

OPPORTUNITY ZONE CERTIFICATION

Please note that the business should complete Part One of this form and then forward to the local Opportunity Zone coordinator. The OZ coordinator will have the information certified in Part Two and forward it to DCA. DCA will acknowledge the Certification and provide copies back to the business, the local OZ coordinator and the Department of Revenue.

The information provided below is intended to validate the location of a business in a currently designated Opportunity Zone (OZ). Please complete all detail requested.

Name of Business: _____

Address Location within OZ: _____

Census Block Group of OZ Location: _____

Parcel Number of OZ location: _____

Mailing Address, if different from above: _____

By signing below, I hereby certify that the business location above is within the eligible boundaries of a designated Opportunity Zone as defined in O.C.G.A. 48-7-40.1(c)(4) and the business intends to claim a job tax credit for this location on it's Georgia Income Tax Return.

Signature of Officer

Date

Printed Name of Officer

Phone Number

Title

Email Address

Local Opportunity Zone Jurisdiction

By signing below, I certify that I am an authorized representative of a valid Opportunity Zone jurisdiction and that the business location detailed above is within the currently designated boundaries of the Opportunity Zone.

Signature of Representative

Date

Printed Name of Representative

Title

Department Use Only

Mailing Address:
Job Tax Credit Program Coordinator
Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30329

Accepted:

Date

By

***** A COPY OF THIS COMPLETED CERTIFICATION FORM MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE TAX RETURN FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE WHEN CLAIMING THE TAX CREDIT*****

Opportunity Zone Job Tax Credits

Applicable to Initial Job Threshold met in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009

- Part of the Georgia Job Tax Credit Program under O.C.G.A. 48-7-40.1(c)(4)
- Business can be any business of any nature; not bound by "business enterprise" definition
- Business must create at least two (2) net new jobs within a tax year and the new jobs must be full-time, permanent jobs of at least 35 hours per week (Note: The two jobs may not be filled by a married couple)
- New jobs must be offered health insurance upon employment; the employer does not have to pay for such insurance, just offer it
- The average wage of the new jobs created must pay above the average wage of the county with the lowest average wage in the state – as of July 2010 this is Glascock County at \$423 per week or \$21,996 per year, per DOL (Georgia Employment & Wages – 2009 Averages)
- Jobs threshold must be created within a single tax year and tax credit may first be claimed on the initial year tax return — for example, eligible new jobs created in 2009 may claim credit on the 2009 tax return – if these jobs are then maintained for the next four years the business may claim the tax credit on each of those years tax returns as well
- Credit is claimed by filing *Form IT-CA* with the Georgia Corporation Income Tax return
- Credit may be applied against 100% of any corporate income tax liability on the Georgia Income Tax Return (credit may not be applied to net worth tax liability)
- Excess credit may be applied against withholding

Withholding Tax Credits

- Job Tax Credit claimed against withholding (WH) limited to \$3,500 per eligible job
- Credit must first be applied to any corporate income tax liability prior to claiming WH
- Carry forward credits may not be applied to withholding
- Withholding may not be claimed on an amended tax return
- No refund is paid on withholding credits

Claiming Withholding Credit

- Business must file *Form IT-WH* with the Department of Revenue (DOR) at least 30 days prior to the filing of the original tax return in which the credit will be filed and claimed
- Business files Georgia corporation income tax return, along with *Form IT-CA*, by the due date, or extended due date
- DOR has 90 days to review the job tax credit once the return is filed
- Business will receive notification from DOR of approved credit and when to claim against WH
- Business will then apply credit to WH returns until fully utilized
- Withholding credit has no affect on employees
- Flow-through entities may elect to claim a specific portion of the credit against the entity's payroll withholding and flow the remaining credit through to shareholders, partners, or members. This is an annual election dependent upon the filing of *Form IT-WH*.

Form IT-CA and *Form IT-WH* may be obtained from the Department of Revenue web site at: <https://etax.dor.ga.gov/inctax/taxcredits.aspx>

Opportunity Zone web site:

<http://www.dca.ga.gov/economic/DevelopmentTools/programs/opportunityZones.asp>

Contact for Job Tax Credit: Dawn Sturbaum: (404) 679-1585 or dawn.sturbaum@dca.ga.gov