

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

▶ Attach to Form 1040 or Form 1040NR.

Name(s) shown on return

Your social security number

Note: Do not complete Parts I and II if you only have a credit carryforward from 2007.

Part I General Information

A Address of home qualifying for the credit (if different from the address shown on return)

Information from settlement statement or deed	B Lot number	C Square number	D Settlement or closing date
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Part II Tentative Credit

1	Enter \$5,000 (\$2,500 if married filing separately). If the purchase price of the home was less than \$5,000, enter the purchase price (one-half of the purchase price if married filing separately). If someone other than a spouse also held an interest in the home, enter only your share of the \$5,000 (or, if smaller, your share of the purchase price) (see instructions)				1
2	Enter your modified adjusted gross income (see instructions)	2			3
3	Is line 2 more than \$70,000 (\$110,000 if married filing jointly)? No. Skip lines 3 through 5 and enter the amount from line 1 on line 6. Yes. Subtract \$70,000 (\$110,000 if married filing jointly) from the amount on line 2 and enter the result				
4	Divide line 3 by \$20,000 and enter the result as a decimal (rounded to at least three places). Do not enter more than 1.000			4	
5	Multiply line 1 by line 4				5
6	Subtract line 5 from line 1. This is your tentative credit				6

Part III Credit Carryforward From 2007

7	Enter the amount from line 12 of your 2007 Form 8859				7
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Part IV Tax Liability Limit

8	Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 46, or Form 1040NR, line 43				8
9	1040 filers: Enter the total of any amounts from Form 1040, lines 47 through 51; line 12 of the line 11 worksheet in Pub. 972 (see instructions); Form 8396, line 11; and Form 8839, line 18. 1040NR filers: Enter the total of any amounts from Form 1040NR, lines 44 through 46; line 12 of the line 11 worksheet in Pub. 972 (see instructions); Form 8396, line 11; and Form 8839, line 18				9
10	Subtract line 9 from line 8. If zero or less, enter -0- here and on line 11 and go to line 12				10
11	Current year credit. If you completed Part II, enter the smaller of line 6 or line 10. If you completed Part III, enter the smaller of line 7 or line 10. Also include this amount on Form 1040, line 54, or Form 1040NR, line 49. Check box c on that line and enter "8859" in the space next to that box				11
12	Credit carryforward to 2009. Subtract line 11 from line 6 or line 7, whichever applies				12

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.

Purpose of Form

Use Form 8859 to claim the District of Columbia first-time homebuyer credit.

Who Can Claim the Credit

In general, you can claim the credit if:

- You purchased a main home during 2008 in the District of Columbia, and
- You (and your spouse if married) did not own any other main home in the District of Columbia during the 1-year period ending on the date of purchase.

If you constructed your main home, you are treated as having purchased it on the date you first occupied it.

Your main home is the one you live in most of the time. It can be a house, houseboat, house trailer, cooperative apartment, condominium, or other type of residence.

However, you **cannot** claim the credit if any of the following apply.

- You acquired your home from certain related persons or by gift or inheritance. Related persons include, but are not limited to, your grandparents, parents, spouse, children, and grandchildren. For details, see section 1400C(e)(2).
- Your modified adjusted gross income (see the instructions for line 2) is \$90,000 or more (\$130,000 or more if married filing jointly).
- You previously claimed this credit for a different home.

Amount of the Credit

Generally, the credit is the smaller of:

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

The credit is phased out over a range that:

- Begins when your modified adjusted gross income exceeds \$70,000 (\$110,000 if married filing jointly), and
- Ends at \$90,000 (\$130,000 if married filing jointly).

Basis Reduction

You must reduce your basis in the home purchased by the amount of the tentative credit shown on line 6.

Specific Instructions

Line 1

If two or more unmarried individuals buy a main home, they can allocate the credit among the individual owners using any reasonable method. The total amount allocated cannot exceed \$5,000 (or the purchase price if it was less than \$5,000).

Note. A reasonable method is any method that does not allocate all or a part of the credit to a co-owner who is not eligible to claim that part of the credit.

Line 2

If you file Form 1040, your modified adjusted gross income is the amount from Form 1040, line 38, increased by the total of any:

- Exclusion of income from Puerto Rico, and
- Amount from Form 2555, lines 45 and 50; Form 2555-EZ, line 18; and Form 4563, line 15.

If you file Form 1040NR, your modified adjusted gross income is the amount from Form 1040NR, line 36.

Line 9

If you are claiming the child tax credit, include on this line the amount from line 12 of the line 11 worksheet in Pub. 972.



If you are not claiming the child tax credit, you do not need Pub. 972.

Line 12

Any unused credit shown on line 12 can be carried forward until it has been used. You cannot carry the unused credit back to prior years.

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If you have suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. See the instructions for your income tax return.