

CY2023 EMPLOYMENT TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (ETIF) APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Line #	<p>Please try to utilize the space available for each question. If necessary, provide additional pages with the electronic submittal. While every attempt has been made in this application to capture all information necessary to certify an applicant for Pine Tree Development Zone (ETIF) participation, the department reserves the right to request supplemental documentation that will assist with final approval. Please be aware that many of the questions include a drop-down menu. Please provide the following information:</p>
	A. APPLICANT BUSINESS INFORMATION
8	Indicate if this application is for a new certification or an amendment to an existing certification.
10	Legal name of business applying for certification or amending their existing certification.
12	If applicable, Parent Company Name.
14	If applicable, "Doing Business As" information. Assumed names MUST be registered with the Maine Secretary of State. For more information, call (207) 624-7752
16	Legal address of applicant business. Tax Map and Lot # of business address, which can be found on the municipality's property tax map site or by contacting the town office or tax assessor. This information is required.
18	Maine Labor Market Area of ETIF project location. https://www.maine.gov/labor/cwri/LMADefinitions.html
20	Applicant's Federal Employer ID Number (EIN).
21	Primary and secondary contact information for the applicant business, including person's name, title, address, phone #, and e-mail.
27	Select applicant's business type.
29	Select applicant's classification for IRS income tax reporting purposes.
31	Select whether all Maine employees are at address listed above. Note: "Maine" employees are residents and non-residents who work at, or report to, your ETIF certified location in Maine and pay Maine state taxes.
34	If applicable, select whether company has other locations in Maine. If yes, complete information beginning on line 37.
37	Provide requested information for Maine location(s) for the applicant business. Maine Labor Market Area data can be found at https://www.maine.gov/labor/cwri/LMADefinitions.html
42	Select the option that best describes the proposed development project.
44	Select the option that best describes economic development plans for existing Maine employees, positions, and property.
48	Applicant business ownership information, including principal owners, name, title, and percentage of ownership.
55	Select whether the applicant business is seeking SBE certification, which certifies multiple affiliated entities under one ETIF certification.
58	If answer to Line #55 is yes, please provide requested information for additional entities. If no, skip to the next item. The Maine Department of Economic and Community Development will determine if the above are affiliated entities engaged in portions of the same qualified business activity and may be certified as a Single Business Enterprise.
63	Indicate if applicant plans to engage in retail operations. If yes, complete remaining questions of this section. If no, skip to the next item. ETIF statute requires any applicant business engaged in retail operations, with more than 50% of their annual revenues in Maine derived from taxable sales, to be able to prove that any increased sales will not be from capturing sales from other businesses in the State.
68	Indicate if, at time of hire, applicant business will offer access to group retirement benefits subject to ERISA. Certification that qualified employees employed or to be employed are offered access to an ERISA qualified retirement plan is a ETIF program requirement.
71	Indicate if, at time of hire, applicant business will offer access to group health benefits. Certification that qualified employees employed or to be employed are offered access to group health insurance is a ETIF program requirement.

74	Check yes or no to indicate if applicant is a non-utility. Being a non-utility is required for ETIF
76	Check yes or no to indicate if applicant is a for-profit enterprise. Being a for-profit enterprise is required for ETIF.
	B. QUALIFIED BUSINESS ACTIVITY
81	Briefly describe the Applicant's product(s) or service(s) distributed from or manufactured at location(s) directly related to the eligible sector(s) identified above.
83	Describe the Applicant business's history of operations in Maine.
85	Describe the proposed employment growth and investment plans, of applicant business for the next two years, including year of application.
	C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FINANCIAL PLAN AND HIRING ESTIMATES
91	Identify the sources of funds, type of investment/uses of funds and associated costs of applicant's economic development project. Include estimated real estate investments, personal property investments, and employee training. Please provide the source of funds for each type of investment in the appropriate columns. If you do not see your specific type of investment listed, insert it under other and indicate the type of investment. The application will automatically calculate the dollar values entered and total them under the appropriate investment type.
103	Provide hiring information for net new qualified employees the business has created or anticipates creating within the first two calendar years of certification. Include occupation/title, work location, hire date, number of jobs, annual earnings and total payroll. If a company is certified in CY2023, they must create the required net new qualified positions by the end of CY2024.
113	Select counties where net new qualified employees are based.
117	Using hiring estimates indicated, complete the payroll information for qualified employees and calculate the estimated return to the applicant. Please note that only annual earnings may be used in calculating the estimated tax reimbursement; no other employer-paid benefits may be applied to the calculation.
	D. EMPLOYMENT BASE LEVEL
127	Provide employment information for the applicant, for both full-time and part-time employees, at the end of each quarter for the 3 calendar years immediately preceding the year of this application. Employees of a company who live outside of Maine, but report to a Maine location and pay Maine taxes, are considered Maine employees and must be counted in the baseline. The application will compute the information and provide what the base level of employment will be for the applicant's ETIF certification.
135	Provide total payroll figures and related income tax withholdings for the applicant business for each of the 3 calendar years immediately preceding the year of application for certification.
	E. NEED FOR ETIF BENEFITS
142	Provide the date the applicant submitted the required But For Letter to DECD.
144	Provide the date the DECD Commissioner acknowledged the But For Letter. If the But For Letter is submitted with the application, it will not be acknowledged separately.
	F. DISCLOSURE
150	Check the public purpose(s) that will be met through DECD's support of the ETIF development project.
154	Indicate yes or no if the applicant is current on all taxes owed to the State of Maine. If no, any deficiencies must be fully explained.
	G. CERTIFICATION
159	Only an appropriately authorized individual may sign on behalf of the applicant business certifying compliance with all ETIF program provisions. If the applicant business also qualifies for ETIF the applicant business is also certifying compliance with all ETIF program provisions. In the case of a sole proprietorship, it should be the owner; in the case of a partnership, it should be an individual, preferably a general partner, who is authorized to act on behalf of all the partners; and in the case of a corporation, it should be either the CEO or a primary owner or officer.

160-166	Applicant business acknowledge and understands ETIF program requirements that must be met, and, if applicable ETIF program requirements that must be met, once certified, to remain in ETIF and/or ETIF program compliance and eligible for ETIF and/or ETIF program benefits.
	H. CONFIDENTIALITY
173	Please review the paragraph on “confidentiality”. Contact the department <u>immediately</u> if you have any questions or concerns regarding information you are providing in the ETIF application. Simply requesting that information be kept confidential does not make it confidential. DECD must review your request and make a final determination.
174	A signed original of the application and, if applicable, any supporting documentation, must be submitted as a PDF, by e-mail, to DECD at DECDtaxincentives@maine.gov . If the applicant business is eligible for ETIF certification, the date the completed and executed ETIF application is received by DECD will be the date of ETIF certification.