

2016 Pollution Control Credit

For information or help, call one of the numbers listed:

Phoenix (602) 255-3381
 From area codes 520 and 928, toll-free (800) 352-4090

Tax forms, instructions, and other tax information

If you need tax forms, instructions, and other tax information, go to the department's website at www.azdor.gov.

Income Tax Procedures and Rulings

These instructions may refer to the department's income tax procedures and rulings for more information. To view or print these, go to our website and click on *Legal Research* then click on *Procedures* or *Rulings* and select a tax type from the drop down menu.

Publications

To view or print the department's publications, go to our website and click on *Publications*.

General Instructions

Arizona Revised Statutes §§ 43-1081 and 43-1170 provide nonrefundable individual and corporate income tax credits for expenses incurred during the taxable year to purchase real or personal property that is used within Arizona in the taxpayer's trade or business to control or prevent pollution. The amount of the credit is equal to 10% of the purchase price, limited to a maximum credit of \$500,000 in a taxable year.

Qualifying property includes a structure, building, installation, excavation, machine, equipment, and any attachment to, or addition to, or reconstruction, replacement, or improvement of that property. Property eligible for the tax credit includes only that portion of the property directly used, constructed, or installed in Arizona to prevent, monitor, or reduce air, water, or land pollution that results from the taxpayer's direct operating activities in conducting a trade or business in this state. The property must meet or exceed rules or regulations adopted for this purpose by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, or a political subdivision of Arizona.

Amounts that qualify for the credit must be includible in the taxpayer's adjusted basis for the property. The adjusted basis of any property for which the taxpayer has claimed a credit must be reduced by the amount of credit claimed for that property.

If the allowable tax credit exceeds the taxes otherwise due or, if there are no taxes due, the amount of the credit not used to offset taxes may be carried forward for not more than five taxable years as a credit against subsequent years' income tax liabilities.

The pollution control equipment credit claimed on Form 315 is in lieu of the agricultural pollution control credit claimed on Form 325 with respect to the same equipment or expense.

Co-owners of a business, including partners in a partnership and shareholders of an S corporation, may each claim only the *pro rata* share of the credit allowed based on the ownership interest. The total of the credits allowed all such owners may not exceed the amount that would have been allowed for a sole owner of the business.

The credit is available to an exempt organization that is subject to corporate income tax on unrelated business taxable income (UBTI). The credit must result from the activities that generate UBTI.

Specific Instructions

Complete the name and taxpayer identification number section at the top of the form. Indicate the period covered by the taxable year. Include the completed form with the tax return.

All returns, statements, and other documents filed with the department require a taxpayer identification number (TIN). The TIN for a corporation, an exempt organization with UBTI, an S corporation, or a partnership is the taxpayer's employer identification number. The TIN for an individual is the taxpayer's Social Security Number or an Internal Revenue Service individual taxpayer identification number. Taxpayers that fail to include their TIN may be subject to a penalty.

Part 1 - Schedule of Equipment and Current Taxable Year's Credit Calculation

Lines 1 through 10 -

Column (a): Enter the date that the qualifying property was placed in service or the date it is expected to be placed in service in Arizona.

Column (b): Enter a brief description of the property used in the taxpayer's business in Arizona to control or prevent pollution.

Column (c): Enter the total cost incurred during the taxable year for qualifying property used to reduce pollution. For additional information, see the definition of "*Qualifying property*" in column 1 of this page.

If there are more than 10 items of qualifying property, complete additional schedules. Include the completed schedules with Form 315.

Line 11 -

Add lines 1 through 10 in column (c) and enter the total.

Line 12 -

Enter the total amounts in column (c) from additional schedules.

Line 13 -

Add lines 11 and 12 and enter the total. This is the total cost incurred during this taxable year of all items of property for which the taxpayer is claiming the credit.

Line 14 -

Multiply line 13 by 10% (.10) and enter the result.

Part 2 - Credit Passed Through From Partnerships or S Corporations

Line 15 -

Enter the total amount you received as a flow through from Form(s) 315-P, line 4 and/or Form(s) 315-S, line 4. If you received more than one Form 315-P and/or Form 315-S, total the amounts on a separate schedule and include it. Include a copy of each Form 315-P and/or Form 315-S you received with your return.

Part 3 - Total Current Year Credit**Line 16 -**

Add lines 14 and 15. Enter the total.

Line 17 - Maximum Credit Allowed

The maximum amount of credit you may claim in a taxable year is \$500,000.

Line 18 -

Enter the lesser of line 16 or line 17. This is your maximum current year credit for pollution control.

Partnerships - continue to Part 4.

S Corporations passing this credit through to its shareholders - skip to Part 5.

All others - go to Part 6.

Part 4 - Partnerships Passing Through the Credit

Partnerships qualifying for this credit must pass it through to its partners. Proceed to the instructions on page 3 for completing Form 315-P.

Each partner is entitled to only a *pro rata* share of the credit based on the partner's ownership interest in the partnership. The total of the credit allowed to all partners may not exceed the amount that would have been allowed for a sole owner.

NOTE: *Trusts and estates which are partners in a partnership are not eligible to claim this credit. However, the share of a partnership owned by a grantor trust that is disregarded for federal income tax purposes is treated as owned by the grantor. The grantor may claim his or her share of the credit.*

Part 5 - S Corporation Credit Election

An S corporation may make an irrevocable election to pass this credit through to its shareholders. Or, it can choose to keep this credit and apply it to its own liability generated at the corporate level.

Enter the S corporation's taxable year end date. Check the box corresponding to the election made by the S corporation, (to claim the credit; or to pass the credit through to its shareholders). The election must be signed by an officer of the S corporation.

S corporations electing to pass this credit through to its shareholders, proceed to the instructions on page 3 for completing Form 315-S.

Each shareholder is entitled only to a *pro rata* share of the credit based on the shareholder's ownership interest. The total of the credit allowed to all shareholders may not exceed the amount that would have been allowed for a sole owner.

S corporations electing to claim this credit at the corporate level, continue to Part 6.

NOTE: *Trusts and estates which are shareholders of S corporations, are not eligible to claim this credit. However, the share of an S corporation owned by a grantor trust that is disregarded for federal income tax purposes is treated as owned by the grantor. The grantor may claim his or her share of the credit.*

Part 6 - Available Credit Carryover

Complete Part 6 only if you claimed this credit for prior taxable years and the credit exceeded the Arizona income tax liability for those taxable years.

Lines 19 through 23 -

Enter the applicable taxable year(s) in column (a) on lines 19 through 23. In column (b), enter the credit originally computed for that taxable year. In column (c), enter the amount of the credit from that taxable year which was previously used or expired. Subtract the amount in column (c) from column (b) and enter the difference in column (d).

Line 24 -

Add the amounts entered on lines 19 through 23 in column (d). Enter the total on line 24, column (d). This is the total pollution control credit carryover available for the current taxable year.

Part 7 - Total Available Credit**Line 25 -**

Individuals, exempt organizations with UBTI, and corporations (including S corporations that elected to claim the credit at the corporate level) - enter the current year's credit from Part 1, line 18.

Individuals - also enter this amount on Form 301, Part 1, line 9, column (a).

Corporations, including S corporations that elected to claim this credit at the corporate level, and exempt organizations with UBTI - also enter this amount on Form 300, Part 1, line 5, column (a).

This is your current taxable year's pollution control credit.

Line 26 -

Enter the amount from Part 6, line 24, column (d). This is your total available credit carryover.

Individuals - Also, enter this amount on Form 301, Part 1, line 9, column (b).

Corporations, including S corporations that elected to claim this credit at the corporate level, and exempt organizations with UBTI - Also, enter this amount on Form 300, Part 1, line 5, column (b).

Line 27 -

Add line 25 and line 26. This is the total available pollution control credit that may be applied to the current taxable year's tax liability.

Individuals - enter the total here and on Form 301, Part 1, line 9, column (c).

Corporations, including S corporations that elected to claim this credit at the corporate level, and exempt organizations with UBTI - enter the total here and on Form 300, Part 1, line 5, column (c).

Form 315-P, Partner's Portion of the Credit

Enter the taxable year for which this credit is being passed through to your partners.

Complete Form 315-P for each partner of the partnership, *except for* trust or estate partners. However, a partnership ownership share that is owned by a grantor trust that is disregarded for federal income tax purposes is treated as owned by the grantor. The grantor may claim his or her share of the credit.

The partnership must furnish each partner with their completed copy of Form 315-P, including additional schedules as needed.

Part 1 – Partnership and Partner Information

Line 1 –

Enter the partnership's name and Employer Identification Number (EIN) in the spaces provided.

Line 2 –

Enter the partner's name, and EIN, TIN, or Social Security Number, and ownership percentage in the spaces provided.

Part 2 – Distribution of the Credit

Line 3 –

Enter the total amount of the partnership's pollution control credit from Form 315, Part 3, line 18.

Line 4 -

Multiply the amount on line 3 by the partner's ownership percentage shown on line 2(c). Enter the result. This is the partner's portion of the credit.

Each partner will use this form to complete their own Form 315.

Form 315-S, S Corporation Shareholder's Portion of the Credit

Enter the taxable year for which this credit is being passed through to your shareholders.

Complete Form 315-S for each shareholder of the S corporation, *except for* trust or estate shareholders. However, an S corporation ownership share that is owned by a grantor trust that is disregarded for federal income tax purposes is treated as owned by the grantor. The grantor may claim his or her share of the credit.

The S corporation must furnish each shareholder with a completed copy of Form 315-S, including additional schedules as needed.

Part 1 – S corporation and Shareholder Information

Line 1 –

Enter the S corporation's name and Employer Identification Number (EIN) in the spaces provided.

Line 2 –

Enter the shareholder's name EIN, TIN, or Social Security Number, and ownership percentage in the spaces provided. If the shareholder is an exempt organization with UBTI, enter the exempt organization's name, EIN, and ownership percentage.

Part 2 - Distribution of the Credit

Line 3 –

Enter the total amount of the S corporation's pollution control credit from Form 315, Part 3, line 18.

Line 4 -

Multiply the amount on line 3 by the shareholder's ownership percentage shown on line 2(c). Enter the result. This is the shareholder's portion of the credit.

The shareholder will use this form to complete their own Form 315.