

Section 2

Changes in Law and Regulations

The statistics in this report reflect, in general, changes in law and regulations that became effective during the 2009 accounting periods covered. Depending on the accounting period used and effective date of the change in law, the changes may have been fully applicable for some corporations, only partially applicable for others, and not applicable at all for still others.

The information that follows highlights the major changes that substantially affected the comparability of the statistics in this report with those of prior years. More detail on the specific provisions that were changed is contained in Section 5, Explanation of Terms.

Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property Credit

For vehicles placed in service after 2008 and before 2011, the credit claimed is increased. For property that relates to hydrogen, the maximum credit per location is increased to \$200,000. For all other property, the credit is increased to 50% and to the maximum credit per location is increased to \$50,000 (\$2,000 for nondepreciable property). See Form 8911, Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property Credit.

New Plug-In Conversion Credit

A new plug in credit of 10% of the cost of converting any motor vehicle (new or used) to a qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicle. The maximum credit is \$4,000 per vehicle. This credit applies to property placed in service after February 17, 2009. See Form 8910, Alternative Motor Vehicle Credit.

New Plug-In Electric Drive Motor Vehicle Credit

A new plug-in electric drive motor vehicle credit can be claimed on new Form 8936. You may be able to claim this credit if you place in service a plug-in electric drive motor vehicle for business use. The amount of the credit varies depending on the battery capacity and the date the vehicle is acquired.

See Form 8936, Qualified Plug-in Electric Drive Motor Vehicle Credit.

New Plug-In Electric Vehicle Credit

A new credit of 10% of the cost of a new plug in electric vehicle can be claimed on form 8834. The maximum credit is \$2,500. Generally no credit is allowed if the vehicle is used predominately outside the United States. This credit applies to vehicles acquired after February 17, 2009. See Form 8834, Qualified Plug-in Electric and Electric Vehicle Credit.

Biodiesel and Renewable Diesel Fuels Credit

The following changes apply to the biodiesel and renewable diesel fuels credit for 2009:

- Fuel produced after 2008, biodiesel and renewable diesel do not include any liquid eligible for the alcohol and cellulosic biofuel fuels credit.
- The credit rate for the biodiesel and biodiesel mixture credits increased to \$1.00 per gallon.

See Form 8864, Biodiesel and Renewable Diesel Fuels Credit.

Investment Credit

The energy credit from the following properties is scheduled to expire after 2008 and will be extended through 2016.

- Qualified fuel cell property
- Qualified microturbine property
- Solar energy property

Changes that apply to 2009:

- Tax years beginning after October 8, 2008, the energy credit can offset the alternative minimum tax.
- For periods after February 17 2009, the credit includes the qualifying advanced energy project credit.
- For periods after 2008, the \$4,000 limit on the energy credit for qualified small wind energy is repealed.

See Form 3468, Investment Credit.

S Corporation Built-in Gains Tax

For tax years beginning in 2009 or 2010, no tax is imposed on the net recognized built-in gain of an S Corporation after the 7th tax year in recognition period.

Work Opportunity Credit

Two new targeted groups, disconnected youth and unemployed veterans, have been added to the work opportunity credit:

See Form 5884, Work Opportunity Credit.