

## New Employment Credit (NEC)

## Highlights:

- ✓ <u>ADMINISTERED BY</u>: California Franchise Tax Board (FTB)
- ✓ <u>WHEN</u>: Applicable for any *eligible* employees hired after Jan. 1, 2014
- <u>WHERE</u>: Any employer located in areas with high unemployment or in a former EZ (excluding areas of low unemployment and high income)



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### **EXCLUDED INDUSTRIES:**

- Temp-employment services, general retail and food service industries, and drinking establishments with annual gross revenues in excess of \$2M.
- Sexually-oriented business (regardless of annual gross revenues).



California New Employment Credit/Designated Geographic Area (DGA) January 2014



## WHO IS ELIGIBILE

- Recently discharged veterans (within 1 year of military separation)
- ✓ Unemployed individuals (for at least 6 months)
- Recipient of Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for previous taxable year
- Ex-Offenders (felony conviction)
- Recipients of CalWorks or County general assistance (public assistance)



## **FACTORS**

- Qualified annual wages (between \$12.00 \$28.00/hour) paid by employer per <u>full time</u> *eligible* employee
- Annual hours worked per full-time *eligible* employee (includes overtime)
- Annual wages captured for credit = 35% each year for up to 5 years (per eligible full-time employee)



### **"BASE YEAR" FACTOR**

- Any qualified employer that hires eligible full-time employees during any taxable year must demonstrate to FTB that the company's "total workforce" for that reportable tax year is equal to or greater than that of the company's <u>base year</u> employee workforce.
- <u>Base year</u> is the reportable tax year immediately "preceding" the tax year in which the first new eligible employee was hired by the qualified employer.



## New Employment Credit BASE YEAR EXAMPLE

- A qualified employer (Hunter Enterprises) hires 1<sup>st</sup> full-time NEC eligible employee in taxable year 2014.
- Total full-time employee count for Hunter Enterprises at end of taxable year 2014 (including 1 new eligible NEC hire) is 20.
- Hunter Enterprises Base Year will be the "preceding" taxable year (i.e. 2013). Total employee count for Hunter Enterprises at close of taxable year 2013 was 19 employees.
- For purposes of future NEC employee eligibility, Hunter Enterprises Base Year employee count is, and will always be, <u>19</u>.



### **BASE YEAR EXAMPLE**

- Base year (2013) employee count for Hunter Enterprises (19) <u>never</u> changes.
- Each TCR submitted by Hunter Enterprises during any future taxable year must demonstrate total full-time employee count of at least <u>19</u> (i.e. Base Year 2013).
- Any TCR's submitted by Hunter Enterprises during a post-2013 taxable year that results in a total employee count of less than 19 employees <u>will not</u> be eligible for the credit.



Example 1: Credit Calculation value based on hourly wages of <u>\$13.00 - \$17.00</u> for one eligible full-time employee over 5 year period

Year	Actual Hourly Wage	Deduct Minimum Hourly Wage (per new employment credit)	Net Hourly Wage (for credit calculation)	X	Annual Hours Worked	=	X	Year % of Wages Paid	=	Tax Credit Value
1	\$13.00	- \$12.00	\$1.00	Х	2000	\$2,000	Х	35%	=	\$700
2	\$14.00	- \$12.00	\$2.00	Х	2000	\$4,000	Х	35%	=	\$1,400
3	\$15.00	- \$12.00	\$3.00	Х	2000	\$6,000	Х	35%	=	\$2,100
4	\$16.00	- \$12.00	\$4.00	Х	2000	\$8,000	Х	35%	=	\$2,800
5	\$17.00	- \$12.00	\$5.00	Х	2000	\$10,000	Х	35%	=	\$3,500

#### **Total Value of Credit**

### \$10,500



## Example 2: Machinist earning \$18/hour for 5 consecutive years

Year	Actual Hourly Wage	Deduct Minimum Hourly Wage (per new employment credit)	Net Hourly Wage (for credit calculation)	X	Annual Hours Worked	=	X	Year % of Wages Paid	=	Tax Credit Value
1	\$18.00	- \$12.00	\$6.00	Х	2000	\$12,000	Х	35%	=	\$4,200
2	\$18.00	- \$12.00	\$6.00	Х	2000	\$12,000	Х	35%	=	\$4,200
3	\$18.00	- \$12.00	\$6.00	Х	2000	\$12,000	Х	35%	=	\$4,200
4	\$18.00	- \$12.00	\$6.00	Х	2000	\$12,000	Х	35%	=	\$4,200
5	\$18.00	- \$12.00	\$6.00	Х	2000	\$12,000	Х	35%	=	\$4,200

**Total Value of Credit** 

### \$21,000



# Example 3: Journeyman welder earning \$24/hour for 5 consecutive years

Year	Actual Hourly Wage	Deduct Minimum Hourly Wage (per new employment credit)	Net Hourly Wage (for credit calculation)	X	Annual Hours Worked	=	X	Year % of Wages Paid	=	Tax Credit Value
1	\$24.00	- \$12.00	\$12.00	Х	2000	\$24,000	Х	35%	=	\$8,400
2	\$24.00	- \$12.00	\$12.00	Х	2000	\$24,000	Х	35%	=	\$8,400
3	\$24.00	- \$12.00	\$12.00	Х	2000	\$24,000	Х	35%	=	\$8,400
4	\$24.00	- \$12.00	\$12.00	Х	2000	\$24,000	Х	35%	=	\$8,400
5	\$24.00	- \$12.00	\$12.00	Х	2000	\$24,000	Х	35%	=	\$8,400

#### **Total Value of Credit**

### \$42,000



# Example 4: Master welder earning \$28/hour for 5 consecutive years

Year	Actual Hourly Wage	Deduct Minimum Hourly Wage (per new employment credit)	Net Hourly Wage (for credit calculation)	X	Annual Hours Worked	=	X	Year % of Wages Paid	=	Tax Credit Value
1	\$28.00	- \$12.00	\$16.00	Х	2000	\$32,000	Х	35%	=	\$11,200
2	\$28.00	- \$12.00	\$16.00	Х	2000	\$32,000	Х	35%	=	\$11,200
3	\$28.00	- \$12.00	\$16.00	Х	2000	\$32,000	Х	35%	=	\$11,200
4	\$28.00	- \$12.00	\$16.00	Х	2000	\$32,000	Х	35%	=	\$11,200
5	\$28.00	- \$12.00	\$16.00	Х	2000	\$32,000	Х	35%	=	\$11,200

**Total Value of Credit** 

### \$56,000



### **SUBMITTAL PROCESS**

FTB has established an on-line Tentative Credit Reservation (TCR) system for qualified employers to submit for the new employment credit (FTB provides confirmation of TCR receiptonly).

Tentative Credit Reservation (TCR) on-line application link: <u>https://www.ftb.ca.gov/online/New\_Employment\_Credit\_Reservation.asp</u>





FTB's TCR on-line application portal will require the employer to input a variety of employer/employee data; including:

- ✓ Employer's estimated annual gross receipts for taxable year
- ✓ Business entity type Federal Employer Tax ID # (FEIN)
- ✓ Employer information (name, address, NAICS Code, contact info)
- ✓ Employee information (name, hire date, starting hourly wage, last 4 digits of SS#)



## SUBMITTAL PROCESS

- <u>No limit</u> to the number of full-time new hires an employer may submit a TCR for in any taxable year.
- ✓ <u>No fee</u> required to submit TCR's.
- TCR's must be submitted to FTB within 30 days from filing date with State EDD for "new hire" compliance requirement.



### **TAX CREDIT CALCULATION / VALUE**

- FTB will not independently verify (in writing) tax credit validity for TCR submissions (subject to audit).
- NEC Tax credit calculation is responsibility of the employer, based on the number of TCR's submitted (for new eligible full-time hires) during any taxable year.
- Maximum tax credit "carry forward" period is 5 years from date credit is captured.



### **QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE SUBMITTING A TCR:**

- ✓ What is my company's current State tax liability ?
- ✓ How many tax credits does my business actually need ?
- What is my company's projected State tax liability over the next several years ?
- ✓ How many tax credits will my company need to capture in order to leverage our future year State tax liability ?



## For More Information on New Employment Tax Credit Program:

## California State Franchise Tax Board (FTB) Phone: 800-852-5711 E-mail inquiries:

https://www.ftb.ca.gov/Contact\_US/Email\_FTB.asp?path=question

**FTB Website:** 

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