



Maine Tax Credit Certification for Primary Care Professionals

2021 Tax Year Instructions

Subject: Instructions for completing the *2021 Tax Year Initial Application and Attestation Form*
Submission Dates: Application must be postmarked no earlier than January 15, 2022 and no later than February 18, 2022.

Dear Primary Care Professional:

The purpose of this document is to provide instructions for completing the application for an income tax credit for tax year 2021. The Maine State Legislature has enacted the Tax Credit Certification Program for Primary Care Professionals which allows up to ten eligible primary care professionals, who are paying outstanding student loans, to be certified by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to receive an income tax credit each year the program is in effect.

Successful applicants may participate in this program for a maximum of five years depending on continued eligibility. The income tax credit claimed may not exceed \$6,000 in the first year of certification; \$9,000 in the second year; \$12,000 in the third year; \$15,000 in the fourth year; and \$18,000 in the fifth year. DHHS will submit the names of the certified individuals to the Maine Revenue Services that manages the income tax credit through the certified professional's annual income tax return.

To determine if you are eligible to be certified for an income tax credit, refer to the statute (<http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/36/title36sec5219-LL.html>) and these instructions. For participants of National Health Service Corps and other HRSA programs, this program is considered a service obligation.

This document contains specific instructions for the 2021 tax year. Applications are subject to a competitive order of receipt process (so called "first-come first served") so be sure to complete and submit the application with all required documents in a timely manner.

Please note the following requirements:

- Applications must be completed in pen (preferably blue ink).
- All information must be legible.
- The application must be filled out completely and all required documents must be submitted with the application.
- Applications must be submitted by United States postal mail. Applications transmitted by any other means, such as FedEx, fax or email will not be considered.
- Only envelopes with a single (1) application will be considered for competitive review.
- Applications that do not comply with these instructions will not be eligible for consideration.

Instructions for completing the *Initial Application and Attestation Form*:

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- Print your full legal name.
- Complete your *Personal Residence Address*. NOTE: You must contact the office should you have a change during the period of certification.
- Complete all information under *Health Profession Information* and select an *Eligible Professional Type*. NOTE: If your profession is not on the list provided, you are not eligible for the Tax Credit.
- Choose one of the three options under *Attestation – Practice Establishment* and indicate the date you joined, purchased or established a practice.

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- Fully complete your *Designated Practice Location*. NOTE: You must contact the office should you have a change in location during the period of certification.
- Place a check-mark next to the *Designated Underserved Area Type* where the practice is located.
- In the *Required Supporting Documentation Check List*, check off all documents required and submit copies of the documents with the application. All required documents must accompany an application for the application to be considered complete.
- Check all boxes in the *Attestation – Commitment to Practice* section.
- Sign your name and date the form.

Completed forms must be submitted by United States Postal Mail to:

**Director, Rural Health and Primary Care Program
Maine Center for Disease Control
11 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0011**