

Work Opportunity Tax Credit

Supports Economic Independence

The Work Opportunity Tax Credit is a federal income tax benefit administered by the U.S. Department of Labor for employers who hire individuals who may be disadvantaged in their efforts to find employment. The opportunity enables individuals to become employed, earn a steady income and become contributing taxpayers. The program also incentivizes workplace diversity and improves access to good jobs for American workers. Employers are eligible for a tax credit when hiring individuals with specified barriers to employment identified in the following groups. The Texas Workforce Commission will verify which target group applies.

Veterans

| Target Group | Maximum Tax Credit |
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| Disabled veterans with a service-connected disability who have been unemployed for at least six months | \$9,600 |
| Veterans who have been unemployed for at least six months | \$5,600 |
| Disabled veterans with a service-connected disability | \$4,800 |
| Veterans receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits | \$2,400 |
| Veterans who have been unemployed for at least four weeks | \$2,400 |

Others

| Target Group | Maximum Tax Credit | | | |
|---|--------------------|--|--|--|
| Long-Term Family Assistance recipients who are members of a family that has received Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits for at least 18 consecutive months | \$9,000 | | | |
| Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients | | | | |
| Ex-felons | | | | |
| Designated community residents | | | | |
| Vocational rehabilitation referrals | \$2,400 | | | |
| Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients | | | | |
| Supplemental Security Income recipients | | | | |
| Long-Term Unemployment Recipients | | | | |
| Summer Youth program participants who are 16 to 17 years old, work between May 1 and September 15 and live in an empowerment zone | \$1,200 | | | |

Learn about the application process at: twc.texas.gov/wotc



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Calculating the Tax Credit

The Work Opportunity Tax Credit program offers tax credits based on employee retention and their qualified wages during the first year of employment. For-profit employers get a 25% credit for 120 to 399 hours worked, and 40% for 400+ hours. Non-profit employers receive 16.25% for 120 to 399 hours and 26% for 400+ hours. Long-Term Family Assistance recipients have a two-year retention period.

Veterans

| Target Group | Wages Up To | For- Profit 25% | For- Profit 40% | Non profit 16.25% | Non profit 26% |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Disabled veterans with a service-connected disability who have been unemployed for at least six months | \$24,000 | \$6,000 | \$9,600 | \$3,900 | \$6,240 |
| Veterans who have been unemployed for at least six months | \$14,000 | \$3,500 | \$5,600 | \$2,275 | \$3,640 |
| Disabled veterans with a service-connected disability | \$12,000 | \$3,000 | \$4,800 | \$1,950 | \$3,120 |
| Veterans receiving SNAP benefits | \$6,000 | \$1,500 | \$2,400 | \$975 | \$1,560 |
| Veterans who have been unemployed for at least four weeks | \$6,000 | \$1,500 | \$2,400 | \$975 | \$1,560 |

Others

| Target Group | Wage Cap | For-Profit 25% | For-Profit 40% | For-Profit 50% |
|---|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Long-Term Family Assistance recipients (1st Year) | \$10,000 | N/A | \$4,000 | N/A |
| Long-Term Family Assistance recipients (2nd Year) | \$10,000 | N/A | N/A | \$5,000 |
| TANF recipients | \$6,000 | \$1,500 | \$2,400 | N/A |
| Ex-felons | \$6,000 | \$1,500 | \$2,400 | N/A |
| Designated community residents | \$6,000 | \$1,500 | \$2,400 | N/A |
| Vocational rehabilitation referrals | \$6,000 | \$1,500 | \$2,400 | N/A |
| SNAP recipients | \$6,000 | \$1,500 | \$2,400 | N/A |
| Supplemental Security Income recipients | \$6,000 | \$1,500 | \$2,400 | N/A |
| Long-Term Unemployment Recipients | \$6,000 | \$1,500 | \$2,400 | N/A |
| Summer Youth program participants | \$3,000 | \$ 750 | \$1,200 | N/A |

For additional information on how to claim the tax credit,

please refer to the Internal Revenue Service's Work Opportunity Tax Credit website at https://bit.ly/IRS-WOTC



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