Ohio Financial Institutions Tax (FIT) Instructions

Tax Year (Report Year) 2019

Taxable Year 2018

General Instructions and Information

The financial institutions tax (FIT) is a business privilege tax that is imposed on financial institutions organized for profit and doing business in Ohio or otherwise having nexus in or with this state under the Constitution of the United States pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) section 5726.02.

Tax Year
The calendar year in and for which the tax is paid is called the “tax year.” The tax year is also referred to as the “report year.” The FIT for tax year 2019 is paid for the privilege of doing business in Ohio during the calendar year 2018.

Taxable Year
The taxable year is the calendar year preceding the year in which an annual report is required to be filed under R.C. 5726.03.

Tax Rates and Minimum Tax
Pursuant to R.C. 5726.04, a financial institution subject to the FIT shall pay the greater of the following:

1. A minimum tax equal to $1,000;
2. The product of the total Ohio equity capital of the financial institution multiplied by eight mills (.008) for each dollar of the first $200 million of total Ohio equity capital, by four mills (.004) for each dollar of total Ohio equity capital greater than $200 million and less than $1.3 billion, and by two and one-half mills (.0025) for each dollar of total Ohio equity capital greater than or equal to $1.3 billion.

Due Dates
Pursuant to R.C. 5726.06, the reporting person for a taxpayer shall file estimated tax reports and remit the amount of tax estimated to be due for a tax year to the tax commissioner as follows:

1. The minimum tax equal to $1,000 or one-third of the estimated tax, whichever is greater, on or before the 31st day of January of the tax year;
2. One-half of the amount by which the estimated tax exceeds the amount paid under #1 of this section on or before the 31st day of March of the tax year; and
3. One-half of the amount by which the estimated tax exceeds the amount paid under #1 of this section on or before the 31st day of May of the tax year.

The FIT report is due on or before the 15th day of October of the tax year pursuant to R.C. 5726.03.

If the due date of the report or the due date of the estimated payment falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the report or estimated payment may be made on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

Method of Filing / Payment

1. Electronic Filing – Financial institution taxpayers are required to file each annual or estimated tax report electronically through the Ohio Business Gateway (OBG) pursuant to R.C. 5726.03.
2. Electronic Payment – Financial institution taxpayers are required to remit each tax payment electronically pursuant to R.C. 5726.03. The methods of remitting payments are either by ACH debit through OBG or by electronic funds transfer through the Ohio Treasurer of State.

Interest on Underpayments and Overpayments
If a taxpayer fails to pay the tax by the date payment is due, interest accrues on the unpaid tax. Interest accrues during the period of the underpayment, which runs from the date payment was required to the date on which payment is made.

Interest accrues during the period of the overpayment, which runs from the later of the date the tax was paid or the date the tax payment was due until the refund is paid.

The interest rate on underpayments is the same as the interest rate on overpayments. During calendar year 2019 interest on underpayments and overpayments accrues at the rate of 4% per annum (based on the rounded federal short term rate of 1% plus the additional 3% prescribed by R.C. 5703.47(B)). No interest is paid on an overpayment refunded to a person to the extent the refund results from the allowance of a refundable credit.

Penalties
1. A penalty may be imposed for failure to timely file a report. The penalty imposed may not exceed the greater of (i) $50 per month up to $500, or (ii) 5% per month of the tax due shown on the report up to 50%.
2. A penalty may be imposed for failure to timely pay the tax. The late payment penalty may not exceed 15% of the delinquent payment.
3. Additional penalties may be imposed for filing a fraudulent report and for filing a false or fraudulent refund claim.

See R.C. 5726.21.

Penalties

Line Instructions

Enter your FIT account number, Ohio charter or license number, FEIN, company name and address in the spaces provided.

Amended Report
If an amended report is necessary due to the change in information provided on the original return, check this box. If the amended report reflects a refund, attach an Application for Financial Institutions Tax Refund, Ohio form FIT REF.

Line 1 – Total Equity Capital
Enter the total equity capital of the reporting person as reported on the FR Y-9 or the call report as of the end of the taxable year. If the financial institution does not file a FR Y-9 or a call report, enter the total equity capital as calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as of the end of the taxable year. Total equity capital is the sum of the common stock at par value, perpetual preferred stock and related surplus, other surplus not related to perpetual preferred stock, retained earnings, accumulated other comprehensive income, treasury stock, unearned employee stock ownership plan shares, and other equity components of a financial institution. Total equity capital does not include any noncontrolling (minority) interests as reported on an FR Y-9 or call report, unless such interests are in a bank organization or a bank holding company. See R.C. 5726.01(S) and R.C. 5726.04.

Line 2 – Apportionment Factor
The apportionment factor shall be used to determine the total Ohio equity capital and shall be based upon the gross receipts generated by the financial institution. The apportionment factor is a fraction multiplied by eight mills (.008) for each dollar of the first $200 million of total Ohio equity capital, by four mills (.004) for each dollar of total Ohio equity capital greater than $200 million and less than $1.3 billion, and by two and one-half mills (.0025) for each dollar of total Ohio equity capital greater than or equal to $1.3 billion.
where the numerator is the financial institution's gross receipts in Ohio during the taxable year and the denominator is the total gross receipts of the financial institution during the taxable year. The gross receipts shall be determined using the financial institution's method of accounting for income tax purposes.

Gross receipts shall be sitused to Ohio in the proportion that the customers' benefit in this state with respect to the services received bears to the customers' benefit everywhere with respect to services received. The physical location where the customer ultimately uses or receives the benefit is paramount. Examples of gross receipts that must be included in the numerator are found in R.C. 5726.05(C). In addition, Ohio Adm. Code 5703-33-06 further explains situsing concepts that should be used in calculating the gross receipts for the apportionment factor.

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<td>Line 2(b) – Total Gross Receipts</td>
<td>Enter the financial institution’s total gross receipts for the taxable year.</td>
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<td>Line 2(c) – Apportionment Factor</td>
<td>Enter the ratio of receipts in Ohio to total gross receipts by dividing line 2(a) by line 2(b).</td>
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<td>Line 3 – Total Ohio Equity Capital</td>
<td>Multiply line 1 by line 2c and enter the total on line 3.</td>
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<td>Line 4 – Total Tax Liability</td>
<td>Calculate the tax liability by multiplying line 3 times the tax rates explained in the general instructions. Enter the greater of the tax liability computed or the minimum tax of $1,000.</td>
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<td>Line 5 – Total Nonrefundable Credits</td>
<td>Enter the total of nonrefundable credits from Schedule A, line 5.</td>
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<td>Line 6 – Tax Due After Nonrefundable Credits</td>
<td>Subtract line 5 from line 4 and enter the greater of the difference or the minimum tax of $1,000.</td>
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<td>Line 7 – Estimated Payments Made in Tax Year 2019</td>
<td>Enter the sum of the estimated payments remitted during tax year 2019.</td>
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<td>Line 8 – Total Refundable Credits</td>
<td>Enter the total of refundable credits from Schedule B, line 5.</td>
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<td>Line 9 – Tax Due</td>
<td>Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6 and enter the total on line 9.</td>
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<td>Line 10 – Interest and Penalty</td>
<td>Enter any interest and penalty as explained in the general instructions.</td>
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<td>Line 11 – Balance Due</td>
<td>Add lines 9 and 10 and enter the amount due on line 11. Financial institution taxpayers are required to remit each tax payment electronically pursuant to R.C. 5726.03. The methods of remitting payments are either by ACH debit through OBG or by electronic funds transfer through the Ohio Treasurer of State.</td>
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<td>Line 12 – Refund (Overpayment)</td>
<td>If line 11 is negative, carry that amount down to line 12 to request a refund.</td>
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Schedule A

**Nonrefundable Credits**

**Line 1 – Job Retention Tax Credit**
A taxpayer may claim a nonrefundable tax credit for each person included in the annual report of the taxpayer that holds a qualified equity investment on a credit allowance date occurring in the calendar year preceding the tax year. This credit applies only to the extent that the community development entity (in which the financial institution holds an equity investment) invests in qualified active low-income community businesses in Ohio. A taxpayer may carry forward any balance of the credit for up to four years. In addition, a taxpayer may claim against the FIT any unused portion of the credits authorized under R.C. 5725.33 and R.C. 5733.58. See R.C. 5726.54. **Note:** A FIT CS is required to be submitted for each report year where the credit is claimed, along with a copy of the credit certificate from Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) for verification.

For more information, please visit the ODSA’s Web site at http://development.ohio.gov or contact them at 1-800-848-1300.

**Line 2 – New Markets Tax Credit**
A taxpayer may claim a nonrefundable credit for each person included in the annual report of the taxpayer that holds a qualified equity investment on a credit allowance date occurring in the calendar year preceding the tax year. This credit applies only to the extent that the community development entity (in which the financial institution holds an equity investment) invests in qualified active low-income community businesses in Ohio. A taxpayer may carry forward any balance of the credit for up to four years. In addition, a taxpayer may claim against the FIT any unused portion of the credits authorized under R.C. 5725.33 and R.C. 5733.58. See R.C. 5726.54. **Note:** A FIT CS is required to be submitted for each report year where the credit is claimed, along with a copy of the credit certificate from Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) for verification.

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**Line 3 – Credit for Qualified Research Expenses**
A taxpayer may claim a nonrefundable credit equal to 7% of the excess of (1) the qualified research expenses incurred by the taxpayer in this state in a taxable year over (2) the average annual qualified research expenses incurred by the taxpayer in this state in the three previous taxable years. “Qualified research expenses” has the same meaning as in section 41 of the Internal Revenue Code. Qualified research expenses incurred by the taxpayer include the expenses incurred by all persons included in the taxpayer’s annual report and any insurance company subject to the tax levied under R.C. 5725.18 or Chapter 5729 that has more than 50% of its ownership interests directly or indirectly owned or controlled by a person included in the annual report. A taxpayer may carry forward any balance of the credit for up to seven years. In addition, a taxpayer may claim against the FIT any unused portion of the credit authorized under R.C. 5733.351. See R.C. 5726.56. **Note:** A FIT CS is required to be submitted for each report year where the credit is claimed.

**Line 4 – Ohio Historic Preservation Credit**
The Ohio historic preservation tax credit may be both refundable and nonrefundable. The maximum credit awarded to a project (other than a catalytic project) is $5 million. If any amount is to be refunded, the sum of the amount refunded and the amount applied to reduce the tax due is limited to $3 million. Any remaining credit amount may be carried forward for up to five ensuing tax years as a nonrefundable credit. Taxpayers claiming this credit must submit a FIT CS and a copy of the credit certificate issued by the Ohio Development Services Agency with the taxpayer’s tax report for
verification. See instructions for Schedule B, line 1 for additional information.

**Line 5 – Total Nonrefundable Credits**
Add lines 1 through 4 and enter the amount on line 5 of Schedule A and on line 5 above.

**Schedule B**
**Refundable Credits**

**Line 1 – Ohio Historic Preservation Credit**
A taxpayer may claim a refundable tax credit for each person included in the annual report of the taxpayer that is a certificate owner of a rehabilitation tax credit certificate issued under R.C. 149.311. The credit is equal to 25% of the dollar amount on the certificate and must not exceed $5 million for each certificate. If the credit exceeds the amount of tax otherwise due, the excess shall be refunded to the taxpayer, provided that, if any amount of the credit is refunded, the sum of the amount refunded and the amount applied to reduce the tax shall not exceed $3 million. A taxpayer may carry forward any balance of the credit for up to five years. In addition, a taxpayer may claim against the FIT any unused portion of the credit authorized under R.C. 5725.151. Taxpayers claiming the Ohio historical preservation credit must submit a FIT CS and a copy of the credit certificate from the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) with the taxpayer’s tax report for verification. See R.C. 5726.52.

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**Line 2 – Job Retention or Job Creation Credit**
A taxpayer may claim a refundable tax credit for each person included in the annual report of the taxpayer that is granted a credit by the tax credit authority under R.C. 122.17. This credit applies to eligible businesses that commit to a substantial capital investment that will retain jobs in Ohio, or eligible businesses that foster job creation meeting a certain payroll threshold. Taxpayers claiming the job retention or job creation credit must submit a FIT CS and a copy of the credit certificate from the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) with the taxpayer’s tax report for verification. See R.C. 5726.50.

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**Line 3 – Losses on Loans Made Under the Ohio Venture Capital Program**
A taxpayer may claim a refundable credit for each person included in the annual report of the taxpayer that was issued a tax credit certificate by the Ohio venture capital authority under R.C. 150.07. This credit is to provide Ohio venture capital lenders and investors some security against losses on their loans to the Ohio Venture Capital Program. The amount of the credit is equal to the amount on the tax credit certificate. Taxpayers claiming the credit for losses on loans made under the Ohio venture capital program must submit a FIT CS and a copy of the credit certificate from the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) with the taxpayer’s tax report for verification. See R.C. 5726.53.

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**Line 4 – Motion Picture Production Credit**
A taxpayer may claim a refundable credit for each person included in the annual report of the taxpayer that is a certificate owner of a tax credit certificate issued under R.C. 122.85. This credit applies to a motion picture company whose motion picture was pre-certified by the director of the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) as a tax credit-eligible production. The credit amount equals the amount on the certificate and must be claimed for the taxable year in which the certificate is issued by the director of development services. Taxpayers claiming the motion picture production credit must submit a FIT CS and a copy of the credit certificate from the ODSA with the taxpayer’s tax report for verification. See R.C. 5726.55.

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**Line 5 – Total Refundable Credits**
Add lines 1 through 4 and enter the amount on line 5 of Schedule B and on line 8 above.

**Administrative Code**
**Tax Commissioner Rules**
**Applicable to the Ohio Financial Institutions Tax**

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