

SINGLE BUSINESS TAX ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 228 of 1975

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208.36 Definitions; credit against tax imposed by § 208.31; qualifications; credit as percentage reduction in tax liability; calculation of percentage reduction; limitation on credit; consolidating business activities of certain entities as prerequisite for credit; filing and paying tax without computing tax imposed under § 208.31.

Sec. 36. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Active shareholder" means a shareholder who receives at least \$10,000.00 in compensation, director's fees, or dividends from the business, and who owns at least 5% of the outstanding stock.

(b) "Officer" means an officer of a corporation other than a subchapter S corporation including the chairperson of the board, president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, or persons performing similar duties.

(c) "Adjusted business income" means business income as defined in section 3 with all of the following adjustments:

(i) Add compensation and director's fees of active shareholders of a corporation.

(ii) Make the adjustments provided in section 9(4)(a) and (b).

(iii) Add compensation and director's fees of officers of a corporation.

(d) "Shareholder" means a person who owns outstanding stock in the business. An individual is considered as the owner of the stock owned, directly or indirectly, by or for family members as defined by section 318(a)(1) of the internal revenue code.

(e) "Loss adjustment" means the amount by which adjusted business income was less than zero in any of the 5 tax years immediately preceding the tax year for which eligibility for the credit provided by this section is being determined. In determining the loss adjustment for a tax year, a taxpayer is not required to use more of the taxpayer's total negative adjusted business income than the amount needed to qualify the taxpayer for the credit under this section. A taxpayer shall not be considered to have used any portion of the taxpayer's negative adjusted business income amount unless the portion used is necessary to qualify for the credit under this section. A taxpayer shall not reuse a negative adjusted business income amount used as a loss adjustment in a previous tax year or use a negative adjusted business income amount from a year in which the taxpayer did not receive the credit under this section.

(f) "Subchapter S corporation" means a corporation electing taxation under subchapter S of chapter 1 of subtitle A of the internal revenue code, sections 1361 to 1379 of the internal revenue code.

(2) The credit provided in this section shall be taken before any other credit under this act, and is available to any person whose gross receipts do not exceed \$6,000,000.00 for tax years commencing on or after January 1, 1984 and before January 1, 1989; \$7,000,000.00 for tax years commencing in 1989; \$7,250,000.00 for tax years commencing in 1990; \$7,500,000.00 for tax years commencing in 1991; or \$10,000,000.00 for tax years commencing after 1991, and whose adjusted business income minus the loss adjustment does not exceed \$475,000.00 for tax years commencing on or after January 1, 1985, subject to the following:

(a) An individual, a partnership, or a subchapter S corporation is disqualified if the individual, any 1 partner of the partnership, or any 1 shareholder of the subchapter S corporation receives more than \$95,000.00 for tax years commencing on or after January 1, 1985 and before January 1, 1998 or more than \$115,000.00 for tax years commencing after December 31, 1997 as a distributive share of the adjusted business income minus the loss adjustment of the individual, the partnership, or the subchapter S corporation.

(b) A corporation other than a subchapter S corporation is disqualified if either of the following occur for the respective tax year:

(i) Compensation and director's fees of a shareholder or officer exceed \$95,000.00 for tax years commencing on or after January 1, 1985 and before January 1, 1998 or exceed \$115,000.00 for tax years commencing after December 31, 1997.

(ii) The sum of the following amounts exceeds \$95,000.00 for tax years commencing on or after January 1, 1985 and before January 1, 1998 or exceeds \$115,000.00 for tax years commencing after December 31, 1997:

(A) Compensation and director's fees of a shareholder.

(B) The product of the percentage of outstanding stock owned by that shareholder multiplied by the difference between the sum of business income and the adjustments provided in section 9(4)(a) and (b) minus the loss adjustment.

(c) Subject to section 36d, for a taxpayer that is eligible for the credit under this subsection for tax years beginning after December 31, 1997, the credit determined under this subsection shall be reduced by the following percentages in the following circumstances:

(i) If an individual, any 1 partner of the partnership, or any 1 shareholder of the subchapter S corporation receives as a distributive share of adjusted gross income minus the loss adjustment of the individual, partnership, or subchapter S corporation; if compensation and directors' fees of a shareholder or officer of a corporation other than a subchapter S corporation are; or if the sum of the amounts in subdivision (b)(ii)(A) and (B) is more than \$95,000.00 but less than \$100,000.00, the credit is reduced by 20%.

(ii) If an individual, any 1 partner of the partnership, or any 1 shareholder of the subchapter S corporation receives as a distributive share of adjusted gross income minus the loss adjustment of the individual, partnership, or subchapter S corporation; if compensation and directors' fees of a shareholder or officer of a corporation other than a subchapter S corporation are; or if the sum of the amounts in subdivision (b)(ii)(A) and (B) is \$100,000.00 or more but less than \$105,000.00, the credit is reduced by 40%.

(iii) If an individual, any 1 partner of the partnership, or any 1 shareholder of the subchapter S corporation receives as a distributive share of adjusted gross income minus the loss adjustment of the individual, partnership, or subchapter S corporation; if compensation and directors' fees of a shareholder or officer of a corporation other than a subchapter S corporation are; or if the sum of the amounts in subdivision (b)(ii)(A) and (B) is \$105,000.00 or more but less than \$110,000.00, the credit is reduced by 60%.

(iv) If an individual, any 1 partner of the partnership, or any 1 shareholder of the subchapter S corporation receives as a distributive share of adjusted gross income minus the loss adjustment of the individual, partnership, or subchapter S corporation; if compensation and directors' fees of a shareholder or officer of a corporation other than a subchapter S corporation are; or if the sum of the amounts in subdivision (b)(ii)(A) and (B) is \$110,000.00 or more but less than \$115,000.00, the credit is reduced by 80%.

(3) For the purposes of determining disqualification under subsection (2), an active shareholder's share of business income shall not be attributed to another active shareholder.

(4) A person who qualifies pursuant to subsection (2) is allowed a credit against the tax imposed by section 31. For tax years commencing before January 1, 1989, the credit is a percentage reduction in tax liability. For tax years commencing on and after January 1, 1989 and through tax years commencing in 1991, the credit is the greater of the amount by which the tax imposed by section 31 exceeds 4% of adjusted business income or 3% of adjusted business income for tax years commencing after 1991 or a percentage reduction in tax liability. However, beginning October 1, 1994, the percentage of adjusted business income shall be 2%. The department shall annualize the rates provided under this subsection as necessary for tax years that end after September 30, 1994 and the applicable annualized rate shall be imposed for those tax years.

(5) The percentage reduction provided in subsection (4) is calculated by subtracting from 100% the percentage computed by dividing adjusted business income by 45% of tax base.

(6) If gross receipts exceed \$5,000,000.00 for tax years commencing on or after January 1, 1984 and before January 1, 1989; \$6,000,000.00 for tax years commencing in 1989; \$6,250,000.00 for tax years commencing in 1990; \$6,500,000.00 for tax years commencing in 1991; or \$9,000,000.00 for tax years commencing after 1991, the credit shall be reduced by a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount of gross receipts over \$5,000,000.00 for tax years commencing on or after January 1, 1984 and before January 1, 1989; \$6,000,000.00 for tax years commencing in 1989; \$6,250,000.00 for tax years commencing in 1990; \$6,500,000.00 for tax years commencing in 1991; or \$9,000,000.00 for tax years commencing after 1991, and the denominator of which is \$1,000,000.00. The credit shall not exceed 50% for tax years commencing before January 1, 1984; 90% for tax years commencing on or after January 1, 1984 and before January 1, 1988; or 100% for tax years commencing on and after January 1, 1988 of the tax liability imposed by section 31.

(7) An affiliated group as defined in this act, a controlled group of corporations as defined in section 1563 of the internal revenue code and further described in 26 C.F.R. 1.414(b)-1 and 1.414(c)-1 to 1.414(c)-5, or an entity under common control as defined by the internal revenue code shall not take the credit allowed by this section unless the business activities of the entities are consolidated.

(8) The department shall permit a taxpayer who elects to claim the credit allowed by this section based on the amount by which the tax imposed by section 31 exceeds the percentage of adjusted business income for the tax year as determined under subsection (4), and who is not required to reduce the credit pursuant to subsection (2) or (6), to file and pay the tax imposed by this act without computing the tax imposed under section 31.

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Compiler's note: Section 2 of Act 216 of 1982 provides: "This amendatory act shall take effect for tax years commencing on or after January 1, 1984 unless the department of treasury certifies that net collections after refunds of the tax imposed by this act for the 1982-1983 state fiscal year are less than the sum of \$25,000,000.00 plus the product of the percentage increase in the implicit price deflator for government purchases of state and local goods and services, as reported by the bureau of economic analysis of the United States department of commerce for the 1982-1983 state fiscal year multiplied by the net collections after refunds for the 1981-1982 state fiscal year, in which case this amendatory act shall not take effect."

Enacting section 2 of Act 216 of 1982, as amended by Act 250 of 1983, Imd. Eff. Dec. 29, 1983, provides: "This amendatory act shall take effect for tax years commencing on or after January 1, 1984."