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**SUBJECT:** Energy Star Heating and Cooling Equipment Tax Credit

**REFERENCE:** [IC 6-3.1-31.5](#)

### **INTRODUCTION**

Effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008 through December 31, 2010 there is a tax credit for energy star heating and cooling equipment purchased by an individual or a small business which is independently owned with less than 100 employees and less than \$10,000,000 in annual gross receipts.

### **DEFINITIONS**

- A. "Energy star heating and cooling equipment" means heating and cooling equipment that is rated for energy efficiency under the federal energy star program and manufactured in the United States.
- B. "Energy star program" refers to the program established by Section 324A of the Federal Energy Policy and Conservation Act.
- C. "Heating and cooling equipment" means a furnace, water heater, central air conditioning, a room air conditioner, or a programmable thermostat.
- D. "Small business" means a business which is independently owned, is domiciled in Indiana, and has less than 100 employees and less than \$10,000,000 in gross receipts in a taxable year.
- E. "Taxpayer" means an individual, a married couple or a small business. Taxpayer includes a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company or a limited liability partnership.

### **ENTITLEMENT TO THE CREDIT**

A taxpayer is entitled to a credit for a taxable year equal to the lesser of 20% of the amount of the expenditures for energy star heating and cooling equipment or \$100. The amount of the credit may not exceed a taxpayer's state tax liability, and a taxpayer is not entitled to a carry back, carry forward or refund of any unused credit. A taxpayer may not sell, assign, convey or otherwise transfer the tax credit.

If the taxpayer is a pass through entity that does not have any state tax liability, the credit shall be allocated to the partners, shareholders or members of the pass through entity.

### **MAXIMUM CREDITS ALLOWED**

The total amount of tax credits allowed for all taxpayers in a fiscal year may not exceed \$1,000,000. The taxpayer must claim the credit on the taxpayer's annual tax return and submit proof that the taxpayer is entitled to the credit.

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