



Miscellaneous Credits

SCHEDULE 3 (Form 1040)		Additional Credits and Payments		OMB No. 1545-0074	
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR. Go to www.irs.gov/Form1040 for instructions and the latest information.		2024 Attachment Sequence No. 03	
Name(s) shown on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR				Your social security number	
Part I Nonrefundable Credits					
1 Foreign tax credit. Attach Form 1116 if required.				1	
2 Credit for child and dependent care expenses from Form 2441, line 11. Attach Form 2441.				2	
3 Education credits from Form 8863, line 19.				3	
4 Retirement savings contributions credit. Attach Form 8880.				4	
5a Residential clean energy credit from Form 5695, line 15.				5a	
b Energy efficient home improvement credit from Form 5695, line 32.				5b	
6 Other nonrefundable credits:					
a General business credit. Attach Form 3800.				6a	
b Credit for prior year minimum tax. Attach Form 8801.				6b	
c Adoption credit. Attach Form 8839.				6c	
d Credit for the elderly or disabled. Attach Schedule R.				6d	
e Reserved for future use.				6e	
f Clean vehicle credit. Attach Form 8936.				6f	
g Mortgage interest credit. Attach Form 8396.				6g	
h District of Columbia first-time homebuyer credit. Attach Form 8859.				6h	
i Qualified electric vehicle credit. Attach Form 8834.				6i	
j Alternative fuel vehicle refueling property credit. Attach Form 8834.				6j	



About Miscellaneous Credits

- Additional resources listed in L< “References” tab
- Review all tips and cautions in the lesson
- Read all examples and sample interviews
- We will review answers to each exercise



Objectives – Miscellaneous Credits

- Determine if a taxpayer qualifies for the retirement savings contributions credit and accurately complete Form 8880, Credit for Qualified Retirement Savings Contributions
- Calculate the credit for the elderly or the disabled by completing Form 1040, Schedule R, Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled
- Time Required: 15 minutes

Topics



- Retirement Savings Contributions Credit
- Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled
- Mortgage Interest Credit
- Residential Energy Credits
- Reporting Nonrefundable Credits



Key Terms

Definitions are always available in the L< online Glossary.

- After-tax Contributions
- Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)
- Annuity
- Before-tax Contributions
- Credit for the Elderly or Disabled
- Disability Income
- Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA)
- Mortgage Interest Credit
- Nonrefundable Credit
- Railroad Retirement Benefits (RRBs)
- Refundable Credit
- Retirement Savings Contributions Credit
- Thrift Savings Account (TSP)
- Traditional IRA



Retirement Savings Contributions Credit

- Taxpayers who contributed to a retirement plan or IRA may be eligible for the nonrefundable retirement savings contributions credit
- Use [Pub 4012](#), Nonrefundable Credits tab, Retirement Savings Contribution Credit – Screening Sheet to determine if a taxpayer qualifies
- Check taxpayer's Form W-2 for amounts listed in box 12 and 14
- Refer to [Form W-2 Instructions](#) for a complete list of box 12 codes
- Distributions received during a testing period may reduce eligible contributions

Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled

- Calculated on [Schedule R](#) and reported on Form 1040, Schedule 3
- Qualified individuals must be:
 - Age 65 or older at end of tax year, or
 - Under age 65, retired on permanent and total disability
- See [Pub 4012](#), Nonrefundable Credits tab, Credit for Elderly or Disabled – Decision Tree
 - Figure A. Are You a Qualified Individual?
 - Figure B. Income Limits

SCHEDULE R
(Form 1040)

Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled

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Attach to Form 1040 or 1040-SR.
Go to www.irs.gov/ScheduleR for instructions and the latest information.

Name(s) shown on return _____ Your social security number _____

You may be able to take this credit and reduce your tax if by the end of 2024:

- You were age 65 or older or • You were under age 65, you retired on permanent and total disability, and you received taxable disability income.

But you must also meet other tests. See instructions.

☒ In most cases, the IRS can figure the credit for you. See instructions.

Part I Check the Box for Your Filing Status and Age
If your filing status is: And by the end of 2024: Check only one box:

Single, Head of household, or Qualifying surviving spouse	1 You were 65 or older	1 <input type="checkbox"/>
	2 You were under 65 and you retired on permanent and total disability	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
	3 Both spouses were 65 or older	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
	4 Both spouses were under 65, but only one spouse retired on permanent and total disability	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
	5 Both spouses were under 65, and both retired on permanent and total disability	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
Married filing jointly	6 One spouse was 65 or older, and the other spouse was under 65 and retired on permanent and total disability	6 <input type="checkbox"/>

Mortgage Interest Credit

- Mortgage credit certificates (MCCs) issued under a state or local government program may qualify for a nonrefundable credit for mortgage interest paid
- The amount of the credit is on the certificate
- This type of mortgage interest credit is out of scope



Residential Energy Credits

Individuals who purchase qualified energy efficient improvements for their main home may be allowed nonrefundable tax credits. There are two types of residential energy credits:

- Residential clean energy credit (previously named the residential energy efficient property credit), Form 5695, Residential Energy Credits, Part I, which is out of scope for the VITA/TCE programs
- Energy efficient home improvement credit (previously named the nonbusiness energy property credit), Form 5695, Part II

This provision is extended through 2032. The credit is available for certain qualifying energy efficiency improvements or residential energy property costs.

For information about the residential energy credits, see the Miscellaneous Credits lesson in Publication 4491.

Reporting Nonrefundable Credits

- Nonrefundable credits are reported on the applicable lines of Form 1040, Schedule 3
- Credits cannot exceed taxpayer's federal income tax
- Refer to [Pub 4012](#), Nonrefundable Credits tab for more information

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j	Alternative fuel vehicle refueling property credit. Attach Form 8911.	6j			
k	Credit to holders of tax credit bonds. Attach Form 8912.	6k			
l	Amount on Form 8978, line 14. See instructions.	6l			
m	Credit for previously owned clean vehicles. Attach Form 8936.	6m			
z	Other nonrefundable credits. List type and amount.				



Out of Scope for this Lesson:

- Mortgage interest credit



Summary

- Taxpayers who contributed to a retirement plan or an IRA may be eligible for the retirement savings contributions credit
 - Form 8880 is used to calculate the credit
- Elderly individuals, age 65 or older, and individuals under age 65 who retired on permanent and total disability may be able to claim a special nonrefundable credit
 - Schedule R is used to calculate the credit
- Taxpayers who purchase qualified energy efficient improvements for their main home may be allowed nonrefundable tax credits.