

Credit for Prior Year Minimum Tax—Corporations**2012**► **Attach to the corporation's tax return.**► **Information about Form 8827 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form8827.**

Name		Employer identification number	
1	Alternative minimum tax (AMT) for 2011. Enter the amount from line 14 of the 2011 Form 4626	1	
2	Minimum tax credit carryforward from 2011. Enter the amount from line 9 of the 2011 Form 8827	2	
3	Enter any 2011 unallowed qualified electric vehicle credit (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	
5	Enter the corporation's 2012 regular income tax liability minus allowable tax credits (see instructions)	5	
6	Is the corporation a "small corporation" exempt from the AMT for 2012 (see instructions)? • Yes. Enter 25% of the excess of line 5 over \$25,000. If line 5 is \$25,000 or less, enter -0- • No. Complete Form 4626 for 2012 and enter the tentative minimum tax from line 12	6	
7a	Subtract line 6 from line 5. If zero or less, enter -0-	7a	
b	For a corporation electing to accelerate the minimum tax credit, enter the bonus depreciation amount attributable to the minimum tax credit (see instructions)	7b	
c	Add lines 7a and 7b	7c	
8a	Enter the smaller of line 4 or line 7c. If the corporation had a post-1986 ownership change or has pre-acquisition excess credits, see instructions	8a	
b	Current year minimum tax credit. Enter the smaller of line 4 or line 7a here and on Form 1120, Schedule J, Part I, line 5d (or the applicable line of your return). If the corporation had a post-1986 ownership change or has pre-acquisition excess credits, see instructions. If you made an entry on line 7b, go to line 8c. Otherwise, skip line 8c	8b	
c	Subtract line 8b from line 8a. This is the refundable amount for a corporation electing to accelerate the minimum tax credit. Include this amount on Form 1120, Schedule J, Part II, line 19c (or the applicable line of your return)	8c	
9	Minimum tax credit carryforward to 2013. Subtract line 8a from line 4. Keep a record of this amount to carry forward and use in future years	9	

Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

What's New

The election to claim a refundable credit for certain unused minimum tax credits in lieu of the special depreciation allowance for qualified property has been extended to round 3 extension property placed in service after December 31, 2012, and before January 1, 2014. See the instructions for line 7b.

Purpose of Form

Corporations use Form 8827 to figure the minimum tax credit, if any, for AMT incurred in prior tax years and to figure any minimum tax credit carryforward.

Who Should File

Form 8827 should be filed by corporations that had:

- An AMT liability in 2011,
- A minimum tax credit carryforward from 2011 to 2012, or
- A qualified electric vehicle credit not allowed for 2011 (see the instructions for line 3).

Line 3

Enter any qualified electric vehicle credit not allowed for 2011 solely because of tentative minimum tax limitations.

Line 5

Enter the corporation's 2012 regular income tax liability (as defined in section 26(b)) minus any credits allowed under Chapter 1, Subchapter A, Part IV, subparts B, D, E, and F of the Internal Revenue Code (for example, if you are filing Form 1120, subtract any credits on Schedule J, Part I, line 5a, through 5c, from the amount on Schedule J, Part I, line 2).

Line 6

See the 2012 Instructions for Form 4626 to find out if the corporation is treated as a "small corporation" exempt from the AMT for 2012. If the corporation is a "small corporation" exempt from the AMT, see section 38(c)(5) before completing line 6 for special rules that apply to controlled corporate groups, regulated investment companies, and real estate investment trusts.

Line 7b

Round 2 extension property. If the corporation made an election under section 168(k)(4)(A) to claim pre-2006 unused minimum tax credits in lieu of claiming the special depreciation allowance for certain property for its first tax year ending after March 31, 2008, or under section 168(k)(4)(H)(ii) for its first tax year ending after December 31, 2008, the election continues to apply to round 2 extension property (defined below) unless the corporation made an election not to apply the original election to round 2 extension property.

Generally, round 2 extension property is property that is eligible qualified property solely because it meets the requirements under the extension of the additional special depreciation allowance to certain property placed in service after December 31, 2010, and before January 1, 2013. See section 168(k)(4)(l).

If the corporation did not make the election for either its first tax year ending after March 31, 2008, or its first tax year ending after December 31, 2008, the corporation may elect, for its first tax year ending after December 31, 2010, to claim pre-2006 unused minimum tax credits in lieu of claiming the special depreciation allowance for round 2 extension property. This election is effective for each subsequent year for round 2 extension property only.

Once made, the elections cannot be revoked without IRS consent.

Round 3 extension property. For a fiscal year corporation with a tax year ending after December 31, 2012, if the corporation made an election to claim pre-2006 unused minimum tax credits in lieu of claiming the special depreciation allowance for certain qualified property for either its first tax year ending after March 31, 2008, its first tax year ending after December 31, 2008, or its first tax year ending after December 31, 2010, the election continues to apply to round 3 extension property (defined below) placed in service after December 31, 2012, unless the corporation makes an election not to apply

Worksheet for Calculating the Refundable Minimum Tax Credit Amount (keep for your records)

	(a) Round 2 extension property	(b) Round 3 extension property
1 Enter depreciation (including the special depreciation allowance) that would have been allowed for round 2 extension property placed in service during the tax year, or round 3 extension property placed in service after December 31, 2012, if section 168(k)(1) and section 168(k)(5), as appropriate, had applied to such property	1	
2 Enter depreciation for round 2 extension property placed in service during the tax year, or round 3 extension property placed in service after December 31, 2012, figured without regard to section 168(k)(1) and section 168(k)(5), as appropriate	2	
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	
4 Multiply line 3 by 20%	4	
5 Enter any unused minimum tax credit carryforward from tax years beginning before 2006	5	
6 Multiply line 5 by 6%	6	
7 Enter the smaller of line 6 or \$30,000,000	7	
8 Enter any bonus depreciation amounts determined under section 168(k)(4)(C) attributable to round 2 extension property or round 3 extension property as appropriate, for all preceding tax years ending after December 31, 2010	8	
9 Subtract line 8 from line 7. If zero or less, enter -0-	9	
10 Bonus depreciation amount. Enter the smaller of line 4 or line 9	10	
11 Enter the amount from line 8 allocated to the minimum tax credit carryforward shown on line 5	11	
12 Maximum bonus depreciation amount allocable to the minimum tax credit. Subtract line 11 from line 5	12	
13 Refundable minimum tax credit. Enter the smaller of line 12 or line 10 in appropriate columns. Enter the total of line 13, columns (a) and (b) on Form 8827, line 7b	13	

the original election to round 3 extension property.

Generally, round 3 extension property is property that is eligible qualified property solely because it meets the requirements under the extension of the additional special depreciation allowance to certain property placed in service after December 31, 2012, and before January 1, 2014. See section 168(k)(4)(J).

If the corporation did not make the election for either its first tax year ending after March 31, 2008, its first tax year ending after December 31, 2008, or its first tax year ending after December 31, 2010, the corporation may elect, for its first tax year ending after December 31, 2012, to claim pre-2006 unused minimum tax credits in lieu of claiming the special depreciation allowance for round 3 extension property.

Once made, the elections cannot be revoked without IRS consent.

If the corporation elects to accelerate the minimum tax credit and obtain a refundable credit in lieu of the special depreciation allowance, complete the *Worksheet for Calculating the Refundable Minimum Tax Credit Amount* above. Enter the total of line 13, columns (a) and (b), of the worksheet on Form 8827, line 7b. All others, enter zero on line 7b.

For more information on the elections to accelerate the minimum tax credit in lieu of claiming special depreciation allowance, see section 168(k)(4). For more information on the special depreciation allowance, see the Instructions for Form 4562 and Pub. 946, *How To Depreciate Property*.

S corporations that make the election to accelerate the credit can use the credit only against the built-in gains tax. See the instructions for Schedule D (Form 1120S). Corporations that file Form 1120-REIT or Form 1120-RIC must apply the credit first against the built-in gains tax, if any, and reduce the refundable credit by the amount so applied. See the instructions for the Built-in Gains Tax Worksheet in the separate instructions for those forms.

Line 8

If the corporation had a post-1986 ownership change (as defined in section 382(g)), there may be a limit on the amount of pre-change minimum tax credits that can be applied against the corporation's tax for any tax year ending after the ownership change. See section 383 and the related regulations. To figure the amount of the pre-change credit, the corporation must allocate the credit for the change year between the pre-change period and the post-change period. The corporation must use the same method of allocation (ratable allocation or closing-of-the-books) for purposes of sections 382 and 383. See Regulations section 1.382-6 for details.

Also, there may be a limit on the use of pre-acquisition excess credits of one corporation to offset the tax attributable to recognized built-in gains of another corporation. See section 384 for details.

If either limit applies, attach a computation of the allowable minimum tax credit, enter the amount on lines 8a and 8b, and write "Sec. 383" or "Sec. 384" in the dotted line to the left of the line 8a and 8b entry spaces.

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