured

Generally, the credit equals the amount of employer social security and Medicare taxes paid or incurred by the employer on tips received by the employee. However, the employer social security and Medicare taxes on tips that are used to meet the Federal minimum wage rate applicable to the employee under the Fair Labor Standards Act are **not** included in the computation. The Federal minimum wage rate is \$5.15 per hour.

For example, an employee worked 100 hours and received \$350 in tips for October 2003. The worker received \$375 in wages (excluding tips) at the rate of \$3.75 an hour. Because the Federal minimum wage rate was \$5.15 an hour, the employee would have received wages, excluding tips, of \$515 had the employee been paid at the Federal minimum wage rate. Thus, only \$210 of the employee's tips for October 2003 is taken into account for credit purposes.

Specific Instructions

Figure the current year credit from your trade or business on lines 1 through 4. Skip lines 1 through 4 if you are only claiming a credit that was allocated to you from an S corporation or a partnership.

S Corporations and Partnerships

S corporations and partnerships figure their current year credit on lines 1 through 4, enter any credit from other flow-through entities on line 5, and allocate the credit on line 6 to the shareholders or partners. Attach Form 8846 to Form 1120S or 1065 and show on Schedule K-1 each shareholder's or partner's credit. Electing large partnerships include this credit in "general credits."

Line 1

Enter the tips received by employees for services on which you paid or incurred employer social security and Medicare taxes during the tax year. Include tips received from customers for providing, delivering, or serving food or beverages for consumption if tipping of employees for delivering or serving food or beverages is customary.

Line 2

If you pay each tipped employee wages (excluding tips) equal to or more than the Federal minimum wage rate, enter zero on line 2.

Figure the amount of tips included on line 1 that are not creditable for each employee on a monthly basis. This is the total amount that would be payable to the employee at the Federal minimum wage rate reduced by the wages (excluding tips) actually paid to the employee during the month. Enter on line 2 the total amounts figured for all employees.

Line 4

If any tipped employee's wages and tips exceeded the 2003 social security tax wage base of \$87,000 subject to the 6.2% rate, check the box on line 4 and attach a separate computation showing the amount of tips subject to only the Medicare tax rate of 1.45%. Subtract these tips from the line 3 tips, and multiply the difference by .0765. Then, multiply the tips subject only to the Medicare tax by .0145. Enter the sum of these amounts on line 4.

Reduce the income tax deduction for employer social security and Medicare taxes by the amount on line 4.

Part II—Allowable Credit

The credit allowed for the current year may be limited based on your tax liability. Use Part II to figure the allowable credit unless you must file **Form 3800**, General Business Credit.

Who must file Form 3800. You must file Form 3800 if you have:

- A credit for employer social security and Medicare taxes paid on certain employee tips from a passive activity,
- More than one credit included in the general business credit (other than a credit from Form 8844 or 8884), or
- A carryback or carryforward of any of those credits.

See the instructions for Form 3800 for a list of credits included in the general business credit.

Line 13

See section 38(c)(4) for special rules that apply to married couples filing separate returns, controlled groups, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, and estates and trusts.

Line 14

Although you may not owe alternative minimum tax (AMT), you generally must still compute the tentative minimum tax (TMT) to figure your credit. For a small corporation exempt from the AMT under section 55(e), enter zero. Otherwise, complete **and** attach the applicable AMT form or schedule and enter the TMT on line 14.

Line 17

If you cannot use all of the credit because of the tax liability limit (line 16 is smaller than line 6), carry the unused credit back 1 year then forward up to 20 years. See the instructions for Form 3800 for details.

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

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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	8 hr., 7 min.
Learning about the law or the form	18 min.
Preparing and sending the form to the IRS	26 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. See instructions for the tax return with which this form is filed.

